

# Long lasting good

## Biblical Material: Proverbs 10.7

‘Good people will be remembered. They will be seen as a blessing, but evil people will soon be forgotten.’

### You will need:

- A jar of marmalade.
- An orange.
- A can of food (optional)
- A packet of dried food (optional)

### Introduction

Show the pupils the orange and ask pupils how they could make it last without it going bad. Show the marmalade and talk about the way the orange is preserved by boiling it in sugar. Ask the pupils what would happen to the orange if it was just left. Explain that other types of fruit are preserved as jam. Some pupils may have seen members of the family making preserves and be able to share that experience. Talk about other ways of preserving food, freezing, drying etc. Ask pupils for some suggestions and show some of your examples if you have them.

### Core Material

Goodness, unlike fruit, cannot be preserved in sugar. You can't put it in a can, freeze it or dry it. But the Bible says that goodness does last. Read the Biblical Material. Goodness is preserved in the lives of people who experience and remember the goodness of others. Goodness changes people. It makes their lives better and makes them better people. They in turn may treat others better because they feel secure and loved, and so the chain goes on. Christians believe goodness lasts because God is the source of all goodness and he lasts forever.

Some people have epitaphs written about them. Explain what an epitaph is and read the example given concerning Thomas Hood. The best type of epitaph is written not in stone, but in the lives of other people.

### Prayer/Reflection

Ask the pupils to close their eyes and silently say thank you for any good people they have known and would like to remember. We build memories of ourselves in other people by the way we live now. Some pupils might like

to think silently about the way they would like to be remembered by others.

*Thank you Father that no act of kindness or goodness is ever wasted, but is preserved in the lives of others.*

*Note.* For guidance on prayers and reflections see pages 9-11. This assembly touches on the subject of death and needs sensitive handling,

