



## I Lost My Tooth In Africa



A young girl, who loses a tooth while visiting her father's family in Africa, follows tradition and places the tooth under a gourd; in return she gets two chickens. Host LeVar Burton explores with youngsters how things changed for them as they grow up including a first trip to the dentist and a Quinceanera celebration which honors a Hispanic girl's transition into womanhood.

**Here are several activities you and your child can do together after watching this episode.**



### "My tooth fell out!"

You will need:

- paper cut into the shape of a tooth
- pencil, crayons, or markers
- yarn
- camera (optional)
- construction paper for making a cover for the book

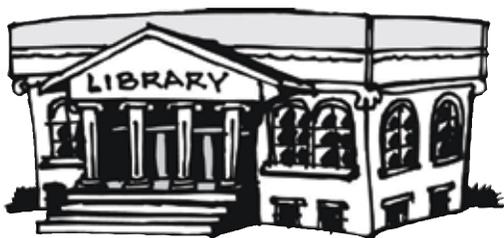
Create a memory book of your children's experiences with losing teeth.

1. Make a large outline of a tooth on several sheets of paper.
2. Have your child write or dictate the date, location, and circumstances of each lost tooth.
3. Illustrate each page with a photo or drawing of their big smile showing the empty space.
4. Tie the pages together with yarn so pages can be easily added.

### Make ceramic tile art

You will need:

- water-based paint
  - small paint brush
  - crayons
  - paper
  - ceramic tile samples, 8 X 8-inch square
1. Check out a copy of the book from the library to study the images and patterns in the illustrations. Note the borders around the pictures and discuss why the artist chose those particular images for the borders.
  2. Obtain some ceramic tile samples or close-outs from a home improvement store -- an 8 x 8-inch square tile will allow ample space for a border and a picture.
  3. Have your child make a drawing (on paper the size of the tile) that tells a story about an important event in her/his life related to growing up.
  4. Then have them use water-based paint to copy the picture on the tile.



### Visit Your Community Library

Here are some books to check out on your next trip to the library

- ◆ **My Wobbly Tooth Must Not Ever Never Fall Out** by *Lauren Child*
- ◆ **Rites of Passage: Coming of Age** by *Mandy Ross*
- ◆ **Madlenka** by *Peter Sís*