



Blessings through loving God, our Father



Start here!

This week, Simon brings us a special message about loving God with everything we have!

Pop over and have a watch now.

There are two songs to worship/move to as well to get us thinking about our love for God today.



READ Matthew Chapter 22 verses 37-40 together.

A long time ago when Jesus was on earth, people thought the Bible was just about rules. Do this. Don't do that. Say this. Wear that. Go here. Worship there.

Rule after rule after rule. There was a little bit about LOVE, but there were so many rules that was all people cared about.

But LOVE was all Jesus cared about. He came here to show each one of us just how much He LOVES us. He LOVES us so much that even died for our sins so we can live with Him forever and always.

There were a whole bunch of people who really liked Jesus' message of LOVE, but there were also a bunch of people who really liked the rules. They thought following the rules was all that mattered, but they forgot that everyone makes mistakes sometimes and disobeys those rules. And then what?!? Is that it? One broken rule and it's all over? No way! Jesus came so that even when we make mistakes, He can save us. It's such an amazing way to show just how much He LOVES us.

One day the rule followers wanted to know what Jesus thought was the most important one of all. If we could only ever follow one single rule, which one would it be? They expected Jesus to say one of the 10 Commandments; like obeying your parents, or keeping the Sabbath a day only for God. But Jesus had an even better one. The best rule of all, and it's all about LOVE.

Jesus said, "LOVE the Lord your God with all your HEART and with all your SOUL and with all your MIND. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: LOVE your NEIGHBOR as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." – Matthew 22:37-40 NIV

Jesus turned all of those rules into just two simple ones. LOVE God. And LOVE others. It was so simple.

(ministry-for-children.com)



Let's lift those beautiful voices to Jesus again! Either go back to the video if you liked those songs, choose your own or pop the CD on. Have fun!



Loving Father God,

We pray that you help us to grow our love for you this week through our prayers, reading bible stories and spending time being kind to people around us. Thank you for showing us the best love! Amen.



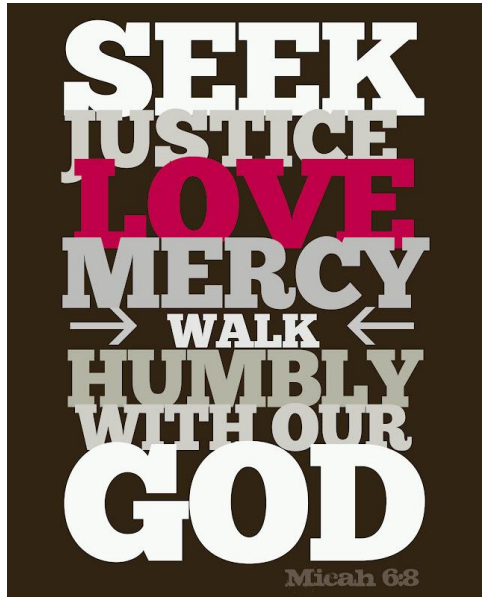
Have a look at the extra videos on Facebook



There is no greater commandment!



Recap: what blessings did you spot this week? Did you create a system for keeping a record of them?



The BIG Q

Have another look at Micah 6:8

What stands out to you?

What do you think it means to walk humbly with our God?

If you could write down ways to love God with all your heart.....what would your week ahead look like? Different to last week?



Worship Time



Seeds Family Worship
– Greatest Commandment



Have a think

- Is there anything else in your heart taking first place over your love for God?



BALLOONDAD CRAFT



- You will need:
- Balloons
 - Thick marker pen
 - Scissors
 - paper drinking straws
 - sticky tape
 - smooth string

Blow up the balloon and, without tying a knot in the neck, draw a picture of a Dad on it with the marker pen.

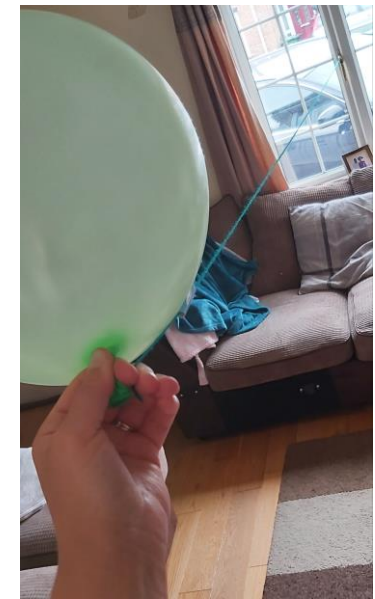
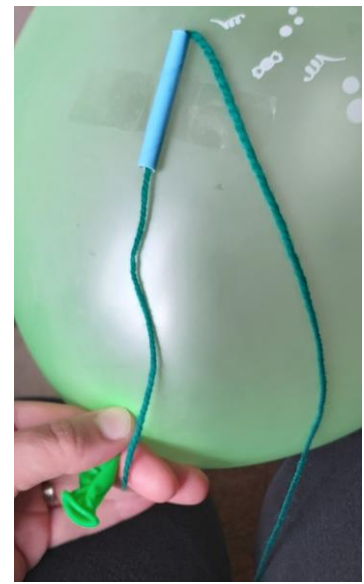
Cut a piece of drinking straw about 4cm long and sticky tape it to the balloon.

Thread the piece of string through the straw and stretch the string tautly across the room. You may need to tilt it so that the Balloondad is at one end of the string, slightly higher up than the other end of the string.

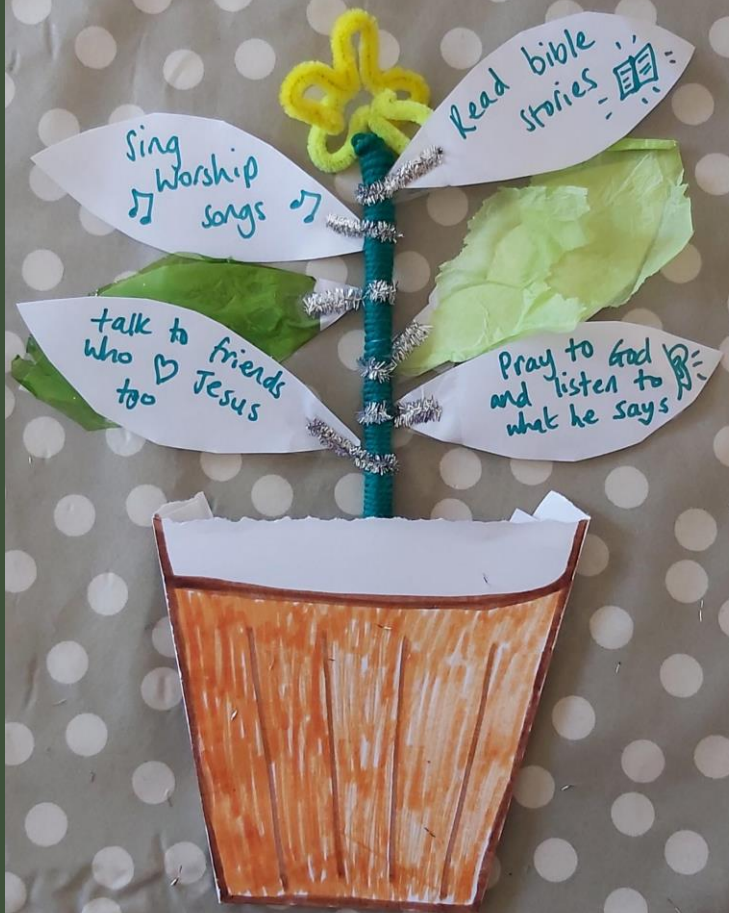
Let go of the balloon neck and see how fast Balloondad moves along the string. You could have two pieces of string and have races between different Balloondads.

Jesus saw his heavenly Father as someone who would run a long way for the sake of his children. Think of the story of the lost son (read it in Luke 15:11-32) – the dad in that story runs down the road to welcome his son home again.

Nothing can get between our heavenly Father and his children!

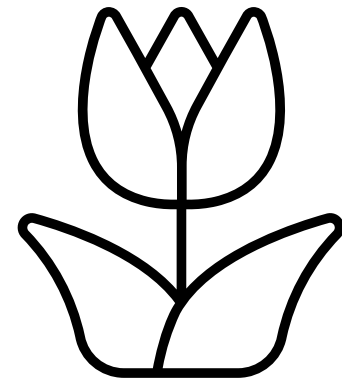


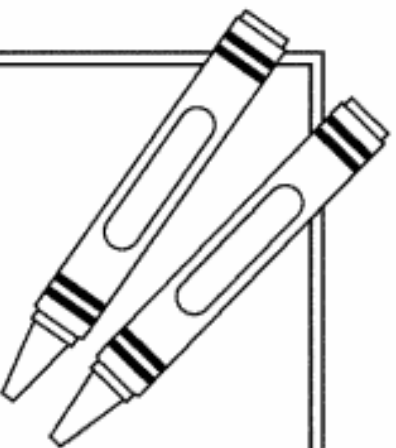
CRAFT:
How can we grow in
love with God



While you create
your own craft plant,
think of other ways
that you could grow
more love for God.

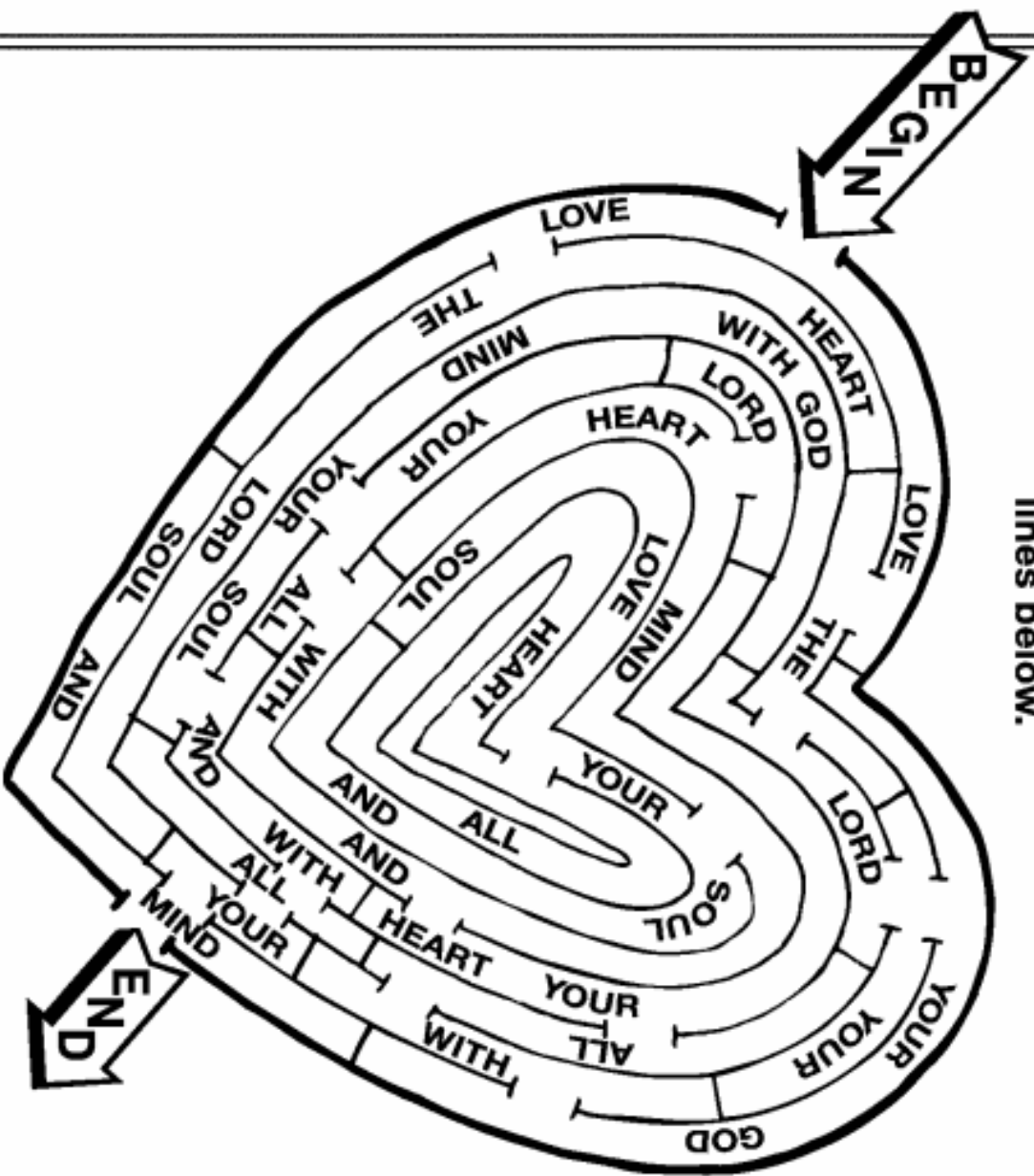
There's a little video
to go with this – on
our website or
Facebook page





Just for **KIDS**

Find the correct path through the heart below. Write the words in order, as you find them, on the lines below.



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” Matthew 22:37