



Theme: God loves us

The Lion who wanted to Love" by Giles Andreae, a rhyming story about a brave little lion who dares to be different.

Biblical Reference:

1 Chronicles 16:34

'O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His loving kindness is everlasting

Next month's book is:

'The Rabbit Listened' by Cori Doerrfeld

Inspiration ...

If you do not have this book, you could borrow it from the library or watch a re-telling of the story on YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/rZmlzvAMF-A>

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The gift of God's love

Theme exploration:

Leo just wanted to love everyone. That's just like God, He loves everyone!! I know that is really amazing isn't it and do you know he loves us all the same amount? 1 John 4:19 says "we love because He (God) first loved us".

God is love and He loves us. There are many ways that God shows His love to humankind and they are usually the things that we mostly take for granted. Like the sun rising each morning, the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat and the families we have. Did you know that that God keeps everything in balance? If the earth were any closer to the sun the earth would burn up, but any further away and we would freeze. Wow, God is a great big God, who loves you, loves you for exactly who you are.

What does God want in return? Christians are called to 'love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' Matthew 22:37.

Things for you to try this month:

- Every day for a week find something that shows Gods love for you, and say a quick thank you to God.
- Make a list of things which we take for granted that God has provided and say thank you for each one.
- Before meals say thank you to God for the food He provides with a prayer such as "Lord bless this bunch as they munch their lunch" or "Rub a dub tub thanks for this grub", or use the Superman Grace see here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-Nps5x9oFY>
- Find ways of recreating the sounds described in the book like 'the thunder of hooves', 'squeal' or 'crashing'.
- Act out the story with your toys.



We believe in the power of prayer

A prayer to pray for your little one(s):

Lord Jesus, help our child/ren to grow up knowing that You bless them every day and that You love them. Amen.

A prayer we pray for you as parents:

Father, thank You for this family help them to know that You are their Heavenly Father, and that You love them with an everlasting love. Amen.