

Worship

In worship we have been thinking about responsibility. Today we are thinking about responsibility for our words and actions.

What do you think is the world's most dangerous weapon?

- *everyone has this weapon*
- *we can all choose when to use it*
- *we can clean this weapon*
- *this weapon helps us with speaking, reading, eating and tasting our food*

Watch a video about Morph and Chas, who featured in a 1980s BBC art show called Take Hart. Morph is made of terracotta clay and his best friend, Chas, is made of cream-coloured clay. They do not talk coherently, but you can guess how they're feeling from their tone of voice and body language.

Take Hart: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Edi1rTitpqU> (start from 3.37 minutes)

What did you like (or dislike) about the animation?

What do you think Morph's name means?

What did you notice about Morph and Chas?

How do we know how the characters are feeling if we can't understand what they are saying?

How did you know that Chas was trying to wind up Morph at the start?

How did Morph respond?

How was Morph feeling when he first saw the lady and gave her the flowers?

Reflection

If we speak to people in a horrible way, it is likely to cause a nasty response, which could result in a playground argument and falling out with our friends. Sometimes, things that we say could result in a person showing bullying behaviour or encourage a group of children to gang up against another child. Our words are powerful and make a difference.

There is a book in the Bible called Proverbs that has a lot to say about the tongue. R

'Those who guard their mouths and their tongues keep themselves from calamity.' (Proverbs 21.23)

'Kind words bring life, but cruel words crush your spirit.' (Proverbs 15.4)

'Without wood, a fire goes out; without gossip, a quarrel dies down.' (Proverbs 26.20)

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you that we have control over the world's most dangerous weapon.

Thank you that we can use our tongues to say good and helpful things to one another.

Please help us to learn to be kind to our friends, even if they are not being nice to us.

Amen.

