



# The HONEST MOUTH

(Suggested for all grades)

**MATERIALS:** Blue sucker

**LESSON:**

Ask the students if anyone knows what happens when you eat blue sucker? (Lick the sucker several times. You may want to suck on the sucker for a while before visiting the classroom; this will enhance the effect.) A mouth that has eaten blue sucker turns blue. (After licking the sucker, open your mouth to show the result.) Yuck! Not only does your tongue look horrible, but soon your teeth and even your lips get blue also. It takes a long time before your mouth returns to its normal color.

Remind the students that dishonesty has a lasting effect on you, just like the blue sucker. Like the sucker leaves our mouths blue for a long time, we can see the results of telling lies long after we've told them. Others will lose their trust in us, privileges will be taken away, and friendships will be lost. Telling lies will leave a ugly mark on you--just like the blue sucker.

Remember: It's always best to be honest and true, don't let the stain of dishonesty leave its ugly mark on you.