



Come and See Knowledge Organiser

Topic: Loving - Year Six - Domestic Church



Vocabulary

Unconditional - a promise that is not restricted by any rules or conditions

Forgiveness - the action of forgiving or being forgiven

Mercy - compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone

Prodigal - spending money or resources recklessly; wastefully extravagant

Parable - a story that is used to illustrate a spiritual lesson told by Jesus in the Gospels

Gentile - someone who is not Jewish

Reconciliation - the restoration of a relationship; 'making up'

What should I already know?

Ourselves as made in the image and likeness of God.



Questions I will have



Do you have to earn love?

Does love last forever or does it have limits?

How can I love people I don't like?

Key Knowledge and Scripture

The Prophet, **Isaiah**, was inspired by God to urge people to look forward to the coming of the Messiah, the Saviour, who would rescue them from those who threatened them. He lived over 700 years before Jesus was born.

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11, 28- 31

Psalm 23 speaks of God as a shepherd looking after his sheep

Psalm 136 speaks about how God will look after us



These readings show that despite difficulties we will encounter in life, God will help us and never abandon us.

Titus was a **Gentile** who converted to Christianity and helped St Paul. Paul wrote to Titus when he was in Crete, helping the church there, instructing how to show belief in God by doing good deeds for others. **Titus 3: 2-8**

What I will be able to do

make links between my beliefs about love, my behaviour and how it affects others.

compare my own and other people's ideas about questions of unconditional love.

make links between the story of the prodigal son and the Christian's belief in God's forgiveness.

give reasons for a Christian's love and care.

describe and show understanding of the scripture, beliefs, feelings and experience of God's unconditional love and make links between them.

show understanding of how religious belief in God's unconditional love shapes life.

show understanding of how beliefs and values affect our love and care of each other.

engage with and respond to questions about loving, in the light of religious teaching.

Luke 15: 11-32 - The Parable of the Prodigal Son. Parable is about the father rather than the young son. Jesus is telling us that **God loves us recklessly and extravagantly** - just as the son is **prodigal** in pouring away his money, the father is prodigal in pouring out his love - this is **unconditional love**.

Forgiveness is an essential part of unconditional love

Matthew 5: 1-12 The Beatitudes are also known as *Sermon on the Mount* as Jesus spoke to a large crowd from a hill during the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Some translations use blessed, others use happy.

John 15: 9-14 Here Jesus speaks of his Father's love and the greatest love we can have **My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you.**

Ephesians 4:26, 31-32 - However it is difficult to be loving all the time. There are occasions when we do or say things we regret and know they are not loving. In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul gives advice on how to deal through these situations

Even if you feel very angry, don't break God's law of love...Be generous, understanding, sympathetic and forgiving. Forgive each other as quickly and generously as God forgives you.



Return of the Prodigal Son by Murillo



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Tell them not to speak evil of anyone, but to be peaceful and friendly, and always to show a gentle attitude toward everyone. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, and wrong. We were slaves to passions and pleasures of all kinds. We spent our lives in malice and envy; others hated us and we hated them. But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour was revealed, he saved us.

It was not because of any good deeds that we ourselves had done, but because of his own mercy that he saved us, through the Holy Spirit, who gives us new birth and new life by washing us.

God poured out the Holy Spirit abundantly on us through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that by his grace we might be put right with God and come into possession of the eternal life we hope for.

This is a true saying. I want you to give special emphasis to these matters, so that those who believe in God may be concerned with giving their time to doing good deeds, which are good and useful for everyone.

(Titus 3: 2-8)

Even if you feel very angry, don't break God's law of love. Never let the sun go down, never go to bed still feeling very angry with one another. Always do your best to sort out quarrels, grudges and resentments from the very beginning. If you don't, they will grow and will destroy not only other people and your life together, but yourself as well. Be generous, understanding, sympathetic and forgiving. Forgive each other as quickly and generously as God forgives you.

(Based on Ephesians 4: 26, 31-32)

Give thanks to our God for God is good.

Give thanks to our great God for love that lasts forever.

Give thanks to our strong God for love that is never ending.

Our God does wonderful works. Our God is so very wise.

Our God made the vast heavens. Our God built the earth and the deep seas.

God made the sun and the moon; the sun to shine all the day; the moon and the stars to shine through the night.

God is always with us, God never forgets us.

God takes such great care of us. Give thanks to our God! Our God is so good!

Based on Psalm 136

Your God is coming like a shepherd, feeding the flock, gathering the lambs, holding them close.

Yes God is coming like a shepherd, looking after the mother ewes, leading them to a place where they can rest.

God does not grow tired or weary. God is most understanding. God gives strength to those who are tired, to those who are weak.

Young people can get tired and weary; they can stumble and fall over, but those who hope in God will get their strength back. They will feel as though they can fly as high as eagles, run and never grow weary, walk and never get tired.

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, 28-31

God cares for me just like a shepherd cares for his sheep. I have all that I need.

God, you give me green meadows where I can like down.

You lead me to tranquil streams of fresh water where I find new strength.

You guide me along safe paths. You are true to your name.

Even if I should walk in deep darkness I would not be afraid, for you would be close to me, protecting me from harm.

You prepare a great feast for me.

You welcome me and anoint my forehead with oil.

You fill my cup to overflowing.

I am sure your love and goodness will be with me every day of my life.

Your house will be my home for ever and ever.

Based on Psalm 23

The Sermon on the Mount: true happiness

Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them:

Blessed are those who know they are spiritually poor; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

Blessed are those who mourn; God will comfort them!

Blessed are those who are humble; they will receive what God has promised!

Blessed are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; God will satisfy them fully!

Blessed are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them!

Blessed are the pure in heart; they will see God!

Blessed are those who work for peace; God will call them his children!

Blessed are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and tell all kinds of evil lies against you because you are my followers.

Be blessed and glad, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven. This is how the prophets who lived before you were persecuted.

(Matthew 5: 1-12)

I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love.

If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them. And you are my friends if you do what I command you.

(John 15: 9-14)