

# The Rock, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Showing love

### Warm up

Dance to, join in with the actions and sing our Rock song.

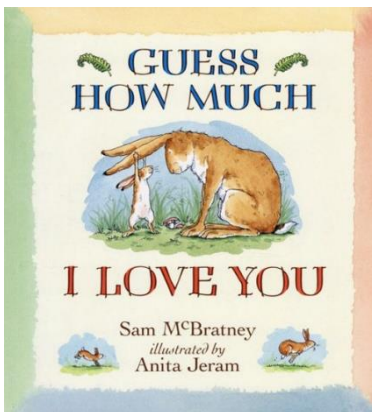
This video has the words:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcAG4PbNXaA>



This video has the actions: <https://youtu.be/8dbOgbRxC1M>

### Getting started



Ask the children to think of an episode they have seen on TV or in a book where someone shows love to someone else. They should act out the scene. Before you start you could talk about the different ways in which people show love – it could be boy/girl love, but equally it could be an animal showing love to its master, a parent showing love to a child and so on.

**The Point:** For fun, but also asks the children to think about love.

### Story/ teaching time

#### Equipment

Bible, paper and pens.

Read Acts 2:44-46 in a child friendly version of the Bible, or paraphrase it thus:

“Jesus’ followers used to meet together all the time. They shared everything. Some people even sold their possessions so they could give the money from them to people who were in need. They used to meet every day in the Temple to worship God, and they ate at each other’s houses and worshipped God together. Everybody liked them, and every day more people became Christians.”



Ask the children if they heard four different things that members of the early church did together?

- They shared everything.
- They sold things to give other Christians money.
- They met together to worship.
- They ate together.

Ask why they think the early Christians did this? Say that it was because they loved each other; and because they loved each other they wanted to spend time together and they wanted to help each other. Say that love isn't only a nice feeling, sometimes it's something practical – and sometimes it is difficult! Probably the Christians sold things they really wanted to keep for themselves.

**The Point:** To see how the early Christians showed love to each other.

## **Craft and activity ideas**

### **1. Equipment**

paper, pens and pencils/ crayons/paints

Draw a picture showing the early church sharing, selling their possessions, worshipping together or eating together.

As you work, talk about how Christians show love to one another today.

### **2. Equipment**

paper and pens, small pieces of paper.



Ask the children how they think we can show love to other people in our everyday life? They can think of specific people – how can we show love to parents? How to siblings? How to friends? Ask them to draw small pictures on the paper showing their ideas.

Look at the finished picture together.

Challenge the children to choose one thing from the picture that they will do over the coming week. Give them a piece of paper that they can write it down on.

Pray together that God will help us to show love to other people over the coming week.

Don't forget to ask them how well they managed to show love during the coming week.

**The Point:** To respond to the teaching.

### **3. Equipment**

A soft ball.

***"I am giving you a new command. You must love each other, just as I have loved you". John 13:34***

Tell the children the verse and ask them to repeat it.

Divide the verse into three:

- I am giving you a new command/
- You must love each other/
- Just as I have loved you.

Throw the ball randomly to each other. First person says the first part and then throws the ball to another person who says the second part and throws the ball again and this person says the last part. Do this several times.

**The Point:** To help young people to learn the Bible.

### ***Worship and Reflection***

**[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N94BBGiq\\_vQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N94BBGiq_vQ)**

Play the song "Help Me Be Your Eyes Lord Jesus (I've Got You, Lord)" from Doug Horley's Funky Action Songs Volume 5

Play the video and let the children join in with the actions. Play it through twice so that everyone can join in.

**The Point:** To respond to today's teaching.

The logo consists of the words "THE ROCK" in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. The letters are set against a solid blue rectangular background. The text is centered horizontally and vertically within the rectangle.

(Material taken from Energize by Urban Saints - <https://www.energize.uk.net/>)

