



## Theme: The gift of God's love

### Book: The lion who wanted to love by Giles Andreae

#### Reflection on last week's faith in action, with the families.

**What** was last week's action?

**How** did that make you feel?

**Why** did that make a difference?



#### Prayer time

Lord Jesus, help these children to grow up knowing that you bless them every day and that you love them. Amen.

#### Inspiration ...

##### Biblical References:

**Matthew 22:37**

Jesus replied: 'Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

**1 Chronicles 16:34**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

##### • SNACK TIME

Sainsbury's Lion Snacks  
Jammy dodgers

##### • SONGS

Use musical instruments  
Mary had a little lamb

##### Additional resources:

A re-telling of the story on Youtube



Bingo resource sheet

#### Theme Introduction:

It says in the Bible that God is love and that God first loved us. We know that this is true and this is also a very important truth that we would like our families to know and understand too.

There are lots of situations and things that can make us feel inadequate. So knowing that God loves us no matter what, is important. We don't have to earn his love we just have to accept it and then show it to others.

#### Theme exploration:

In our story today Leo just wanted to love everyone. That's just like God, He loves everyone!! That is really amazing, isn't it?

I wonder how God shows love to you.

#### Free play suggestion:

##### Link with book:

- The Lion who wanted to love – Bingo sheet.



I wonder what noises these animals (on the bingo sheet) make.

I wonder which animal you would most like to see.

#### Craft ideas:

##### Link with book:

- Remove the inner from a paper plate. To the remaining ring add wool for a mane and ears, add a stick to hold. Each child can become the Lion who loves.



I wonder who you love and how you show it.

I wonder how God shows love to you.

#### Faith in action:

Think about something everyday that shows God's love for you. When you do think of something, say thank you to God.