**The Christian Value of Love**

**Key Stage 1 – Reflection 1**

This reflection explores the meaning of Christian love. Building on the whole school worship on the story of the Good Shepherd, it explores why we need to share love with others. ‘We love, because God first loved us.’ 1 John 4:19

*You will need the associated Powerpoint.*

**Slide 1:** Begin by recapping how the story of the Lost Sheep shows us how much God loves us (explored in whole-school worship).

**Slide 2:** Introduce the idea that the Bible tells us that because God loves us so much, we must share that love in our lives.

**Slide 3:** Tell the children that we are going to hear a story which many of them might already know. This story helps us to understand why we need to share God’s love.

There are lots of different versions of this story being read aloud on YouTube (one is embedded at the bottom of Slide3).

Questions to ask the children:

*What happened when the Rainbow Fish refused to share a scale with the little blue fish?*

*Why was the Rainbow Fish lonely?*

*Why do you think the Rainbow Fish felt happier when he had given away his special scale to the other fish?*

**Slide 4:** Perhaps this is why the Bible tells us that we must do everything in love. If we only think about ourselves then we will just end up feeling lonely but when we think about making other people happy, it makes us feel happy too. This is what it mean to live in God’s love.

**Slide 5:** Discuss when there might be times that we could share love in our school.

**Closing Prayer**

Dear God,

Thank you for all those that love us and for all those who we love.

We are sorry for the times when we have only thought about ourselves and have not loved other people through my thoughts or actions.

Help our community to lice in God’s love by sharing with each other and not leaving anyone out. Amen