

## Teacher notes

*Books: Posters can be done on A3/A4 paper and shrunk to be glued in to books.*

*Reflection Area activity idea:*

*Children to develop a bank of symbols to represent God's trustworthiness. Children could write a simile and accompany it with a drawing.*

**Fruits from the Roots**

**GOD IS LIKE**

Make a wall display showing symbols that speak of God's **trustworthiness**.

e.g. God is like a solid rock because ...

God is like an anchor because...

God is like a strong tower because ...

Monday 22nd November



Sit down calmly,  
ready for our  
class worship  
session...

*This half term's Christian value is:*

**TRUST**

**'My God is my strength in whom I trust.'**

Psalm 18.2

Monday 22nd November

Greeting

*Light your class worship candle.*



We have gathered in the name of  
God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
to worship together,  
and think about our value

*Trust*

## Engage

In the Bible there is a book of wise sayings called Proverbs. Here's one of them.

*"No one who gossips can be trusted with a secret,  
but you can put confidence in someone who is trustworthy." Proverbs 11:13*

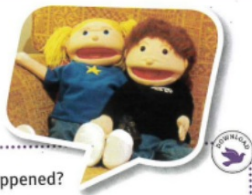
*Do you agree with this statement? Why?*

# Engage



## Learning

Two puppeteers operate puppets Barney and Bella from behind a screen or table covered with a cloth.



- Barney:** Hi Bella! You're looking excited. What's happened?
- Bella:** Barney, you'll never guess what!
- Barney:** What?
- Bella:** You know Mia in Year 5?
- Barney:** Yes.
- Bella:** She was really rude and now Mrs Harding has phoned her Mum to take her home for the rest of the day. Oh.. *(pause)*.. I wasn't supposed to tell anyone. *(pause)* Oh no. I promised Mrs Harding I'd keep it to myself.
- Barney:** What do you mean?
- Bella:** I promised Mrs Harding I wouldn't go around spreading gossip. Oh, I feel really bad now.
- Barney:** How did you know about it in the first place?
- Bella:** I went into the corridor by the office to look for my coat and I heard Mrs Harding phoning Mia's Mum. She knew I'd overheard and told me not to spread it round the school as it was none of my business. And she said, "Bella, can I **trust** you?" Those were her very words! And I said, "Yes you can **trust** me!" But she can't, because now it will be all over the school and she'll know who told everyone, and...oh dear! *(begins to sob)*
- Barney:** It's alright, Bella, don't cry! You've only told one person and that's me.
- Bella:** I know, but now it will get out to everybody!
- Barney:** No it won't! I won't tell anyone, and you'll make sure you don't tell anyone else, OK?
- Bella:** OK, but can I really **trust** you Barney, not to tell anyone?
- Barney:** I might get lots of things wrong, but I do know that I can be **trusted**!

Why do you think that it's important that Bella didn't tell anyone what she had overheard?

## Respond

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One way of deciding is to ask yourself 4 questions before you speak.

*Is it true?*

*Is it kind?*

*Is it helpful?*

*Is it anything to do with me?*

If you're not sure of these things, then perhaps the 'news' is really gossip and you shouldn't spread it.

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Children will need  
spiritual journals



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*A moment to think: how trustworthy are you?*

*What makes someone trustworthy?*

*What did we discuss in yesterday's lesson about being a trustworthy person?*

*Discuss*

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*Making sure that we don't gossip is one way we be trustworthy people!*

*Design an anti-gossip poster for your classroom.*

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## Sending

Prayer to stamp out gossip:

Gossip is someone else's news that we have not been given permission to pass on. If we do, then it can be like a tiny fire that spreads far and wide. Gossip is like fire, it hurts people.

Sorry Lord, for the times we gossip.

Gossip is news that has nothing to do with us. It spreads bad things about people.

Sorry Lord, for the times we gossip.

Gossip can get out of control and soon it can turn into lies.

Sorry Lord, for the times we gossip.

Lord, we know we should never play with matches. Help us not to play with gossip either, so that we can be trustworthy friends and people won't get hurt.

Amen