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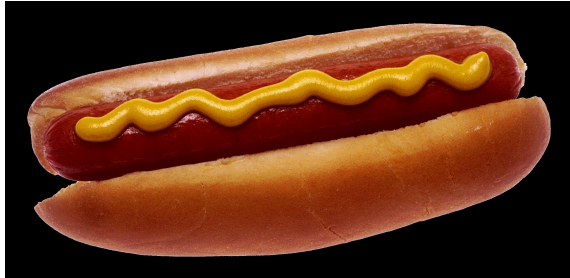


An Epic Expedition Through Proverbs™

Jambo! Let's play a game. What do these things have in common?



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That's right, the mouth!

How wide can you open your mouth? What are some other things you can do with your mouth?





**HIP-HIPPO-RAY
FOR A TAME TONGUE!**

**Do I have a tongue
that's
tame?**

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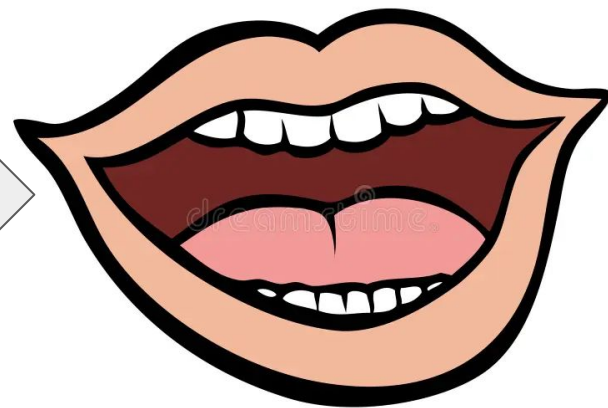
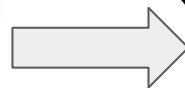
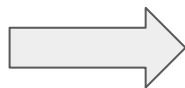
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Your mouth contains your tongue, which Jesus' friend James says is the most powerful part of your body. How would you explain that?



Jesus said, “Listen and understand. A man is not defiled (made bad) by what goes into his mouth, but by what comes out of it. Whatever goes into the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated. The things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these things defile a man.” (Matthew 15:11,17)





PROVERBS 18:21

Death and life
are in the power
of the
TONGUE.



What is something that tastes really yucky?

What is something that tastes really yummy?

Which do you like better?



**Sometimes our words can make
people feel really yucky.**

**And sometimes our words can be
really sweet.**

**What kinds of words come out of
your mouth?**



DEATH AND LIFE WORDS

**YOU'RE
A LOSER!
I HATE YOU!
YOU'RE STUPID!**

A silver spoon is shown from a side-on perspective, angled upwards. The bowl of the spoon is filled with a thick, green, dripping substance that looks like slime or vomit. The words "YOU'RE A LOSER! I HATE YOU! YOU'RE STUPID!" are written in a bold, yellow, blocky font with black outlines, appearing to be part of the slime. The spoon's handle extends towards the top right of the frame.

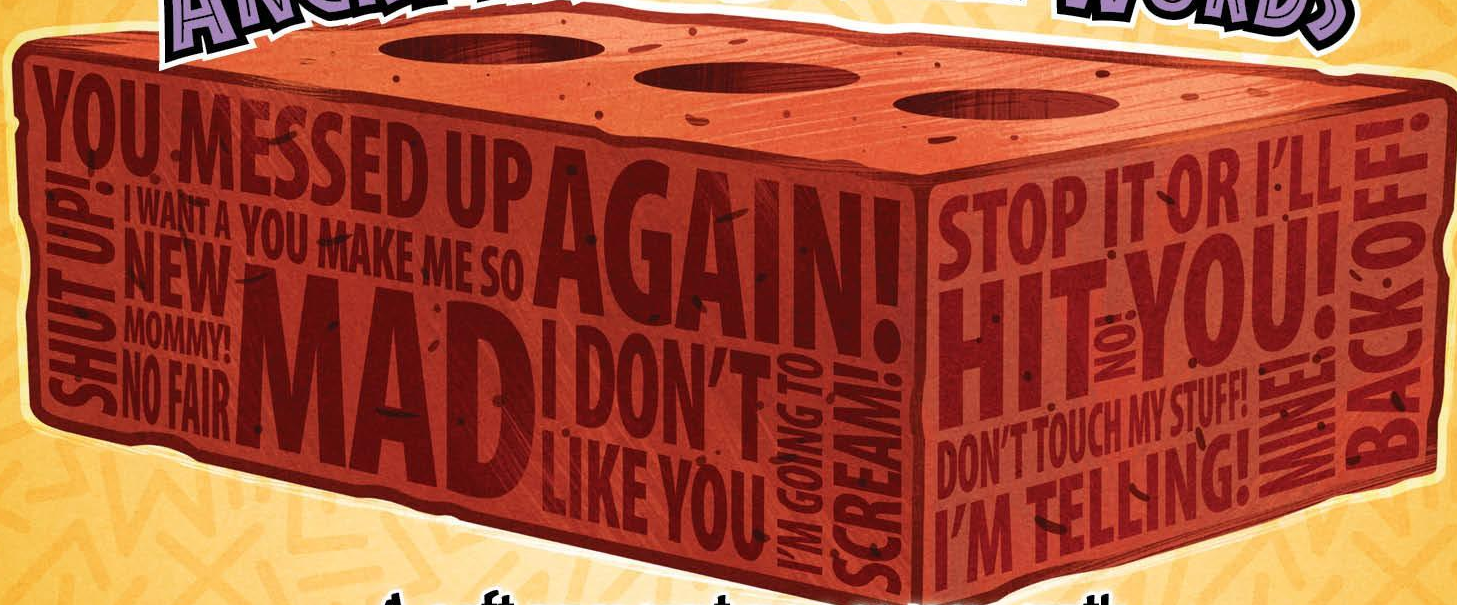
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It's not only the words we say that come out of our mouths, but how we say them, too.

If we say words that sound nice, but do it in a mean way, it shows that our hearts are not good. Or if we use angry words, it shows that our heart hasn't learned how to forgive like Jesus forgave us.



ANGRY AND GENTLE WORDS



A soft answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 15:1

**What is complaining?
What is gossipping?**

**If those are the words that come
out of your mouth, what does that
say about your heart?**



GOSSIPING AND COMPLAINING



He who guards his mouth preserves his life.

Proverbs 13:3

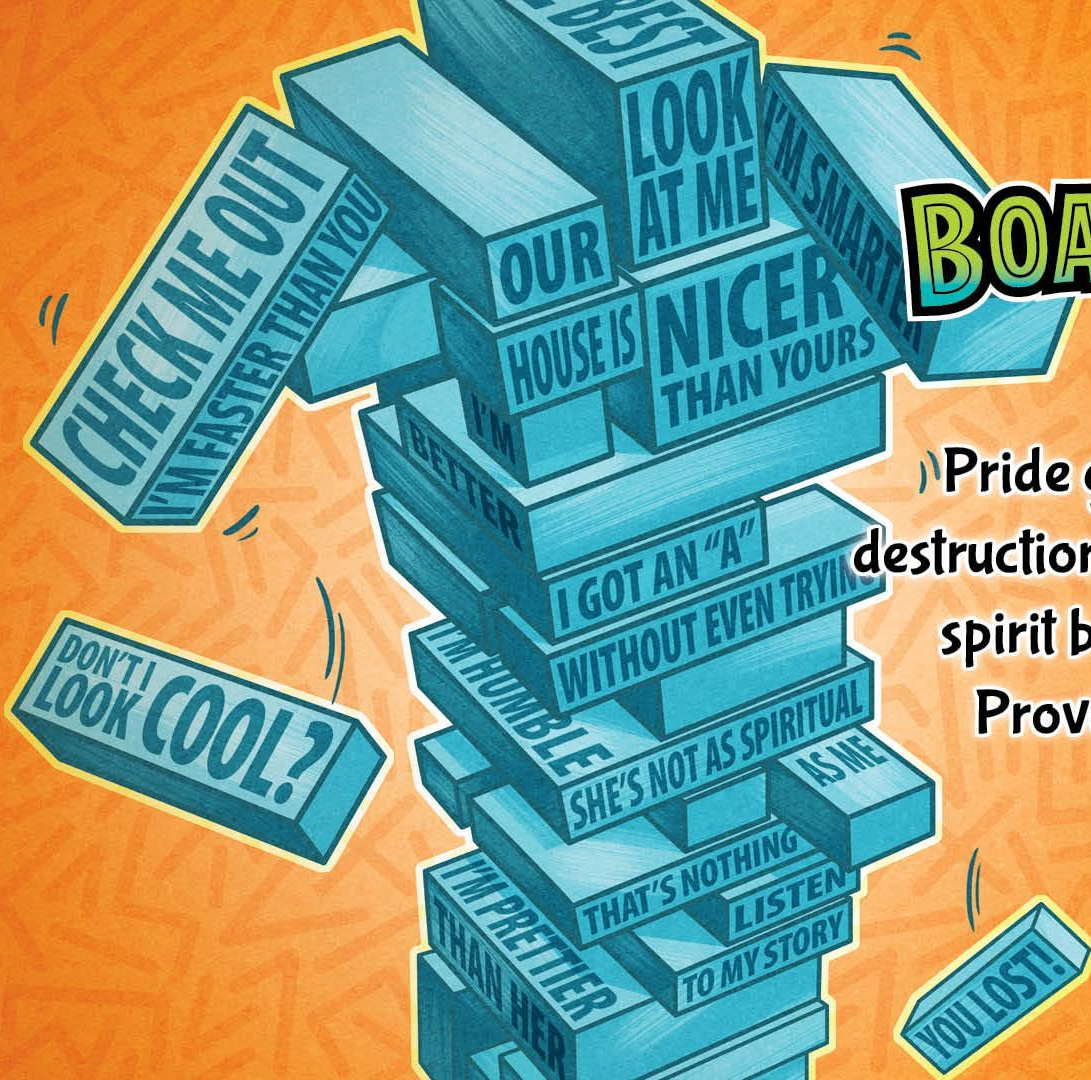
What is boasting?

If those are the words that come out of your mouth, what does that say about your heart?



BOASTING

» Pride goes before
destruction and a haughty
spirit before a fall.
Proverbs 16:18

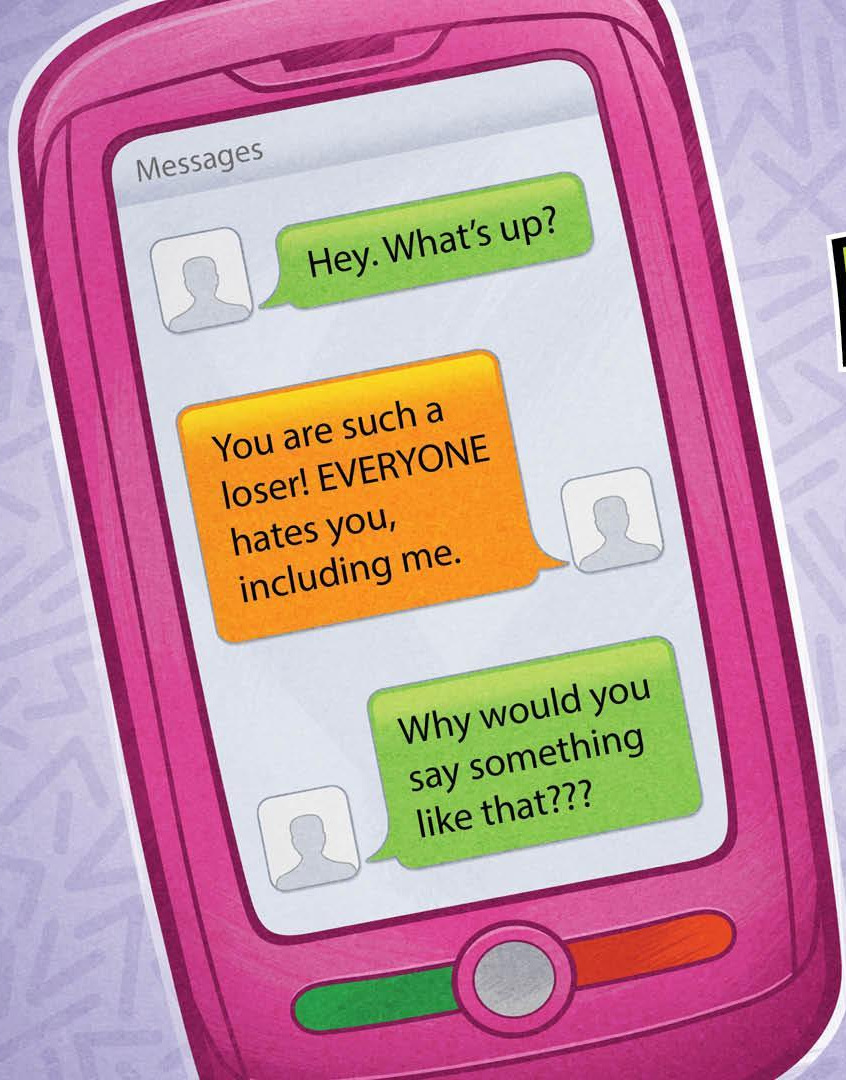


This is a big one, because it happens a lot with both kids, and with adults.

**What does bullying sound like?
Does bullying only happen in school? Can it happen at home?**

What does God think about bullying?





BULLYING

Open your
mouth for the
speechless.
Proverbs 31:8

If someone is bullying you, don't use angry or hurtful words yourself. You can't change how other people act, but with God's help, you can change what comes out of your mouth.



Ask God to help you be strong, and to listen to what He says about you.

- **He created you (Psalm 139:13)**
- **He knows everything about you (Psalm 139:1-8)**
- **He loves you (Romans 5:8)**
- **He forgives you (Ephesians 4:32)**
- **He is always with you (Matthew 28:20)**



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In groups, talk about how the tongue is the most powerful part of the body (James 3:1-12).

