

# **USING THIS RESOURCE**

We offer these ideas as a way to help you maximise this resource and its impact.

## **Print & Display**

Print out the poem and display it somewhere your family will see it often! Refer to it as needed.

#### **An Art Project**

You can get your children to create a poster or collage using the themes of the poem. There are endless possibilities - think trees, mouths, words, fruits. You could ask them to close their eyes as you read the poem, or a sentence from it - and whatever they imagine they can try to draw.

### A Science Project

You could make a real-life illustration of the power of words by finding some simple/easy to care for seeds and planting them, then recording the process and results!

#### An English Resource

You can use the poem as part of your literature studies, or even for handwriting practice. Getting children to write out the poem helps them to practice writing neatly, using punctuation, and practice their spelling as well as memorising the poem.

#### A Family Bible Study

This poem is littered with scripture. You can spend time finding and reading the different scriptures together as a family. You could make it a challenge to discover parallel scriptures that also speak to the themes in this poem. You can do a topical study on the power of words or the principle sowing & reaping.

Scripture Refences: Proverbs 18:20-21 | Proverbs 12:18 | Proverbs 15:4 | Proverbs 16:24 | Ephesians 4:29

# THE WORD POEM

Every word I speak is SOWING a SOO,

Bringing all of us Iffe or making us bleed,

Growing Fruits Of IOve or fruits of hate,

There is ONLY ONE that can truly be great.

Death and Life lies on my tongue,

Every time I speak I can only choose one,

And when I am old I will see the fruits,

Of the Words that I spoke in the days of my

youth.

So I will slow down and before I speak,
I will say to myself, "is this word a good seed?"

Will it help and will it heal?

Or will it tear down, and will it steal?

Peace, Joy, Courage and Love?

Jesus please help me speak words from above,

Words that are right, honest and true, Words that let your light shine through.