

Enfolded in Love

'God enfolds me like...' Plaque



You will need:

- ♦ margarine lids doilies
- ♦ sources of pictures e.g. clip art, brochures, catalogues
- ♦ paper or sticky labels
- ♦ felt pens
- ♦ glue
- ♦ sticky tape
- ♦ scissors
- ♦ ribbon or cord for a hanger

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Reading: John 10:11-18

Psalm 23

The Good Shepherd

What does being enfolded in love by God feel like? What does God's love look like? Smell like? Taste like? Sound like?

Images of a shepherd may not resonate with today's children, particularly city-born and bred, technologically-minded children. Can we find new images for God's love for today's children?

Explore God's love through the senses. You might be surprised at the images children come up with. When we did this at Blackwood UC some of the images included:

God is like a warm wheat bag.

God smells like bread fresh out of the bread-maker.

God looks like a red rose.

Encourage the use of adjectives – colour, feel, what sort of... e.g.

God enfolds me like a **thick purple** blanket

What to do:

Finding an image:

- ♦ Talk about how we might feel the love of God, or what the Love of God might be like – what it might look like, feel like, smell like, taste like, even sound like.
- ♦ When children come up with an image they like, write each one on a piece of paper or a sticky label. The wording can vary: God enfolds me like... God's love is like... God feels like...

Make the plaque:

- ♦ Children then look for a picture or several small pictures that match their image.
- ♦ Loop a piece of ribbon or cord for the hanger and glue it to the top of the labelled side of a margarine lid.
- ♦ Glue a doily onto the same side of the lid, covering the glued part of the loop.
- ♦ Glue the picture or pictures that go with the metaphor onto the doily.
- ♦ Glue the sticker or piece of paper with the metaphor on it onto the finished picture.
- ♦ On the back, write:

God enfolds me in Love

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