**The Christian Value of Love**

**Key Stage 2 – Reflection 1**

This reflection explores the meaning of Christian love. The Bible teaches that Jesus calls his people to love others through their actions and words, something which he demonstrated continuously throughout his life and teachings. Christians call this type of love Agape, a practical love that reflects the love God has for his people. ‘We love, because God first loved us.’ 1 John 4:19

*You will need the associated Powerpoint.*

**Slide 1:** Talk to the children about how we the word ‘love’ is one of our most commonly used words in our culture/society but that it can mean many different things – some of which are not at all what we mean by Christian love.

Now watch Love by The Bible Project: <https://bibleproject.com/videos/agape-love/> (link also embedded at the bottom left of the PowerPoint slide)

This gives a good explanation of what Christian love (agape) means.

**Slide 2:** Discuss some of the images, how are they showing Agape love?

I wonder where you might have seen this type of love happening in your community, house or school?

**Slide 3** Pause with the children for a time of quiet reflection, inviting the children to:

1. GIVE THANKS for someone who has shown love to you.

2. ASK FOR HELP to love someone who is hard to love.

3. REFLECT on your day and think about the times when you have shown practical love to someone else or a time when you could have acted in a more loving way.

4. SAY SORRY for the times you have acted in a way that didn’t show love.

5. DECIDE how you will share love with others through your thoughts, actions and words.

**Closing Prayer**

Dear God, we thank for Jesus, the gift that demonstrated your love for us.

Help us to share and show this love with others, even when it is difficult.

Help us to love those who are difficult to love.

Guide us to people who need to know your love. Amen