

Valentine's Day Assembly

Need: long ball of wool / string (secluded around body / up sleeve so that it pulls out without snagging), short piece of the same wool or string, pair of scissors, flowers, chocolates, heart card (if wanted)

Who knows what special day it is on Friday? Clues (flowers, chocolates, love heart card)

We all know about Valentine's Day, but how much do you really know?

Quiz:

- 1 How many roses are given worldwide for Valentines day (50 million)
- 2 How many Valentines card are given? (180 million)
- 3 How much do we spend in Britain alone on Valentines cards and gifts? (£503 million)
- 4 In what year was the very first valentine sent? (1415)

Funny poems / greetings:

If you haven't written your valentines card yet and you want to include a poem, you might want to use one of these...

My love you take my breath away,
What have you stepped in to smell this way?

I see your face when I am dreaming,
That's why I always wake up screaming

I want to feel your sweet embrace
But don't take that paper bag off your face!

We stood together at midnight
With love, we were all a-quiver
She gave a cough, her leg fell off
And floated down the river

Love is like a piece of string
A long and multi-coloured thing,
And if it leaves you while you're sitting
It can always be recycled as knitting!

Imagine if love really was like a piece of string (show small piece of string)

You might think you could use it up - every time you "spend" some love, that you lose some. (cut a bit off)

People think this way about God's love. They might think that every time they do something wrong, God loves them a little bit less. Or if they ignore him (etc). We think we can screw it up, stamp on it (do with the string) or we think if we pretend it's not there, that it will go away. (hide up sleeve)

But it says in the Bible that God is love (take out the long piece, as though retrieving the short piece), give the end to someone to hold and talk as you slowly walk backwards, revealing the true hidden length of God's love! Smile smugly (if it's gone well) - you're a genius! "God loves us so much that he was prepared to lose his only child for each one of us. He said he'd rather die than live without us. There is nothing that can ever take us away from God's love, or make him stop loving us! Nothing we do, nothing we say, nothing we think. Amazing!"

Prayer:

God, thank you for your amazing love that will never stop! Help me to stop and think about how much you love me, and to love you back.
Amen