

Seven things God does not tolerate

Biblical Material: Proverbs 6.16-19

‘There are seven things which God does not tolerate: a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a mind that thinks up evil plans, feet that rush to do evil, a witness who tells lies, and a person who stirs up trouble among friends.’

You will need:

- Three strips of red paper.
- Glue stick.
- Paper and a thick felt-tipped pen.
- Sticky-Tack (reusable adhesive).

Introduction

Talk with pupils about the things you can't stand - for example, music in supermarkets or whatever your pet hate is. Keep it fairly light-hearted. The pupils might like to share some of their pet hates.

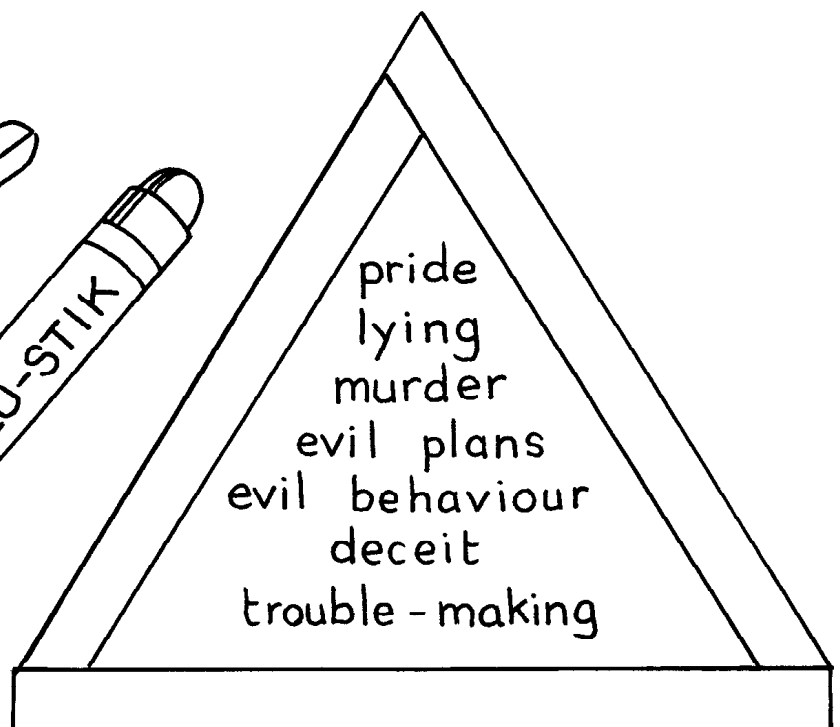
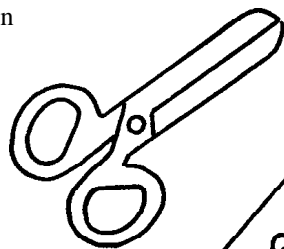
Pet hates

Music in supermarkets
Cardboard milk cartons
People who talk through films

Core Material

All the pet hates talked about are petty. The Bible talks about seven things which God does not like. These are not little things, such as music in supermarkets, but serious things such as violence and stealing. Read the Biblical Material.

Normally people are told to be tolerant but it is never suggested that they tolerate wrong. Talk with the pupils about the type of behaviour that is not tolerated in school. Explain that during the next seven assemblies they will be looking at some of the seven things the Bible says God does



not tolerate. See if they can name all seven from the reading. Make a list and ask what they all have in common. They are all things which wreck a community, that make living together impossible. Explain that each day you will look at one of the things on the list. Each day a red warning triangle will go up and a different picture will be inside each triangle. The red triangle warns of danger, as a motorist's red triangle warns of a breakdown ahead. These seven things are dangerous because each one hurts others and ourselves.

Prayer/Reflection

Invite several pupils to help you glue the three strips into a triangle and put them on the wall. Ask the pupils to sit in silence for a moment and quietly think about one thing from the list and the damage it can cause.

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