

# MAKE THEM SPEAK

## Who are the fakes?

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### Intent of the Story

*Be aware of how you speak*

*Mind your language*

*Our language graces or disgraces us*

*By your language will they know who are you.*

## THE FABLE

Shepherds, up in the snowy mountains, could not figure out why the number of their sheep coming to rest for night in the sheepfold kept increasing day by day. .

They suspected that some animals, disguised like sheep, were coming to the sheepfold to save themselves from the cold wintry nights. However much the Shepherds tried to sort out which were the true sheep and which were intruders, they couldn't succeed. . So cleverly the fakes disguised themselves!

One day, a new Shepherd told his confreres: "Leave it to me. Tonight I'll sort out for you which are the true sheep and which are the fakes". "How will you manage"; they asked him "Very simple", he replied. "I'll make them speak. By their speech you will now them.

That night, our young shepherd stood at the gate of the sheepfold. When the first sheep was about enter sheepfold, he gave him a might kick. In pain, the sheep **bleated** aloud: "**bee...bee.. bee...**" He is a sheep, he told his companions, take him in the sheepfold. When he kicked a second one, the sheep **barked** "**Vow, vow...vow..**". This is not a sheep, he is dog! Chuck him out of the fold!

When our clever shepherd kicked, a third sheep, he furiously it began to **mew**. **miaow!.... miaow...miaow!** The shepherd shouted:" this is a big vicious cat! Throw him out!"

When the kicker the next sheep, he **growled.. grrr....grrr**

Gosh! our young shepherd shouted: "This is a pig! Kick him out of the fold...

That night only true sheep slept in the sheepfold, not fakes, no intruders, entered in.

## SENTENCES FOR REFLECTION

- **By their speech you will know them.**
- **From the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.**
- **What comes out of the mouth spoils a man.**
- **Our speech betrays our character.**
- **Speak to me for a while and I'll tell you who you are.**
- **Cosmetics and clothing can fake you, not your speech.**

- **He who stays in a pigsty, stinks**
- **Manners make the man.**
- **Good manners are the hallmark of a gentleman**
- **The goodness of your heart is seen in your speech.**
- **Speech is the breath of the heart.**

### **QUESTION YOURSELF**

In the way you speak, is there any small puppy  
dog or a kitten, or a pig ling, in your heart?  
How big is it?  
For how long is resting there?  
How will you tame it?

### **A Text of James 3/1-12 for reflection on, and action.**

#### **Taming the Tongue**

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. <sup>2</sup>We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check.

<sup>3</sup>When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. <sup>4</sup>Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. <sup>5</sup>Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. <sup>6</sup>The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

<sup>7</sup>All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, <sup>8</sup>but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

<sup>9</sup>With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. <sup>10</sup>Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. <sup>11</sup>Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? <sup>12</sup>My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.