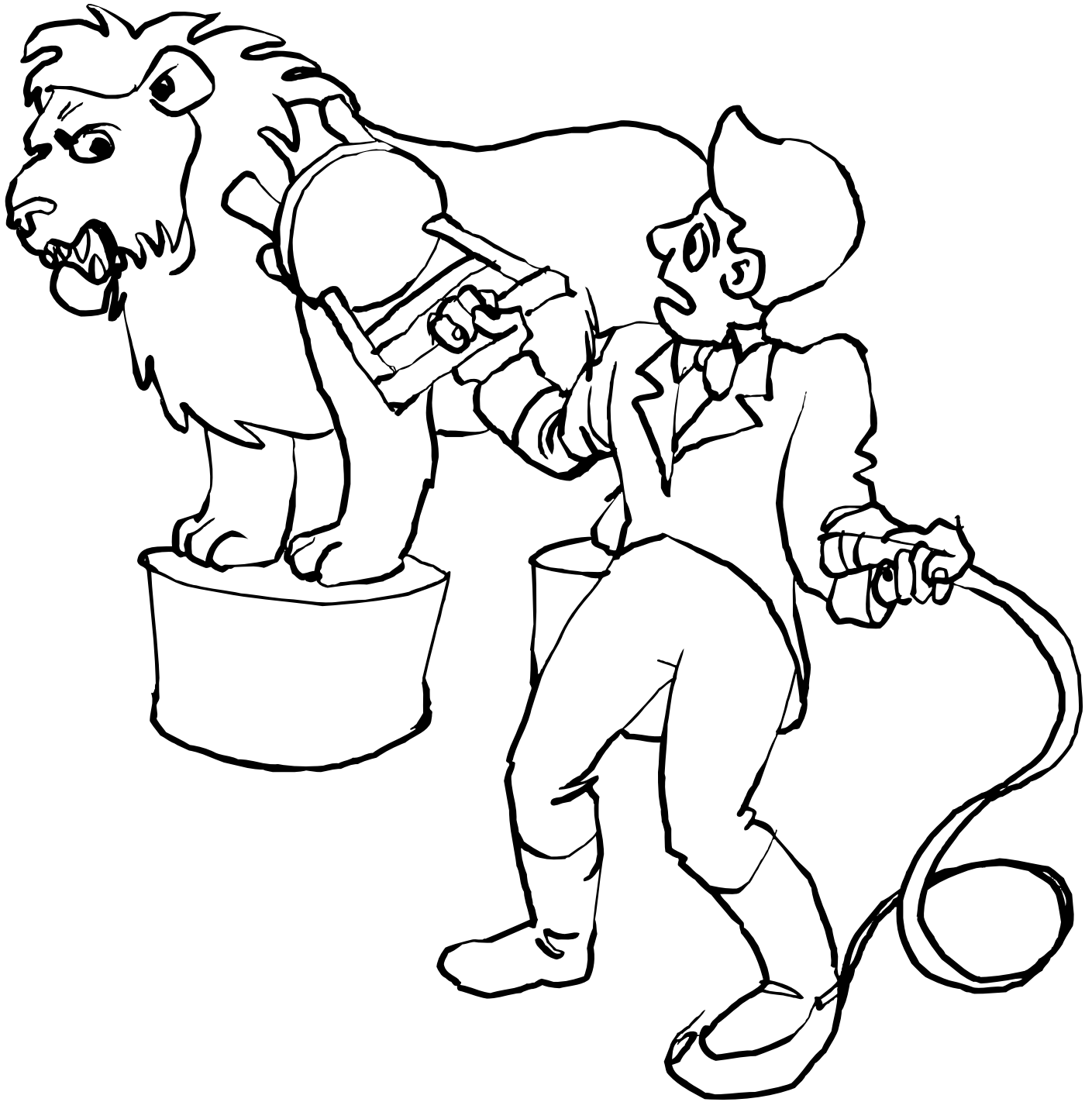


The Power of Words

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The tongue has the power of life and death,
and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Proverbs 18:21 (NIV)

“Raaarr!” growled the lion as the trainer swung his whip and the giant cat jumped through a circle of fire.

When the circus finished, Hosea and his dad made their way out of the big tent together.

“I’m glad the lions are inside that iron cage,” said Hosea. “They are well trained, but I’m not as brave as that trainer!”

“Me neither,” said Dad “But did you know that there’s something more wild than lions out here with us?”

“What!?” Where is it?” asked Hosea glancing around.

Dad explained how the Bible says it is harder to train our tongue than it is to train wild animals. Our untrained tongues are dangerous like an out of control fire!

“My tongue?” asked Hosea. “How can it be more dangerous? It’s so small!”

“Yes, it is small,” said Dad. “But our words can hurt someone, tell lies, or we can encourage people and help them with kind words.”

“Imagine a spark,” explained Dad. “One spark can start a whole forest on fire. In the same way, a few simple words can hurt people and get us into lots of trouble.”

“Oh, like the mean things I said yesterday?” asked Hosea. “I know my words hurt Tommy. Maybe I need one of those whips to train my tongue?”

“Ha!” laughed Dad. “The Bible says that everything is possible with God. If we use self-control and Jesus’ help, our words can be for good and not bad.”

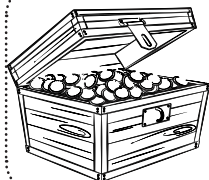


What did we discover?

- 1) The tongue is harder to control than a _____.
 TREE WILD ANIMAL CAR
- 2) If I don’t control my words, my words can _____.
 HURT OTHERS PAINT WALLS CRY OUT
- 3) We need _____ to control our words.
 JESUS’ HELP PASTA FOOD
- 4) My words are _____.
 NOTHING IMPORTANT WILD ANIMALS



How can I train my words to be good ones?



My words are important.

My words can spread like a wild fire. I need help to control them.



**Jesus,
I want to have
Your words in my
heart and life!**

