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The Wiggly Tooth Handover

Visual lesson



Wiggle, Wiggle!

Sam bit into his apple at breakfast, and something moved. He touched his front tooth with his tongue — wiggle, wiggle! "Is my tooth broken?" he asked Grandma, and she smiled a big knowing smile.





Starter Teeth, Starter Shoes

Grandma held up Sam's old baby shoes, tiny as cookies. "These fit you when you were little — then your feet grew!" Baby teeth are like those little shoes: starter teeth that chew your food and hold a spot while your jaw, the bone that holds your teeth, keeps growing bigger.

TALK ABOUT IT

What are baby teeth like?

The Hidden Teeth

"But where do the new teeth come from?" Sam asked. Grandma drew a picture: under Sam's gums, hiding like feet inside socks, grown-up teeth were already waiting, each one right below a baby tooth. When that big tooth is ready and starts to push up — what do you think happens to the little baby tooth on top?

> **TALK ABOUT IT**
> When the big tooth pushes up, what happens to the baby tooth?





Small Tooth Out, Big Tooth Up!

It wiggles — just like Sam's tooth! The big tooth pushed up from below, the baby tooth let go little by little, and one day it popped out, soft and easy, with a perfect spot waiting. Nothing broken, nothing wrong — small tooth out, big tooth up!

TALK ABOUT IT

Where is the new big tooth?

Count Your Team Tonight

Here is the amazing part: you start with 20 baby teeth, but you trade them for 32 grown-up teeth — twelve more, because your bigger jaw has room for a bigger team! Tonight, stand at the mirror with a grown-up and count your teeth together — can you find a wiggly one, or a brand-new big one peeking through?

> **TALK ABOUT IT**
> Look in the mirror! Tap the smile that has MORE teeth.





The Planned Handover

So when a tooth wiggles, Sam does not worry — he grins. His baby teeth saved the spots, his jaw grew big and strong, and the grown-up teeth are pushing up to take their turn. It was a handover planned all along — say it with Sam: small tooth out, big tooth up!

Check your wonder

1 **Why does a baby tooth start to wiggle?**

- A. The big tooth is pushing up from below
- B. The tooth is broken
- C. Sam touched it too much

2 **What job does a baby tooth do?**

- A. It chews food and saves a spot for the big tooth
- B. It turns into the big tooth
- C. It has no job at all

3 **Do you get more grown-up teeth than baby teeth?**

- A. Yes — the bigger jaw has room for a bigger team
- B. No, exactly the same number
- C. No, fewer teeth

ANSWERS 1-A 2-A 3-A

1. Yes! The grown-up tooth pushes up, so the baby tooth lets go little by little. 2. That's right! Baby teeth are starter teeth — like little shoes stepping aside for bigger shoes. 3. Amazing memory! You trade 20 baby teeth for 32 grown-up teeth — twelve more, because your jaw grew bigger!

THE END

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