

The Mystery of the Gold Teeth

By Peter Gref

A few years ago in the town of Floss there lived a boy whose name was David Dentis. David Dentis was twelve years old and very intelligent. David's father, Matt Dentis, was the town dentist and the deputy since the town only consisted of 32 people. One day, while David and his best friend John were strolling down the sidewalk, they saw a man clad all in black run out of the bank and jump into a decaying pick-up truck. Suddenly, a shriek came from the bank!

David and John sprinted to the bank. Inside, they found Mr. Molar, the bank assistant, all in a mess! Mr. Molar was covered in sticky pop, had a throbbing toothache, and was missing two front teeth! When David and Jonathan asked him what was the matter, Mr. Molar said, "Well," in a thick voice, "I had just returned from my regular dentist appointment when a man came in, pulled out a gun and demanded all the gold teeth from the safety deposit boxes. When I said I wouldn't give him the valuable teeth, he knocked out my two front incisors, took all the money in the cash register and ran outside. Once he was gone, I gave a shriek and called the police, and then you two came."

Just then the deputy sheriff and the bank's owner came in. When Deputy Dentis saw the two boys, he told them to go home. That night, David asked his father if they had caught the criminal. "No, we haven't caught him yet. I think he's gone for good."

David asked, "Have you seen Mr. Molar at your office lately?"

"As a matter of fact, I haven't. He hasn't been at my office in twenty years, maybe more! But what does that have to do with anything?"

"Everything," said David. "The thief and Mr. Molar are partners."

What did David know?

SOLUTION

If Mr. Molar was missing his two front teeth and had a toothache, it shows that he did not go to the dentist regularly and was telling a lie. Afterwards, the police were able to catch Mr. Molar and his accomplice while they were dividing up the spoils. **If you go to the dentist regularly, you will not have to rob banks to pay for your dental work.**