

Being dependable

Biblical Material: Proverbs 25.19

'Depending on an unreliable person in a difficult situation is like trying to chew with a wobbly tooth.'

You will need:

A chewy sweet.



This is a 'word picture' of not being dependable. There are other word pictures you can make up. Not being dependable is like going down a hill on a bike and your brakes not working. It's like sitting on a chair and the chair legs breaking. Ask the children to make up some more 'word pictures'. Word pictures will be too hard for very young children, they can suggest the outcomes of various situations where things and people are not dependable. Start with the words: 'What would happen if....'

Christians believe people can trust God because he is dependable. He is not like a wobbly tooth that lets you down when you try to chew. Christians believe people should reflect God's character and be dependable when others need them.

Prayer/Reflection

Create your own instant prayer using the word pictures of the children.

Introduction

Show the sweet. Ask pupils what might happen if someone tried to chew it with a loose tooth (do not do this). Pupils will all have experienced the joys of loose teeth - many of the younger ones will be in that stage.

Core Material

Read the Biblical Material. Talk about the way you cannot trust a loose tooth to stay firm. You can't bite hard or chewy things with it. Pupils will probably be only too happy to share their experience of wobbly teeth. If you try to rely on a person and they let you down, it's like a loose tooth letting you down when you try to eat.

A wobbly tooth
Brakes that don't work
A chair with a broken leg

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On all these things we can't depend.
Thank you Father that you are dependable.
May we never to be a wobbly tooth to others.

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