

## Year 1 - Term 2

**Week 3:** God's Love  
**Strand:** Love of Self/ Love of God  
**Age:** Year 1  
**Aim:** To introduce the students to the emotion of Love, the concept of God's Love and how to receive it  
**Resources:** "When I'm feeling loved" by Trace Moroney

**Introduction:** Hello everyone. Today I would like to talk with you about God's Love. Before we can talk about God's Love, let's talk about love in general.

**Conversation:** What is love? (Invite answers)  
Intense feeling of deep affection

**Sharing:** (Invite answers after each question) Have you ever felt love for someone or something? Have you ever felt love from someone? What makes you feel loved?

**Read aloud:** "When I'm feeling loved" by Trace Moroney

**Teaching:** God is our loving parent which means that God made every one of us and loves us very much. But God respects our free will. So whenever we don't want to feel God's Love for us, God doesn't force us to feel it. This means that we will only be able to feel and receive God's Love when we truly want it.

**Sharing:** Who has ever wanted something really badly? (Show of hands) What does it feel like? (Invite answers)

**Teaching:** This is called a longing. It can be a very strong feeling and it comes straight from our heart or soul. When we have a strong feeling of wanting to receive God's Love, we will feel it.

**Sharing:** Have you ever been hurt by someone you love or by someone who says they love you? (Sharing)  
When others hurt us, they are not loving us.

**Teaching:** Sometimes we believe that love hurts or that love cannot be trusted. If we believe things like that about love, we may not want to receive love from anyone, including God. When this happens, we create a wall between ourselves and God's Love which will make it impossible for us to feel God's Love. It's almost like having a force shield completely surrounding us, keeping God's Love out. As soon as we take our force shield away, God's Love will be able to reach us and enter our soul. How can we take this wall away?

**Sharing:** How has God ever hurt you? (Invite answers) Was that really God or a person?

**Conclusion:** People have free will. This is a gift from God that God is not going to take away from us. So the truth is that God has never hurt us, only people have. Our wall keeps us away from the one being who will never hurt us, who will always support and love us. It would be much better to take down the wall and receive God's Love. But you have free will and it is up to you if or when you are going to choose to take down your force shield and allow God's Love into your soul.