

## Year 1 - Term 4

**Week 2:** Relationship with God  
**Strand:** Love of Self/ Love of God/ Love of Others  
**Age:** Year 1  
**Aim:** To educate the students about different types of relationships, the nature of a relationship with God and how to start having one  
**Resources:** Wally the Puppet, Paper, Crayons, Pencils

**Introduction:** Wally: Hey guys. I've missed you. So nice to see you all again.  
Teacher: Hello everyone. Today I would like to talk with you about relationships. Who knows what a relationship is? (Invite answers)  
A relationship is the way two or more people are connected.  
Wally: What do you mean by 'connected'? I am not connected with cables or anything.  
Teacher: No, you are not. It is not a physical connection, like a cable or chain. It is more to do with feelings or the reason why people spend time together.  
Wally: So, how am I connected to you?  
Teacher: Our relationship is called a friendship because we are friends.

**Sharing:** What types of relationships do you have or know about? (Invite answers)  
Parent-Child, Partner, Sibling, Teacher-Student, Grandparent-Grandchild...  
So there are lots of different types of relationships that someone could have.

**Game:** Guess the relationship  
Let's play a game of guessing the relationship. I will say a sentence and you finish it.  
Example: "So if I say I am your teacher, you are my..." What do you say? (Invite answers) Yes, that would make you my student. We start the game standing up. If you get something wrong, you sit down. You keep playing though. When you get something right, you get up again. It doesn't matter if you get them wrong. It's just about giving it a go and having fun and a bit of exercise.  
So if I am your parent, you are my...  
If I am your friend, you are my...  
If I am your grandparent, you are my...  
If You are God's child, God is your...  
If I am your sibling, you are my...  
If you are my uncle, I am your...  
If I am your cousin, you are my...  
If I am your aunt or uncle, you are my... or...  
If I am someone's partner, they are my...  
If God is your parent, you are God's ...  
(If the students enjoy the game, you can go faster and faster and ask questions more

than once. This will give them the opportunity to remember the names of different relationships as well as give them some exercise.)

**Creativity:** Draw a picture about a relationship you have with someone. If you want you can write down what sort of relationship you have with the people in your picture.

**Puppet performance:**

Wally: So a relationship with God will be a Parent-Child relationship?

Teacher: Yes, it is.

Wally: But how can I have a relationship with someone I can't see or touch?

Teacher: That is a very good question, Wally. In that way God is quite different to most people. Well, have you ever been away from your parents?

Wally: Yes. I am away from them right now.

Teacher: So you can't see or touch them right now.

Wally: No, obviously not.

Teacher: But they are still your parents, right?

Wally: Of course.

Teacher: So you still have a relationship even when you can't touch or see them. You still have the same feelings for them.

Wally: Yes, that is true. (Thinks) But I HAVE seen and touched them BEFORE and I have never seen or touched God before.

Teacher: The most important part of every relationship are the feelings you have for the other person. The relationship with God is all about feelings. God feels so much Love for you.

Wally: I don't know if I feel anything for God. (To class): Do you feel anything for God? (Invite answers)

Wally: See, most of us don't know God. So how can we feel something for God?

Teacher: You could start by looking at all the things that God has made. When you look at the beauty or at all the tastes and smells or at the people you love, you might feel grateful to God for creating all these.

Wally (To class): I see. What do you feel grateful for? (Invite answers)

**Writing:** Write down three things that God created that you are grateful for.

**Puppet performance:**

Teacher: You can also start asking for God's Love or for God's Truth to come into your soul.

Wally: Does God have ears?

Teacher: No, no ears. But God can feel you. As soon as you truly want a connection, it will happen straight away.

Wally: That's cool. I'm gonna try that at home.

Teacher: You can try this wherever you are.

Wally: Even when I'm on the toilet?

Teacher (laughs): Yes, even when you are on the toilet and God won't even be

offended about that.

**Conclusion:** There are many different types of relationships. God is our parent and we are all God's children. Ask for God's Love to come into your soul as often as you can. When you really want it, it will happen. The more you do it, the more your faith and trust in God will grow. And so will the relationship between you and God.