

St. Valentine's Day.

Good morning everyone.

I have some objects here and I was wondering if anyone could tell me if they know of a special day coming up that they might make us think of ?

Chocolates

Flower

Card

I love you mug

Gift box

Perfume

Valentine's Day - these are some gifts that people might give each other to express their love or to show that they care a lot about someone.

Put on a pair of rubber gloves and hold up dirty bib and trousers. Do you think we would give these to someone as a sign that we loved them? They are the odd one out. Would anyone like them as a present?

Actually these items fit in perfectly with the others, if we remember that Love is a verb. Can someone tell me what a verb is? A doing/action word. After all it would have to be someone who loved you who would put your dirty wash in a washing machine every week.

Now I will need 3 volunteers who are good at acting something out. I need some children who can act things out, without speaking, a bit like playing Charades if you have ever played that.

When you have guessed what the person is doing and who might it be you can put your hand up without shouting out:

- a) School 'lollipop' person who helps children across the road.
- b) Someone ironing clothes.
- c) Someone reading a book to a child.

How can these be called love? It is keeping someone safe, caring for them and helping them to learn.

God who is said to be the author of the word love, didn't just say the words "I love you", he showed his love. We celebrated just 2 months ago at Christmas that God sent his son Jesus to the world to show us what God's love was like and soon we will be thinking about Easter and remember that Jesus was willing to give up everything because he loved us so much.

Song: Jesus' love is very wonderful

When we think about love it is a good thing to have and a good thing to give. At church we want to show people that God loves them, that's why we have groups for lots of different people: for Mums and babies to come and have fun and a chat. Maybe you came to our Toddler group when you were little. We have

groups for older children and teenagers so they can meet friends and be safe. We also have groups for older people where they can have someone make lunch for them and meet friends.

Prayer:

Dear God,

Today many people will care for us and show us love,

Help us to notice and say thank you,

Today there may be opportunities for us to show caring or love to someone else,

Help us to notice and to act on it.

Amen.