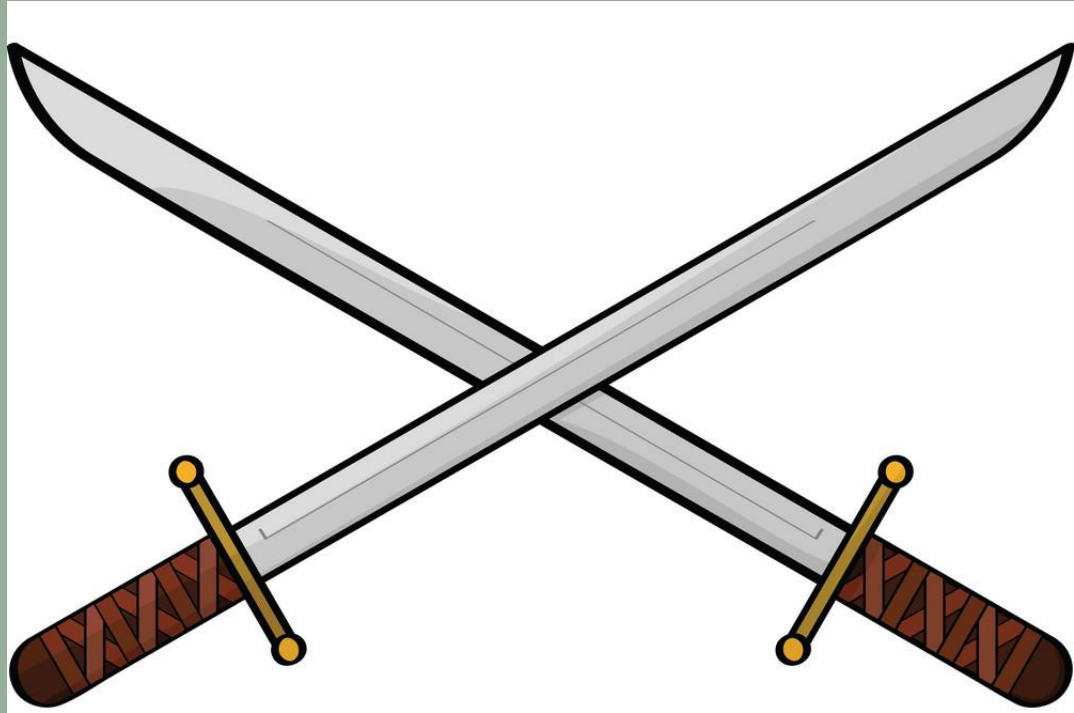


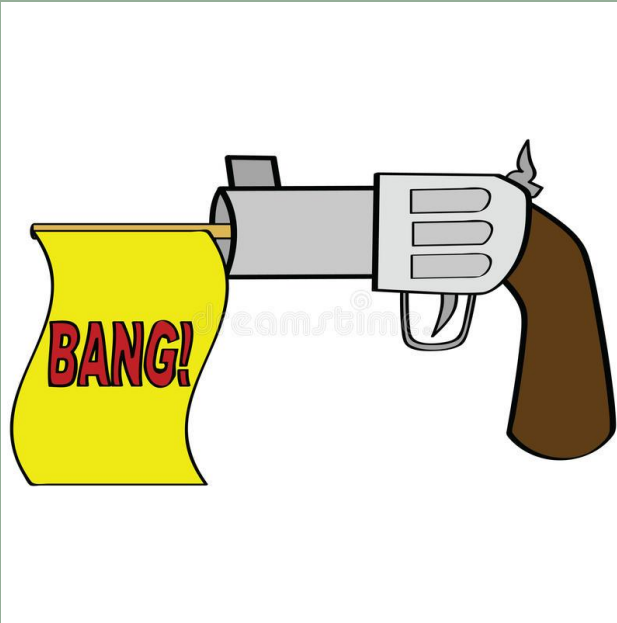
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What's in the box?!

- It's a very powerful weapon.
- It's not man made.
- It can be used for both good and evil.





The most powerful weapon?



Facts about the tongue

- Approx 10cm (quite small!)
- 16,000 words per day.
- 1,000 words per minute.
- 16.5 words every minute.



How many of the words we speak today will you
be pleased with?

HOW DO WE USE THE TONGUE FOR GOD'S GLORY?

How are we going to use our powerful weapons, our tongues, for GOOD?

What can we learn from the life of Jesus that can help us with this?

THE
TOOTHPASTE
CHALLENGE



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James 3:1-12

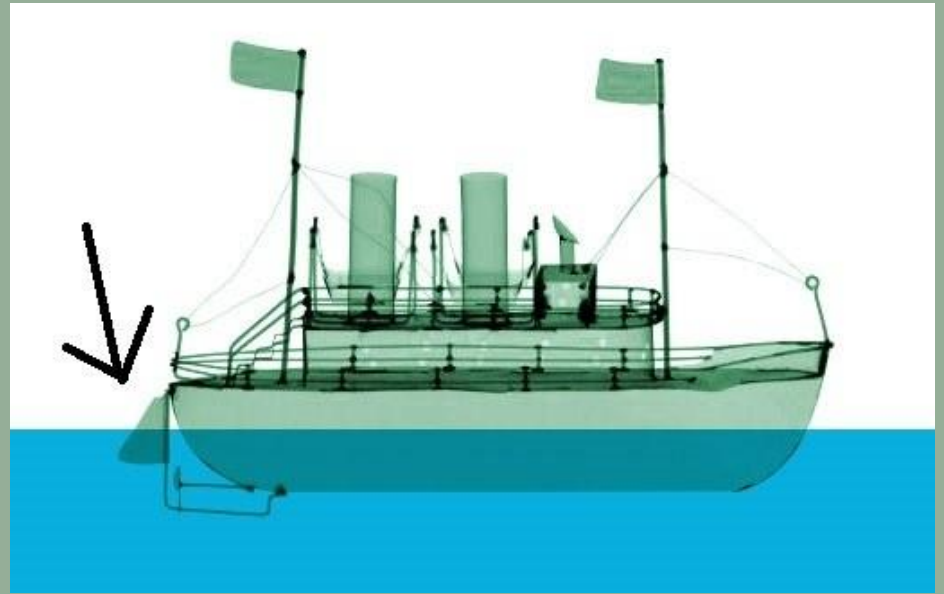
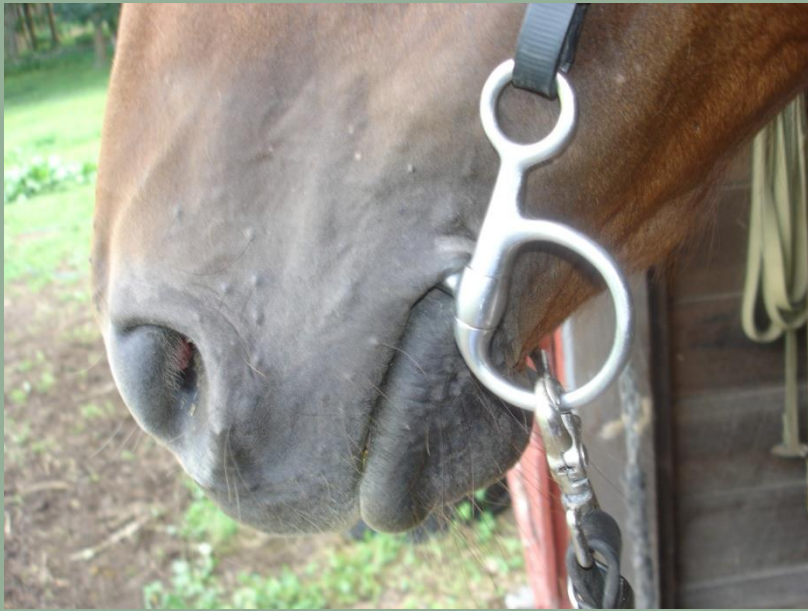
- 3** Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ² We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.
- 3** When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴ 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.

⁵ 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. ⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

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

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





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~ James 3:9-10 NIV

Lord, make me an instrument
of Your **PEACE**

Where there is hatred, let me sow

LOVE

Where there is injury,

PARDON

Where there is doubt,

FAITH

Where there is despair,

HOPE

Where there is darkness,

LIGHT

Where there is sadness,

JOY.

St Francis of Assisi