

Love God, love others



Bible verses:
John 15:12-17



Aim:
To explore Jesus' command
to love each other



Today's fruit:
Kindness



Memory verse

'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.'

(John 15:5 *NIV*)



Start it

The Salvation Army uses the phrase, 'Love God, love others'. This phrase comes from Jesus's command to love others, just like Jesus loves us.

Today we will think about what it looks like to show kindness to others and why it is so important to share God's love with everyone we meet.



Share it

Share a child-friendly version of John 15:11-17.

Sit in a circle and ask the group to share together:

- What is the kindest or most loving thing someone has ever done for you? How did it make you feel?
- How does Jesus show his love to us?

- How can we show that love to others?
- Jesus died for his friends – for all of us. What does this verse mean for us? Rather than dying for our friends, what could it be about?
- When you think about the way God loves you, how does it make you feel?



Sing It

'Shine! (from the inside out)' by Nick Jackson uploaded by Tangy Crayfish (2:20)

'Holy Spirit' for children by Aji and her friends. Sing only the chorus (0:44-1:15)



Action it

Games and activities to reinforce the Bible passage:

- Create a picture or card that tells someone that they are loved by God.
- Think of three ways you could show kindness at school and try them out this week.
- Draw a big love heart and write 'God loves you' in the middle. Put it up at home to remind you how much you are loved.
- Think of someone who needs to know God loves them and work out a way to let them know.