

A FAMILY BRINGS UP THE LOVE BUGS & SIGN. AN ADULT OR OLDER CHILD READS OUT THE WORDS:

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.”

What is love?

The Bible tells us that *God is love*.

It tells us that God’s love reaches to the skies and lasts forever.

A FAMILY BRINGS UP THE SANDWICH SHAPES & SIGN. AN ADULT OR OLDER CHILD READS OUT THE WORDS

“Your unfailing love is better than life itself; you satisfy me more than the richest feast.”

The Bible tells us that when everything goes wrong and we feel like we can’t cope, God’s love supports us and keeps us going.

The Bible says, “The Lord your God is living among us. He is a mighty saviour. With his love, he will calm all our fears.”

A FAMILY BRINGS UP THE HEART CUSHIONS & SIGN. AN ADULT OR OLDER CHILD READS OUT THE WORDS

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.”

The Bible tells us that God knows all about the mistakes we make. But Jesus died on the cross so that we don’t have to be punished for the things we get wrong. Why? Because God loves us, and he wants us to be his friends.

The Bible says that *nothing* can ever stop God loving us. Past, present or future ... happy or sad ... good or bad ... alive or dead ... when we remember Jesus, we know for sure that God will never stop loving us.

A FAMILY BRINGS UP THE MARBLED HEARTS & SIGN. AN ADULT OR OLDER CHILD READS OUT THE WORDS:

“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.”

The Bible says that there’s only one God.

He made us. He loves us. And he made us to love him.

But *how* can we show him our love?

A FAMILY BRINGS UP THE CARDS & SIGN. AN ADULT OR OLDER CHILD READS OUT THE WORDS:

“Love your neighbour as yourself.”

The Bible says that if God loves us so much, then surely we ought to love each other too.

And that’s how we can show our love for God - by loving each other.

A FAMILY BRINGS UP THE FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS & SIGN. AN ADULT OR OLDER CHILD READS OUT THE WORDS:

“Be patient with each other, making allowances for each other’s faults because of your love.”

It’s easy for us to love people who love us, and to be kind to people who are kind to us. But Jesus wants us to do more than that. He wants us to love everyone, no matter how they treat us.

That doesn’t sound very easy, does it?

But the good news is that the Bible also tells us that God pours his love into our hearts by the power of his Holy Spirit.

He will help us to forgive those who have upset us. And even though it may be difficult for us to do, he will help us to love them.

So, you see, we don’t have to manage on our own - we can ask for his help.

Let us pray.

Father God,

thank you for your love.

Thank you for Jesus.

Thank you for your Holy Spirit.

Please fill our hearts with more and more love for you

and for each other,

for Jesus' sake.

Amen.