

LIGHT YOUR CANDLE – what comes to mind this week as you look at the flame? Maybe say a little prayer as you begin.



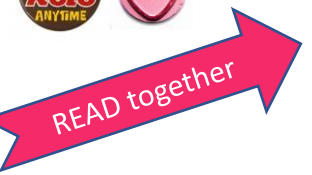
**Today we're having a little look at a big thing....
....God's LOVE!**



**Firstly, have a watch of Nicola's video on YouTube to get you started.
This gives you an introduction to this weeks topic, a sneak peek at the main craft idea and a worship song.**

Wow! Isn't it amazing that God, the creator of the universe, also planned us when he was beginning things in creation? Even more than that, when things went wrong and the people he'd created were not following the plans he had for them, he stuck with them and helped them out of some really sticky situations. To make sure we could be in a perfect relationship with Him again, he sent his Son Jesus to take away our sin (all the things we do wrong) and give us life full of his forgiveness and love.

Read 1 John 4 verses 7-12. How brilliant is it that we can show people who God is by loving them!



The Bible tells us that 'God is Love' – what do you think that looks like?

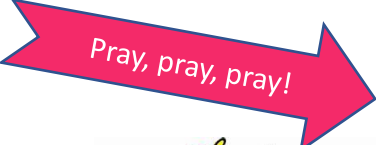


****God's Love Letter****



Do you like actions? This song has some nice actions to learn, pop it on and sing along if you'd like to try a new one.

Oh, The Love God Has Shown Us -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dlo4G7LYLbg>



Father God, we thank you so much for your incredible love for us. Please help us to show some of your love to others around us this week. Amen.

Yes, you've got the right week and no, Valentines Day wasn't postponed! We've got it right that every day should be a day that we reflect on how gigantic and mind blowing our Heavenly Father's love is for us. We're called to overflow with His love in our lives – **how might you reflect this as you go about the week ahead?**

Spent some time reading and reflecting over this passage from 1 John – The New Testament is full of letters and so much of it gives us examples of the ways in which God has and continues to pour out his love on us. Come before God today with a thankful heart and think about what His love means in your life.

God Is Love

⁷⁻¹⁰ My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God. The person who refuses to love doesn't know the first thing about God, because God *is* love—so you can't know him if you don't love. This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him. This is the kind of love we are talking about—not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God.

¹¹⁻¹² My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other. No one has seen God, ever. But if we love one another, God dwells deeply within us, and his love becomes complete in us—perfect love!

(1 John 4:7-12)



Chris Tomlin – Nobody Loves Me Like You (Lyrics)
Click on the YouTube logo

And above all these put on love,
which binds everything together
in perfect harmony.

COLOSSIANS 3:14



God's Love Letter craft



STEP 1 Print out or copy the template on the next page

STEP 2 Draw a super colourful design on the back of your template

STEP 3 Make a small fold from the edge of your paper, turn it over and fold again. Repeat this until you get to the other side of the paper and have created a bit of a 'fan'.

Can you feel God's love today?

STEP 4 Find the top of your letter where it begins 'To My Special Child' and unfold it to reveal the first thing God wants to say to you in the letter today.

You'll need to grab your Bible for this bit – have fun finding the verses together!



STEP 5 If your grown ups would like to look at some more in the Bible with you, here is the link to the full 'love letter'. <https://www.fathersloveletter.com/text.html#>

To My Special Child,

You may not know me, but I know everything about you.

[Psalm 139:1](#)

I chose you when I planned creation.

[Ephesians 1:11-12](#)

And it is my desire to lavish my love on you.

[1 John 3:1](#)

My plan for your future has always been filled with hope.

[Jeremiah 29:11](#)

My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore.

[Psalm 139:17-18](#)

For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed.

[John 17:26](#)

And nothing will ever separate you from my love again.

[Romans 8:38-39](#)

**With an everlasting Love,
Your Father God xxxx**



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My Love Letter To God

Dear God,

I am thankful for your love because _____

I love you because _____

Your love makes me _____

Because you love me I will _____

Yours truly,

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Here is an idea of how you might write your own love letter back to God – do you like it? Why not have a go at your own!

Think about God's Love as you colour this in.....

Draw a picture showing God's love.

ALL ABOUT

GOD'S LOVE

Write your favorite Bible verse about God's love.

FOR GOD

SO

LOVED

the

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he gave his only

-John 3:16

SON

God's love is...

JESUS LOVES ME

Love one another.

Jesus

GOD is LOVE

-1 John 4:8

