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Speaking His Language

Monday

Prayer Leader:

Jesus tells us that to follow God,
we must love God and love others.

The Gospel this week demonstrates one way of showing love: being generous.

But we can give and receive love in lots of different ways – it's almost like there are lots of different love 'languages'.

The Bible tells us that God IS love, so each day we'll start by thinking about a different way in which God loves us.

Then we'll think about how we can love others in similar ways – how we can learn to speak God's language of love!

Prayer Leader:

Today, we're thinking about the love language of **giving gifts**.

- God loved the world so much that He gave His son Jesus so we could have the gift of eternal life! (John 3:16)
- God gives us wonderful gifts of life, friendship, family, homes, food and drink.
- Through the Holy Spirit, we are given gifts of wisdom and understanding.
- The Bible tells us that 'every good and perfect gift is from above'! (James 1: 17).

Let's spend a moment thanking God for His amazing gifts.

Prayer Leader:

How can you show love today by giving a gift?

Sing a song for someone

Make a card for a friend

Use some pocket money to buy a treat for someone

Make a cup of tea for your parent or carer

What other kinds of gift could you give?

Prayer Leader:

Take a moment to tell Jesus how you are going to love others by gift giving today.

Prayer Leader:

This week we're thinking about different ways to speak God's language of love.

Let's finish in prayer.

All:

Dear God,

Thank you for the wonderful gifts you give us.

Help us to love others as you love us.

Help us learn to speak your language of love.

Amen

Tuesday

Prayer Leader:

In our prayers this week, we're thinking about how God loves us in different ways, and how He inspires us to love others.

We're learning to speak His language of love!

There are lots of different ways to show love, and yesterday we thought about giving gifts.

Before we think about today's language of love, think back over yesterday.

How did you love others through gift giving yesterday? How did it make you feel?

Prayer Leader:

Today, we're thinking about the love language of **encouraging words**.

God encourages us through His word in the Bible and through His Holy Spirit who lives inside us.

- The Bible tells us that God has good plans for us. (Jeremiah 29:11)
- Jesus tells us not to worry! (Matthew 6:34)
- The Bible tells us that we can 'be strong and courageous' because God is with us and will never leave us. (Deuteronomy 39:6)
- Jesus tells us that 'all things are possible with God'! (Mark 10:27)

Let's spend a moment thanking God for His encouraging words.

Prayer Leader:

How can you show love today by speaking encouraging words?

You helped me when...

Thank you for...

I like the way you...

You're so good at...

What other kinds of gift could you give?

Prayer Leader:

Take a moment to tell Jesus how you are going to love others by speaking encouraging words.

Prayer Leader:

This week we're thinking about different ways to speak God's language of love.

Let's finish in prayer.

All:

Dear God,

Thank you for all your encouraging words.

Help us to love others as you love us.

Help us learn to speak your language of love.

Amen

Wednesday

Prayer Leader:

Jesus tells us that to follow God, we must love God and love others.

So this week, we're learning to speak His language of love!

There are lots of different ways to show love, and yesterday we thought about using encouraging words.

Before we think about today's language of love, think back over yesterday.

How did you love others through speaking encouraging words? How did it make you feel?

Prayer Leader:

Today, we're thinking about the love language of **quality time**.

- Jesus loved spending time with people; often people that weren't seen as important!
- He spent time with hated tax collectors, lepers, and the poor.
- He told little children to come to Him when others told them to stay away!
- Jesus also took quality time on His own to pray.
- Because of God's Holy Spirit living inside us, we can have quality time with God any and every moment of the day!

Let's spend a moment thanking God for His example of spending quality time with others, and the quality time we're able to have with Him.

Prayer Leader:

How can you show love today by spending quality time with others?

Listen to someone who is upset

Spend time with God – maybe read the Bible or tell Him how your day is going

Do something fun

Laugh with someone

What other ways could you share quality time with others?

Prayer Leader:

Take a moment to tell Jesus how you are going to love others by spending quality time with them today.

Prayer Leader:

This week we're thinking about different ways to speak God's language of love.

Let's finish in prayer.

All:

Dear God,

Thank you for setting us an example of spending quality time with others.

Help us to love others as you love us.

Help us learn to speak your language of love.

Amen

Thursday

Prayer Leader:

In our prayers this week, we're thinking about how God loves us in different ways, and how He inspires us to love others.

We're learning to speak His language of love!

There are lots of different ways to show love, and yesterday we thought about spending quality time with others.

Before we think about today's language of love, think back over yesterday.

How did you love others through spending quality time with them? How did it make you feel?

Prayer Leader:

Today, we're thinking about the love language of **touch**.

You might think that showing love through touch means hugs and kisses, but the language of touch is so much more than that.

- Jesus laid His hands on people when He healed them. One time, a woman touched just the corner of Jesus' cloak and was healed.

- Mary Magdalene washed Jesus' feet with her tears and anointed them with perfume as a way of confessing her sins to Jesus.

- Jesus allowed Thomas to touch the wounds in His hands to help him understand that Jesus had come back to life!

Let's spend a moment thanking God for the healing touch of Jesus in our lives.

Prayer Leader:

Touch is important in showing affection, care, comfort and understanding. It's a way of saying 'I'm here with you.'

But it's important to ask before touching anyone else! And especially in COVID times, this is sometimes not appropriate at all.

Let's think about some ways that we can safely show love through touch or closeness:

Sit next to someone different at lunch

Ask someone at home if they want a cuddle

If someone is sad, ask if they want you to be near them or if they want space

Make up silly handshakes with a sibling

What other ways could you safely show love through touch or closeness?

Prayer Leader:

Take a moment to tell Jesus how you are going to love others through touch and closeness.

Remember you must always ask before touching someone else, and it's always OK to say no to someone else touching you!

Prayer Leader:

This week we're thinking about different ways to speak God's language of love.

Let's finish in prayer.

All:

Dear God,

Thank you for your healing touch in our lives.

Help us to love others as you love us.

Help us learn to speak your language of love.

Amen

Friday

Prayer Leader:

Jesus tells us that to follow God, we must love God and love others.

This week we've been thinking about different ways of showing love – almost like learning to speak different love 'languages'.

We learned that God IS love, so each day we thought about a different way in which God loves us.

Then we thought about how we can love others in similar ways – how we can learn to speak more and more of God's language of love!

Prayer Leader:

Today, we're thinking about the love language of **serving others.**

- Jesus performed miracles to feed the poor and hungry.
- He saw those in need and took action to help them, by healing them, spending time with them and teaching them about God.
- It was the job of a servant to wash people's dirty feet, but Jesus insisted on washing the disciples' feet instead.
- Jesus' ultimate act of service was giving up His life for us on the cross.
- Jesus tells us to 'let our light shine before others so they might see our good deeds and praise God.' (Matt 5:16)

Let's spend a moment thanking God for His example of service.

Prayer Leader:

How can you show love today by serving others?

Offer to carry something for your teacher or parent

Get ready for bed without being asked

Help a sibling or friend with a task they find hard

Tidy up your desk at school

What other ways could you serve others?

Prayer Leader:

Take a moment to tell Jesus how you are going to love others by serving them today.

Prayer Leader:

This week we're thinking about different ways to speak God's language of love.

Let's finish in prayer.

All:

Dear God,

Thank you for your example of service.

Help us to love others as you love us.

Help us learn to speak your language of love.

Amen