



Four Keys for Practicing Faith

Caring Conversations:

Think about when you first noticed the wiggly tooth. Try to name all of the things you have done with teeth since then. Did you eat anything special? Talk to someone you haven't seen in a while? Sing a favorite song? Smiled at a friend or a stranger?

Devotions:

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Luke 15:8-10 (NRSV)

We say that you lost a tooth, but you didn't lose it like the woman in the Bible lost her coin. You knew where your tooth was all along, it just isn't in the same place as it used to be!

- How did/will your family celebrate when you lost your tooth?
- How do you think heaven celebrates when people believe in Jesus?

Service:

Not everyone has access to good dental care. Pick out a new toothbrush that you can donate to someone in need.

Organizations in Sioux Falls that accept toothbrushes: Necessities for Neighbors, Food to You, Children's Home Shelter for Family Safety, St. Vincent DePaul.

Rituals and Traditions:

Pray together:

Dear Jesus, thank you for teeth! Help my new tooth to grow strong and help me to keep it healthy.
Amen.

Gather as a family in the bathroom with your tooth brushes. As you brush, play a game: while brushing your teeth, have one person hum their favorite song. Everyone else should try to guess what song it is! Take turns humming and guessing.

You will soon lose more teeth! The next time you wiggle a tooth, say a prayer to celebrate that God loves you.