

Love is...

Love is like a Boomerang

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Love is like a Boomerang. It's no good until you use it or give it away, only then will it come back to you.

If you don't show love but keep it to yourself and be mean and horrible, people will find it hard to love you at times and you will become like a boomerang hidden away at the bottom of a box.

When you show love to someone, they find it easier to love you back. When you give the love you have inside you away, people will find it easier to give their love to you. Just like the boomerang. It will come back to you when you use it.

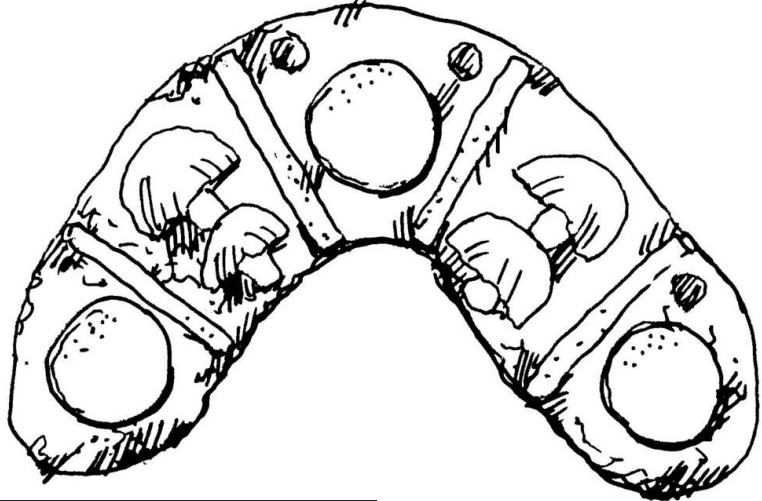
But if you don't use it, nothing happens. It just grows old. So, to make love work, you've got to give it away.

[See **God Gives...Sings for Kids** Book 3: no 11: Love in our hearts]

Can you get hold of a boomerang for the kids to throw?

Date: 26th October, 2008 Reading: Matthew 22: 34-46
The Greatest Commandment

Also use for 16th November, 2008: Extravagant Opportunity: Matthew 25: 14-30: the parable of the talents



Boomerang Pizza

You will need:

- pizza dough (our bread maker has a great recipe)
- tomato paste
- shredded cheese
- a variety of toppings: sliced button mushrooms, capsicum sticks, sausage slices, crushed pineapple, strips of ham...

What to do:

- Divide dough so each child has enough for an individual pizza boomerang.
- Roll pizza dough into a sausage shape, then bend into a V shape. Flatten slightly (about 1.5cm thick?).
- Place on oven tray. Spread tomato paste on dough, then add shredded cheese.
- Arrange toppings to decorate the 'boomerang'.
- Cook in oven 200 degrees for approx 20 minutes or till cooked.

Love must be used...

A number of readings in this part of the Lectionary, talking about the Kingdom, have the theme that if we don't use the opportunities we are given to be part of God's kingdom, we'll lose even that which we do have –

- the invitation will be withdrawn and given to others
- the lease of the vineyard will be given to others who will use it properly

- the talent will be taken away and given to someone who has proved his/her ability to use it
- the bridegroom will leave without you...

This activity provides an opportunity to discuss the idea that love, and indeed whatever God offers us for our participation in the Kingdom, must be used, actively participated in, or it – and we – will be useless. What good is a boomerang hidden away unused at the bottom of a box?

It is interesting to carry the analogy a little further – a boomerang was used to clear the billabong surface of birds so the people could go in and fish and collect other food from the lake. If you don't use your opportunities, God might be like the boomerang, clearing you out to give someone else a go.

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