

Seven things God does not tolerate: a proud look

Biblical Material: Proverbs 6.16-19

Read all the verses (page 69). This assembly focuses on, 'A proud look.' Proverbs 6.17.

You will need:

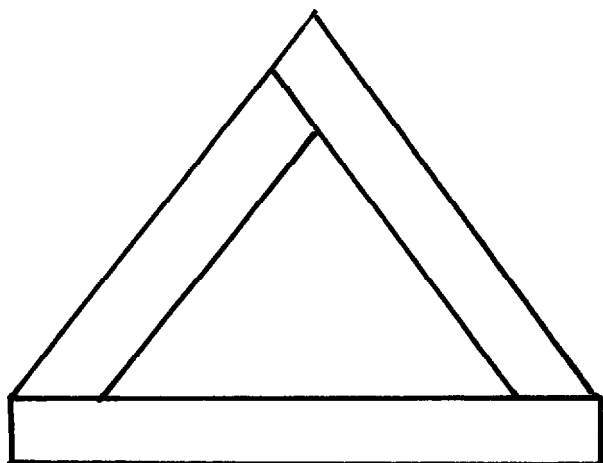
- A proud face (provided).
- Three strips of red paper.
- Glue stick .
- Sticky-Tack (reusable adhesive).
- A thick felt-tipped pen.
- Scissors.
- Paper.

Introduction

Show the pupils the proud face. Ask them what the expression suggests to them. They might like to create a speech bubble to go with the face. Ask what someone wearing this expression might be saying or thinking, and write their suggestions in the bubble.

Core Material

Read the Biblical Material. There are two types of pride. One type is good: it is looking at something you have done and being proud of the achievement. The other type is when people look down on everyone else and boast about how great they are by comparison. This sort of pride is destructive: it destroys people's self confidence. God doesn't tolerate the wrong type of pride because it hurts other people. Christians believe God created everyone. Therefore he feels hurt if one of the people he created is made to feel small or useless.



Prayer/ Reflection

Pupils can make a red triangle as before and place it on the wall. Place the face inside it. Write 'pride' underneath the face. Ask pupils to think quietly about the wrong type of pride. End with the prayer below.

Pride is dangerous.

*Pride is a weapon we use on other people,
It cuts them down to size.*

*Pride is like a pair of glasses that magnifies the way
we see ourselves*

And makes others seem smaller.

*Give us the humility, Father, to see ourselves as
you do-*

*Full of potential, not perfect, but created and loved
by you.*

Note. For guidance on prayers and reflections see pages 9-11.