

Wellesley Park Primary School – Religions Education

Topic: What do Christians believe about love? (Agape)

Year 2: Summer term

Essential Core (Summary of unit)

- I will learn that Jesus taught that people should be loving, kind and forgiving to everyone because this is what God is like - **Agape**
- I will recall the story of the Unmerciful servant Matthew 18:23-34, including (a) Peter's question "how many times should I forgive?" (b) The events of the parable (c) Understand that, just as Christians believe that God forgives them, Jesus wants them to forgive everyone.
- I will Link the story of the unmerciful servant to forgiveness in the Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:5-15. (c) Understand that, just as Christians believe that God forgives them, Jesus wants them to forgive everyone (d) That Christians are reminded of these things every time they pray the Lord's Prayer.
- I will learn that Jesus taught that people should be loving, kind and forgiving to everyone because this is what God is like.
- Stories covered in this unit: The Good Samaritan, Zaccaeus, The Unmerciful Servant, The Selfish Farmer, The Widow's gift, Feeding of the 5000.

What should I already Know?

- The Bible is a special book for Christian.
- Jesus had twelve special friends who went everywhere with him to learn from him and help him in his work. These special friend were called his disciples.
- Jesus said it was that the most important thing was love. Love for God and love for all people. Love for all people - even our worst enemy



Important Facts

- **Agape.** It is not when we love someone because they are our family or friends, this is about being kind to anyone that needs our help. Even people we don't know.
- Jesus used the story of the Good Samaritan to tell people about this.
- Zaccaeus was a tax collector that nobody liked. After Jesus had tea with him, Zaccaeus decided to change his ways – everyone needs friends and to be given a second chance.
- Jesus chose 12 special friends called **Disciples** to learn from him and help him with his work. Jesus wanted them to learn to love others. Christian believe that, just as God gives unconditional forgiveness to them, in the same way they should forgive others
- Christians believe prayer is talking to God and this will help them grow closer to him.
- Jesus gave the disciples an example of a prayer, this is called the **Lord's prayer.**
- The special word that the Bible uses for love that cares for anyone who needs our help is called **Agape.**
- Christians will often give to charity to share Agape love to people they live near.

Vocabulary

WORD	Meaning	Image
Agape	unconditional sacrificial love	
Parables	A story told by Jesus to teach a moral lesson	
Disciples	A disciple lived with their teacher and were taught about living for God.	
Unmerciful	Someone who is mean.	
Lord's prayers.	A prayer taught by Jesus	
Messiah	A leader. Jesus was thought of as a Messiah	