

# Two things I require

## **Biblical Material: Proverbs 30. 7-9**

'Two things I ask of you, O Lord: keep lies from me: give me neither poverty nor riches- give me only my daily bread, otherwise I may have too much and forget you.'

### **You will need:**

- A fairy wand (a silver star/ tinsel on a wooden spoon).
- A felt-tipped pen and large sheet of paper.

### **Introduction**

Show your magic wand and ask the pupils what they would wish for if they were given two wishes. Write up their suggestions.

I would wish for

- New trainers
- A bike
- To go on holiday

Explain that you cannot grant their wishes as your wand does not work. Pupils can come and test its lack of power by trying to turn teachers into frogs etc.

### **Core Material**

Read the Biblical Material. Ask the pupils what two things the writer asked of God.

Why do you think he asked for those two things? This person wanted to be honest and avoid lies, and he also wanted enough wealth to be safe from poverty, but not too much. Long before the Proverbs were written, the Israelites had been warned that wealth can be dangerous. It can spoil relationships with other people and God if it is not handled wisely. People who win large amounts of

money sometimes find it is very unsettling. You might want to refer to the lottery here and the Church's call for smaller amounts of prize money to be shared by a larger number of people. Friendships can be spoilt by sudden wealth. It takes a truly wise person to handle large amounts of money.

### **Prayer/Reflection**

Ask the pupils to close their eyes and think about the things they wish for when day dreaming.

*Father we often day dream about wealth, we thank you for what we have, and when we have more than we need give us the generosity to share it.*

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

