

Assembly on Love and the Heart

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Can you guess what I am thinking of from these clues?

(the children might guess before you have read them all out)

It's part of our body You can't see it from the outside

You need it to live It's in our chest It pumps blood

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Our heart has a very important job. It pumps blood around our body and keeps us alive. Prompt children to try and feel their pulse.

We can't see our hearts, but we can hear and feel what it does.

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People often mention the heart when they talk about love.

Because we can't see love but we can hear and feel what it does. Also, when we have a feeling, we can feel it in our chests.

This is why we see lots of heart symbols in February, around Valentine's Day.

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How do others show that they love us?

Get some suggestions from children.

There are lots of ways to show that we love others. But did you know there is a right way to love and a wrong way?

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Go through a few statements from the PowerPoint to demonstrate the two types of love then get children to choose statements from a bag and decide if they're 'love with ifs' or 'unconditional love'.

The statements for you to print to put in the bag:

Love with ifs:

- I will love you if you look after me
- I will love you as long as you do well at school

Unconditional love says:

- I will love you when you are young and when you are old and wrinkled
- I will love you even if you're in a grumpy mood

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Love is really important to Christians because they believe that the most important thing to God is love and that God loves us unconditionally.

There are two main rules that sum up teaching in the Bible: Love God and love others.

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So how can we love others better?

Well according to the Bible love is ...

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Prayer (remind children they can say amen if they'd like to agree with the prayer)

Dear God, Thank you for love. Thank you for how good it is to have people who love us, and people whom we can love. Thank you that your heart is full of love for us and for all those we love.

Amen.