

## Play: Word Association

Say a word that relates in some way to the word of the person before you. So if I say carrot, you might say orange and the next person might say tango...Introduce a time limit and have a contest to find a winner if you like.

## Play: Chinese whispers

Whisper a sentence in the ear of one person who then needs to pass it on to someone else in the room, who then in turn whispers it to someone else...and so on. The last person to receive the message must reveal what they heard. It is usually vastly different from the original message.

## Play: Pass a compliment

A compliment is when you tell someone something nice about them. How do you feel when someone gives you a compliment? How do they feel when someone says something nasty? Say something nice about the other person in your household e.g. "Your hair looks lovely in that style" or "You are such a good footballer". Continue around the room until everyone has said something nice to everyone else.

How do you feel after all that?

## Play: Master, master who am I?

Choose one participant to be Master and to be blindfolded. Tell the Master they are to listen carefully and try to identify the owner of the mysterious voice. Choose another person in your family to say the words "Master, Master, Who am I?" in a different voice. The blindfolded Master has to guess who is speaking.

**Watch: Words are powerful** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T7zMPp0Dh\\_I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T7zMPp0Dh_I)

## Read: James 3:2-12

Write down the ways that we can talk in a bad way. (e.g. gossip, grumbling, swearing.) Now read from James 3:2-12.

Search the internet or magazines for pictures of trees.

- What might James have meant when he said that 'a big forest fire can be started with only a little flame'?

Search the internet or magazine for a picture of a horse and a picture of a boat.

- James said that 'when we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can control their whole bodies'.
- He also said that a very small rudder can control a big ship, making it go wherever the person wants.

Put all the pictures into a powerpoint presentation or in a word document.

Discuss the three images making the point that if we don't control our tongue terrible things can happen. We should not allow our tongue to speak out of turn, or to steer us into trouble. It is a small member of our body, and should be kept in control.

Come up with ways that we could control our tongues, so that

- we only speak when it is appropriate
- what we say does not cause hurt to others, or offend God

## Pray:

Cut out a mouth shape from paper (you could pre do this if you like) and think about whether you say good things or bad things. Ask God to help you say only good things, then write your name on the mouth and stick it up somewhere in your home. Pray and include all the things written on the mouth shapes.