

Think before you answer

Biblical Material: Proverbs 15.28; 18.13

‘People with a good heart think before they answer.’

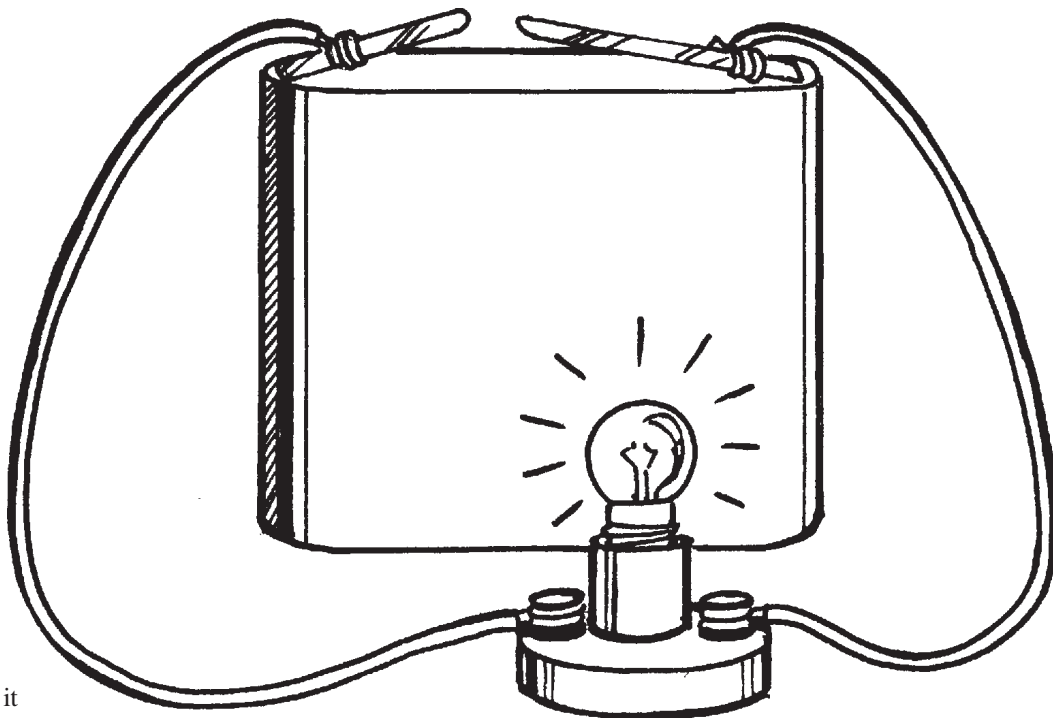
‘Listen before you answer. To speak before listening is stupid and insulting.’

You will need:

- A battery.
- Wire.
- A bulb.
- Some paper clips to make a simple circuit.

Introduction

Show how the circuit works and how the bulb will fail to light if the circuit is broken at any point. Break the circuit in a number of ways and ask the pupils to look to see if they can tell where it is broken.



Core Material

Human bodies have something like a circuit. Just as the bulb needs to be connected to the battery, so in a similar way the mouth needs to be connected to the brain.

Unfortunately some people’s mouths still work even if not connected to the brain, unlike the light. Some people speak without stopping and thinking about what they are saying. Read the Biblical Material. Whenever people speak about anything of importance, they should check they have connected their brains first and thought about what they are going to say. Christians also try to connect to God before they answer. This does not mean they pray every time they open their mouths! Christians believe that one of the ways God speaks to people is through the Bible. Christians read the Bible regularly so that they get to know God. This knowledge helps them when they speak.

sung softly. The tune can be found in many traditional hymn books.

*God be in my head,
And in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes,
And in my looking;
God be in my mouth
And in my speaking;
God be in my heart,
And in my thinking;
God be at my end
And at my departing.*

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

Prayer/Reflection

This is a well known Christian prayer written in the sixteenth century. Pupils can listen quietly or it can be