

Twinkles Doing Church Differently

Week 8 - God loves it when I love other people

The aim of this session is to teach the children that we are called to love our neighbours as ourselves.

Message/Story time:

Start the session with a reminder of what we have been talking about over the last few weeks: God loves us and made us and He loves it when we spend time with Him.

Can you remember how much God loves us? Ask the children to stretch their arms as wide as they will go and remind them that God loves them even more than that, more than they can imagine.

But God doesn't just love us, He loves everyone! And God wants us to love other people too.

Ask the children how we can show love to other people?

Watch the story of the Good Samaritan together here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yg3g3ZNf9-c>

Was it kind and loving of the first two men to walk past and not help the man who was hurt?

What did the Samaritan do that was loving?

There are always people in the world around us who are sad or hurt.

At the moment, because of coronavirus, some people are ill and some people are stuck in their houses alone and are a bit lonely.

Can we think of ways we might be able to help and show them love?

Try learning this **memory verse** together: (Paraphrased)

Matthew 22:37 Love God with all your heart, mind and strength and love others as much as you love yourself.

Prayer time:

Paper prayer chooser. Use the instructions at the bottom of this document to fold a prayer chooser. Write the names of people you'd like to pray for inside and use the chooser to help you decide what to pray for each time you talk to God.

Worship time: God's love is big, great, fab, strong <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=imeNMneL0eI>

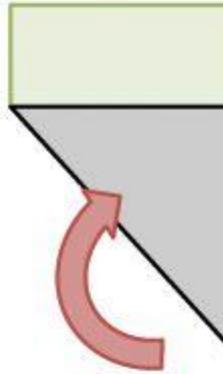
Craft time:

Make a card or a present for someone you know who might be feeling lonely at the moment or might need to know that they are loved. Lots of people are stuck inside their houses because of coronavirus and so some special post will let them know you are thinking of them.

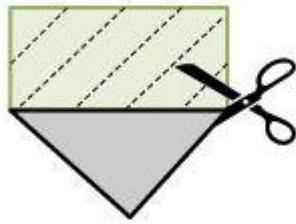
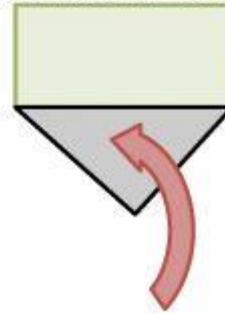
1 x sheet of A4 paper



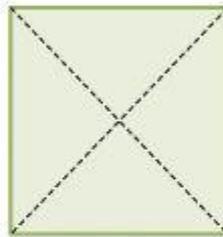
Fold a corner



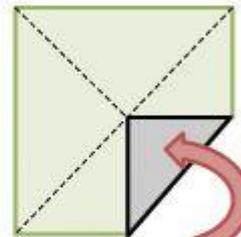
Fold the other corner



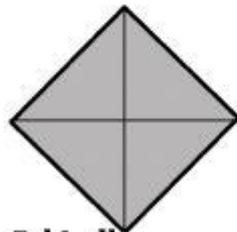
Cut along the top line



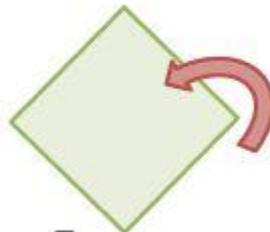
You are left with a square of paper



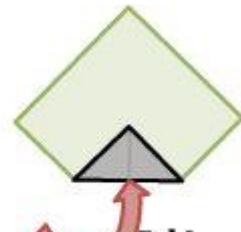
Fold a corner to the centre



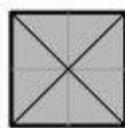
Fold all corners to the centre



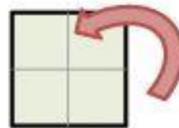
Turn over



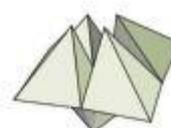
Fold a corner to the centre



Fold all corners to the centre



Turn over



Insert fingers and play!