



RE Ideas

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Let's talk about LOVE ...

A word that is used all too easily and frequently in society today LOVE. But what does it actually mean? Does it mean different things to different people? Are there different types?

This edition of *RE Ideas* explores some ideas about love - what the Greeks say, and also what we learn from the Bible about Christian teaching on love.

The Greek Loves

The Greeks teach that there are four different kinds of love:

Philia - the love of family and friends.

Storge - the love of things.

Eros - a romantic, sexual, desire love.

Agape - a selfless love (putting other people first).



TASK Ask the pupils to match each of the definitions with a picture to show that kind of love. They can then discuss their choices and reasoning with a partner.

Q. Ask pupils what does 'Love' mean to them. Is it the same for all?

What did John say about love?

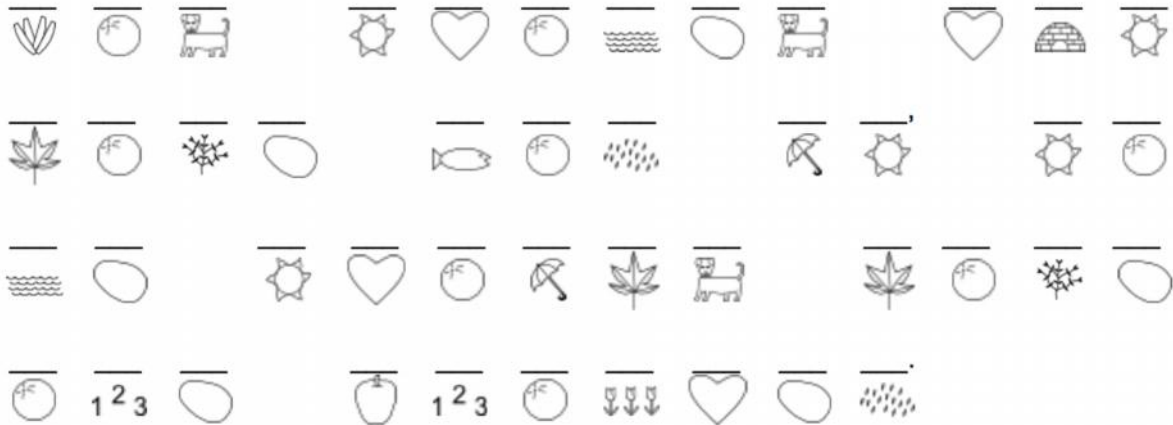
TASK Read each of the Bible verses below and answer the question that follows. This task can be done as a whole class activity, in small groups, or pupils could work individually (depending on the level of Bible skills of the pupils in the class).

- John 13:34 - What does Jesus command us to do?
- 1 John 4:7 - Who does love come from?
- 1 John 4:9 - How did God show his love for us?
- 1 John 4:11 - Why should we love one another?

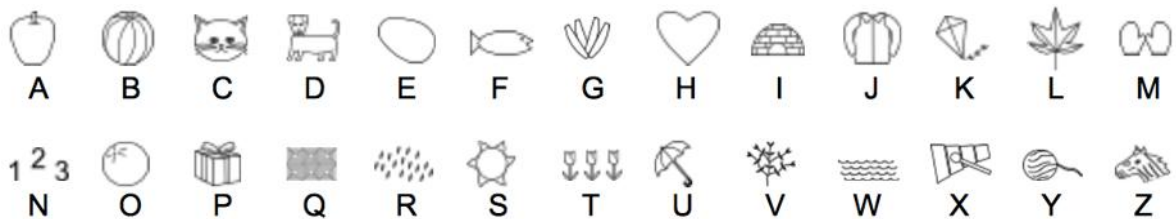


TASK Pupils can work individually or in pairs to use the code below to unscramble the answer to the question

Why should we love?



Code:



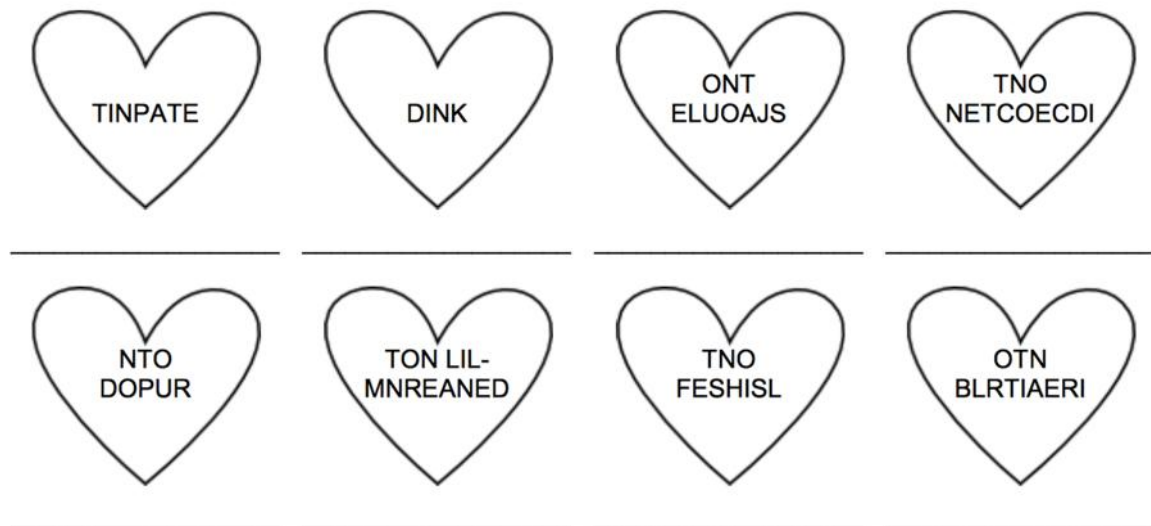
Answer: God showed His love for us so we should love one another.

TASK Discuss with pupils how God showed his love for us. Invite ideas and discuss any questions that may arise.

What Did Paul Say About Love?

1 Corinthians 13 (written by Paul) is often called 'The Love Chapter' because its words describe how to show love to others.

TASK Pupils are to read the passage (as a class, in pairs or individually) and unscramble these words that describe love.



Answers: CONCEITED, ILL-MANNERED, IRRITABLE, JEALOUS, KIND, NOT, PATIENT, PROUD, SELFISH

The Greatest Commandment

TASK Read The Greatest Commandment to pupils and ask them what they think it means (you may want to make reference to The Ten Commandments here).

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbour as you love yourself. There is no commandment more important than these two."
Mark, 12:28-31

The first part of TGC summarises 1-4 of The 10 Commandments. The second part of TGC summarises 5-10!

How can you show love?

Showing love is more than just saying "I love you" or giving a gift to someone.

TASK Pupils are to read each of the statements and suggestions below. They can then either draw a line from each statement to a way they can show love, or they can colour code them. Pupils can then think of two or three of their own examples.

If this happens...	You can show love by...
You are working on puzzles with your little sister. She takes longer to finish than you do	Not being jealous of your friend
Your friend gets a new popular video game for his birthday	Not being selfish with your toys
Your mother asks you to put away your Lego and help her set the table	Not being irritable to your mother
Your brother asks to play with your action figure	Being patient with your sister

RESOURCES from REMW (Religious Education Movement Wales)

NEW- Encouraging Religion (CEMW/REMW 1995-2015)

Resources Catalogue, Publications and past copies of 'R.E. Ideas' available

Primary Publications – *Pobl Arbennig*; *Adegau Arbennig*; *Iesu*;
Y Nadolig – o flwyddyn i flwyddyn; *Mannau Arbennig*

Cyfres Ymchwilio i Thema: *i Codau Byw*; *i Ddathliadau*; *i Gredoau ac i Gwestiynau Dyrys*.

ENGLISH TITLE *Amazing Lives* (100 stories of faith- useful for Cwricwlwm Cymreig)

Secondary Publications – *What the Welsh Churches say on moral and social issues*;
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