



# The Gift of Tongues

**MEMORY VERSE:**

**I Corinthians 14:4**, "The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself..."

**BOTTOM LINE:**

Speaking in tongues, builds up your spirit, is a secret prayer language to God, and controls your tongue.

**▶ TO THE TEACHER:**

- Many people will get filled with the Holy Spirit at a special event and then never pray in tongues again.
- Speaking in tongues is a gift that we can use every day.
- The purpose of this lesson is to teach kids that the benefits of praying in tongues and to encourage your kids to pray in tongues every day.
- They can start with just two minutes a day.

**Praying in tongues builds up your spirit man.**

I Corinthians 14:4 says, "The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself." We should speak in tongues everyday. Sometimes it seems like nothing is happening, however your spirit man gets stronger every time you pray in the spirit. It is kind of like doing push-ups. If you just do push-ups one day, not much happens. If you do push-ups everyday, then your muscles get really strong.

**Praying in tongues helps you pray the perfect will of God.**

Romans 8:26 says, "And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weaknesses." For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words." (NLT)

Many times we don't even know how we should pray, but the Holy Spirit does. The Holy Spirit helps us to pray the right way. Praying in tongues helps us to pray God's perfect will. It eliminates selfishness from our prayer. It is like a secret prayer language to God.

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**Praying in tongues helps us to control our tongue.**

James 3:8 says, "But the tongue is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." Have you ever said words you wish you didn't say? That never happens when you pray in tongues, because the Holy Spirit is directing your words. The more you speak in tongues the more you will be able to control your tongue.



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## LARGE GROUP SCHEDULE

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

WHO	LESSON OUTLINE	WHAT
_____	1. Participation Awards	
_____	2. Praise & Worship	
_____	3. Announcements	
_____	4. Offering	
_____	5. Motion Comic:	Adventures of the Masked Hero #5
_____	6. Bottom Line:	Speaking in tongues, builds up your spirit, is a secret prayer language to God, and controls your tongue.
_____	7. Memory Verse:	I Corinthians 14:4, "The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself..."
_____	8. Drama:	Dr. Rubenstein: "Tongues Translator"
_____	9. Object Lesson:	Control Your tongue
_____	10. Short Film:	The Upper Room
_____	11. Inter-Active Lesson:	Crunch Time
_____	12. Altar Call	
_____	13. Digital Review Questions	
_____	14. Small Groups	



**MOTION COMIC:**  
*The Adventures of the Masked Hero*  
*Holy Spirit: Episode #5*

**TO THE KIDS:**

- What is Commissioner Thornton teaching her class?
- That is right. "Praying in other tongues."
- Today we are going to talk about the gift of tongues.
- Tongues is one of the nine gifts of the spirit that the Holy Spirit gives.
- How many of you got filled with the spirit last weekend?
- Many times kids will get filled with the spirit and never pray in tongues again. We should pray in tongues everyday.
- Why should we pray in tongues?
- Do you remember them?
- Let's take a look at the bottom line, "Speaking in tongues, builds up your spirit, is a secret prayer language to God, and controls your tongue."



Panel 1



Panel 2



Panel 3



Panel 4



**DRAMA**

***Dr. Rubenstein: "Tongues Translator"***

**BOTTOM LINE:**

**CHARACTERS:**

Dr. Rubenstein  
Junior

**PROPS:**

Dr. Rubenstein costume, Junior Costume, laptop, microphone

**DRAMA SCRIPT:**

Teacher: Today we are in for a special treat. Dr. Rubenstein is here to show us his brand new invention.

Dr. Rubenstein enters with Junior, his nephew. Junior is carrying a laptop with a corded microphone attached.

Dr. Rubenstein: Hello Boys und girls. Vait (Wait) until you see vut (what) I have for you today!

Teacher: Welcome, Dr. Rubenstein and Junior. We are just so excited to see your new invention.

Dr. Rubenstein: Vell (well), Ve (we) have been vorking (working) very hard for many months. Then just the other day ve (we) had a breakthrough!

Junior: Eureka!

Teacher: Wow! So what does your invention do?

Dr. Rubenstein: Vell (well), tell them Junior!

Junior: It's a Spiritual Tongues Translator!

Teacher: It's a what now?

Dr. Rubenstein: My invention is a Spiritual Tongues Translator. My nephew programmed all the code, and I solved the math and science, you see? Ve (we) have invented a machine to translate Tongues into whatever (whatever) language you prefer, so that you understand vhat (what) you are praying.

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**DR. RUBENSTEIN: "Tongues Translator" Drama Script — Continued**

- Teacher: That's incredible! You guys invented a contraption that translates what we pray in tongues?
- Dr. Rubenstein: Yes, yes, und (and) there are many, many benefits for Christians!
- Teacher: Well, what kind of benefits?
- Dr. Rubenstein: When you pray in tongues, it translates your prayer so that you know what you are praying and understand it!
- Teacher: That's Amazing, Dr. Rubenstein!
- Dr. Rubenstein: So many vunderful (wonderful) benefits!
- Teacher: What else can it do?
- Dr. Rubenstein: Vell (well), I vonce (once) met a Christian man in Austria who was mute.
- Teacher: He couldn't speak?
- Dr. Rubenstein: Not a verd (word). This Translator allows him to listen inside his spirit, and type out on the keyboard there vwhatever (whatever) he hears in his heart, then he hits the translate button and whammo! My invention speaks vhat (what) vas (was) in his heart.
- Teacher: Wow! This new invention could really help a lot of people.
- Junior: Uncle Rubenstein can I show them, can I show them?
- Dr. Rubenstein: No Junior, vhat (what) did I tell you in the car?
- Junior: Come on, Uncle Rubenstein!
- Dr. Rubenstein: I am the seven time recipient of the Vorld (World) Science Award. I do not invent silly things.
- Junior: But it's so funny. Please, can I show them?
- Dr. Rubenstein: Okay, vhat (what) harm could it do?

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**DR. RUBENSTEIN: “Tongues Translator” Drama Script — Continued**

Junior straightens the microphone and stares at the lights as he places his index finger under his nose to hold in a sneeze.

Dr. Rubenstein: (to Teacher) If you would (would) be so kind as to read what (what) it says in the translation node.

Teacher: This spot right here?

Dr. Rubenstein: Yes, yes, that’s the vun (one).

Junior: Ah-ah-ah-ah-AAAAAAAA CCCHHHHOOOOOO!

Junior acts as though he sneezes mucous all over his hands and the laptop.

Teacher: It says “Look out! Here comes a sneeze!”

Dr. Rubenstein: Yes, yes, that is precisely what (what) he was saying, but at over two hundred miles per hour, because he was (was) sneezing, you know, we (we) couldn’t understand it without translation.

Teacher: Oh, I get it! Your machine slowed his sneeze down so that we knew what the actual words were.

Junior checks the computer and he reacts. He frantically tries to make it work, but sneezing on it has broken it.

Dr. Rubenstein: Yes, just wait (wait) until you see what (what) else it does. This next von (one) will change everything. It will (will) be my crowning achievement in Science!

Junior: Uh, Uncle Rubenstein?

Dr. Rubenstein: I wouldn’t (wouldn’t) be surprised if every scientist in the world (world) accepted Christ as their Savior when (when) they see...

Junior: UNCLE RUBENSTEIN!!!!!!!

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**DR. RUBENSTEIN: “Tongues Translator” Drama Script — Continued**

Dr. Rubenstein: Yes, Yes, Junior, what (what) is it? It’s not polite to yell.

Junior: My sneeze, mighta, maybe, kinda, sorta, well...

Dr. Rubenstein: Spit it out Junior!

Junior: That’s the problem. I kinda already did.

Rubenstein checks the computer and it’s not working.

DR RUBENSTEIN: Junior! What have you done?

Junior: Gulp!

DR RUBENSTEIN: I’m very sorry. We must get this back to the lab and make the repair, because it’s damaged by Junior’s mucous.

Teacher: We hope you can fix it. Good-Bye Dr Rubenstein and Junior! Wow, what a cool invention. Of course, we pray in tongues and it’s like a secret prayer language between us and God. We don’t really need it translated, but it sure would be cool.

**THE END**





**OBJECT LESSON**

# ***Control Your Tongue***

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:**

James 3:6-8

**TAKE HOME POINT:**

Praying in tongues controls our tongue

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

A tongue costume and a whip.

**PREPARATION:**

To make a "Tongue" costume, use a large piece of red material sewn together to look like a ghost. Large enough for an adult to wear. Cut out eye holes.

**▶ TO THE TEACHER:**

- Read James 3:8
- Pickup the whip and ask your class, "What are whips used for?"
- Whips are used to train animals, like horses.
- We have learned to tame all kinds of animals except one. What is that animal? The tongue.

**OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:**

(Have an adult ministry worker, put the tongue costume on and enter the class.)

Let's pretend that this tongue is my tongue. The Bible says that the tongue is an unruly, evil and full of deadly poison. The tongue can no man tame. This means that sometimes your tongue will say things that you don't want it to say.

Mr. Tongue: You're ugly. I hate you!

Teacher: (Picks up whip and starts to pretend to whip the tongue.) Oh, stop that! Stop saying those bad words.

Mr. Tongue: You're momma has a moustache.

Teacher: Oh, stop that. (Continues to pretend to whip Mr. Tongue.)

Mr. Tongue: Curse! Swear! You stink really bad. Did you take a shower today?

Teacher: Wait a minute. I have an idea.

Teacher: (Teacher starts praying in other tongues.)

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**Control Your Tongue** Object Lesson — *continued*

Mr. Tongue: (Makes a muffled noise, as if he is trying to talk but has tape over his mouth.) Hmm mm. Hmm mm

Teacher: (Continues praying in tongues and points to the tongue.)

Tongue: Hmm mm. Hmm mm.

Teacher: That's cool. When you pray in tongues, it controls your tongue. You can't say bad words when you pray in tongues, because the words are coming from the Holy Spirit.

Have you ever said words that you regretted saying. The Bible says it is impossible for man to tame his tongue. But God has provided a supernatural way for us to tame our tongue. Praying in other tongues. The more that you pray in other tongues, the more you will control your tongue.

**INTER-ACTIVE  
OBJECT LESSON*****Crunch Time***

➤ **WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:** Praying in tongues builds up your spirit man.

➤ **WHAT YOU NEED:** No props needed.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:**
- You will have two separate push up contests, with the boys and with the girls.
  - Select 5 boys and 5 girls. (Only select girls with long pants on, no dresses.)
  - Have the boys go first and then the girls.
  - Have each child go one at a time.
  - The second boy tries to do more push ups than the first boy and so on.
  - Give a prize to the boy and the girl who do the most push ups.

**SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:**

How many of you do push ups every day? Did it get painful doing the push ups today? (Pick out a boy who did push ups.) Today you were only able to do 23 push ups. But if you keep doing push ups three or four times a week, you start to get stronger. Next week you will be able to do 26 push ups and then maybe 50 a month from now. Praying in tongues is kind of like doing push ups. Push ups builds up your body. Praying in tongues builds up your spirit man. Today it might be really hard to pray in tongues for 5 minutes. But if you start praying in tongues every day then your spirit man becomes stronger. Next week you can pray in tongues for 10 minutes. In a month you will be able to pray in the spirit for 20 minutes. When you are doing lots of push ups, your brain wants to give up, because it hurts so bad. You know that you need to push through the pain and keep doing the push ups. When you are praying in tongues, your mind wants to give up because it doesn't understand what is happening. Your mind doesn't get any benefit from praying in tongues. But your spirit man gets built up. You push through the hard times because it is good for your spirit. The Holy Spirit is always looking for people who will take the time to pray and are willing to pray until the job is done. The more you pray in tongues the more the Holy Spirit will give you secret prayer assignments. You may not even know what you are praying about, but the Holy Spirit does. It's one of the cool things about the Holy Spirit. Praying in tongues is a secret prayer language to God. You can pray for things that you don't even know about. (Romans 8:26)



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## DIGITAL REVIEW QUESTIONS

NEEDED:

Review Prizes (penny candy for right answers)

### ▶ TO THE

#### TEACHER:

The **Digital Review Questions** are a part of "The Masked Hero" download.

Once you get to the Memory Verse, then **PAUSE** the video.

After you have done your teaching then **PLAY** the Digital Review Questions.

You can turn this into a **Review Game** by rewarding kids for correct answers.

1. I Corinthians 14:4, "The one who speaks in a tongue \_\_\_\_."  
A. is a bridge builder  
B. is good with Legos  
**C. builds up himself**  
D. builds up others
2. Speaking in tongues \_\_\_\_.  
A. builds up your spirit  
B. is a secret prayer language to God  
C. controls your tongue  
**D. All of the above**
3. When you pray in tongues you can pray about things you don't know about.  
**A. True**  
B. False  
C. If you get good grades  
D. If you obey your parents
4. James 3:8 says, "The tongue is an unruly evil \_\_\_\_."  
A. full of Kool-Aid  
B. full of energy drinks  
**C. full of deadly poison**  
D. full of lies
5. The more you pray in tongues, the longer you will be able to pray.  
A. Maybe  
**B. True**  
C. False  
D. All of the above



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## PROP LIST (Props, supplies, costumes and characters)

\_\_\_\_\_ Participation Awards (Large candy bars or prizes)

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed?

\_\_\_\_\_ Review Prizes (penny candy)

### Dr. Rubenstein: "Tongues Translator" — Pages 4-8

Characters: Dr. Rubenstein

Junior

#### Props & Costumes

\_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Rubenstein costume

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior costume

\_\_\_\_\_ Laptop

\_\_\_\_\_ Microphone

### Object Lesson: Control Your Tongue — Pages 9-10

\_\_\_\_\_ Whip

\_\_\_\_\_ Tongue costume

(To make a "Tongue" costume, use a large piece of red material sewn together to look like a ghost. Large enough for an adult to wear. Cut out eye holes.)

### Inter-Active Lesson: Crunch Time — Page 11

No Props Needed

### Small Group:

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed?

### Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed?