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James was one of Jesus' followers. He wrote a letter to some of God's family. We can read his letter in the Bible. One important thing James wrote about was how our words should show our love for God and others.

James said a person's words are like the bit in a horse's mouth. The direction the horse moves is controlled by the way the bit is moved. James also wrote about the rudder of a boat. The rudder is a part of the boat that can be moved to change the direction of the boat. The bit and rudder are both small, but they make big changes in how the horse or boat move! Our words are a small part

of what our bodies can do, but the things we say make a big difference.

James also wrote that our words are like a small flame. It can catch a whole forest on fire! Just a few little words can cause a lot of trouble, too. Sometimes just a few words can lead to anger, murder or even war. Our words can do good or bad things, so we have to be careful about what we say.

James wrote to help us see how important it is to ask for God's help to say only good words.