



Speaking with forked tongue?



“Dad! Stop the car!” shouted Sean. He had seen a large goanna beside the road. When the family got out for a closer look, they found a Lace Monitor. “He’s a bit bigger than the paper one I made last night,” laughed Vicki. “I’m not going near it.” Dad told them that if they got too close the monitor would raise itself up and hiss loudly. It could also whip you with it’s tail or scratch you with it’s strong claws.

“It has a forked tongue like a snake,” said Sean. “Look, it’s flicking in and out.” “The tongue picks up scents in the air and transfers them to a special organ on the roof of it’s mouth that has two pits. That’s why the tongue is split in two. It’s in addition to it’s normal sense of smell and helps them with directions, finding food or knowing when danger is around.” dad told them.



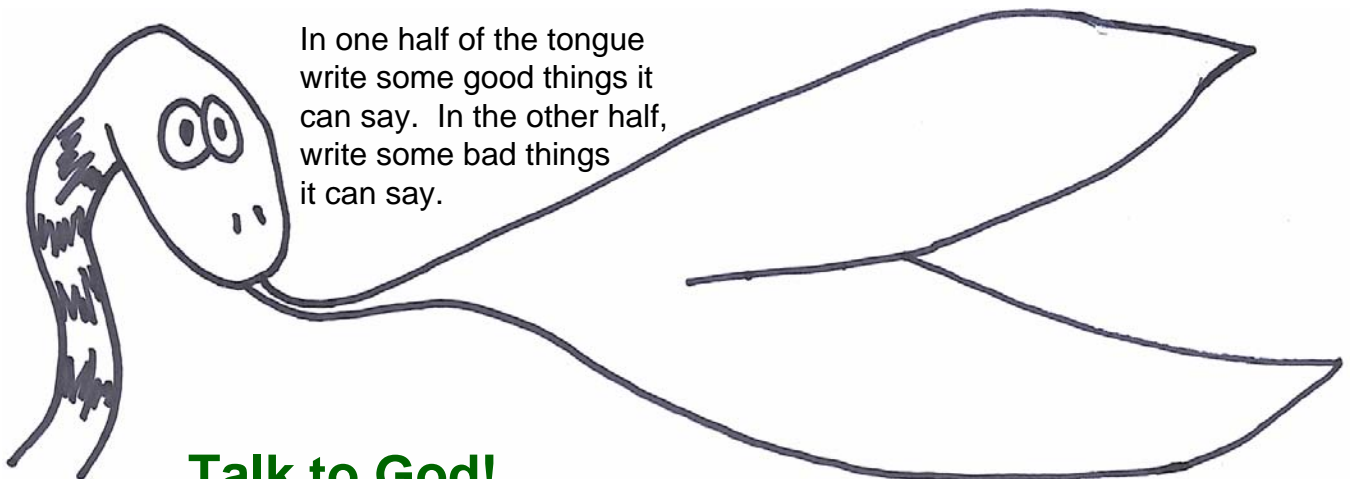
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Listen to God! Read Proverbs 12:18-19



People have a saying – “He speaks with a forked tongue.” It means someone is saying something they don’t mean, maybe sounding nice when they really mean something nasty. The Bible often uses the word “tongue” when talking about the things we say. We can use our tongue to say good things like kind, helpful, thankful, encouraging words, or bad things like angry, mean, hurtful or untrue words.

In one half of the tongue write some good things it can say. In the other half, write some bad things it can say.



Talk to God!

Lord God, you gave the lace monitor an amazing tongue. Our tongues are pretty amazing too. Help us to only use them to say good and kind things, and to mean what we say.

Binara, the nosey frilled neck lizard, asks how can we make sure that what we say is helpful and kind?

