

Twinkles Doing Church Differently

Week 23: God is Love

In this session we will learn that God loves us, that he IS love and that we love because He first loved us.

To prepare for this session, cut out the words in the hearts on the last page and hide them around the room.

Message/Story time:

Ask the children to hunt around the room to find the words.

Look at all of the words together and see if the children understand what each one means. Don't worry if not, the main thing to understand is that they are all good things.

If we love people it means that we are **patient**, we are **kind**, we are **not selfish**, we are **not angry**, we **forgive**, we **protect**, we **trust** and we **never give up**. Love means all of these things.

Sometimes it is hard for us to do all of these things. But it is not hard for God. Gods finds all of these things easy. God is patient. God is kind. God is not selfish. God forgives. God protects. God never gives up.

God is love!

So even though these things can be hard - because God loves us, it means we can try to love Him and others just the same.

Read the story below: "The Law of Love" based on Mark 12 from the Children of God Storybook Bible.

Try learning this **memory verse** together:

1 John 4:19 "We love because God loved us first."

Remember: God loves us with a never stopping, never giving up, unbreaking, always and forever love. (quote from Jesus Storybook Bible)

Craft time: Handprint (if you've got a big enough sheet of paper) or potato print hearts.



Worship time:

God's Love is Bigger than a Burger! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gwXf7ZOHK8Q>

God is Love <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sc1wHXmXKsk>

Prayer time:

Lego/Duplo Prayers – give everyone a lego or duplo brick to hold while you pray.

Hold your brick

Pray for yourself. Thank God for the things he has given you and ask Him to be with you.

Count the bumps on your brick

For each bump on your brick, pray for a different person- friends or family members. Ask God to bless them this week.

Find someone who has a different colour brick to you

Thank God for making each person special. Thank him for the things that are different but special about other people.

Find someone with the same number of bumps on their brick as you

Thank God for families and friends and all who care for us. Pray that He will help those who are lonely.

Swap your brick with someone

Thank God for the person you swapped with and ask God to bless them this week.

Put all of the bricks together and build a structure or tower with them

Thank God for the church, your schools/work and the community you live in.

The Law of Love



Sometimes it seems like there are so many rules. It is often hard to know which ones are the most important.

In Jesus' time, people argued about which rule was the most important to God.

One of the elders, bent over with age and wisdom, heard Jesus teaching his followers. The elder thought to himself, "Wow! This guy really knows what he is talking about." The elder leaned on his cane and scratched his white hair.

"You seem very wise. Tell me, what is the most important rule of all?"

"There are two," Jesus replied. "The first is to love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is to love everyone as much as you love yourself."

The elder nodded. "You are right," he said.

"The greatest gift we can offer God is to love him and love his children."

