

God is the loving parent  
of the human family  
and Jesus was born and  
lived in a human family.

God's love is  
unconditional  
and eternal.

God himself is an eternal  
exchange of love, Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, and he has  
destined us to share in that  
exchange.



## LOVING

### Year 6 Topic 1



### REFLECTION

Father, creator of all,  
you 'ordered the earth' to bring forth  
life and crowned its goodness by  
creating family life.

Teach us the beauty of human love,  
show us the value of family life

and help us to live in peace  
with everyone.

Amen.

### OUR BIG QUESTION

Do we have to earn  
love?

### KEY VOCABULARY

unconditional,  
forgiveness,  
mercy, prodigal,  
parable,  
reconciliation



## SCRIPTURE

**Isaiah 40: 1-5,9-11,28-31** “Your God is coming: strong, powerful, true and dependable. Your God is coming like a shepherd, feeding the flock, gathering the lambs holding them close. “

**Titus 3: 4-8** “Tell them not to speak evil of anyone, but to be peaceful and friendly, and always to show a gentle attitude toward everyone”

**Luke 15: 11-32** The Prodigal son (sometimes called the Forgiving Father)

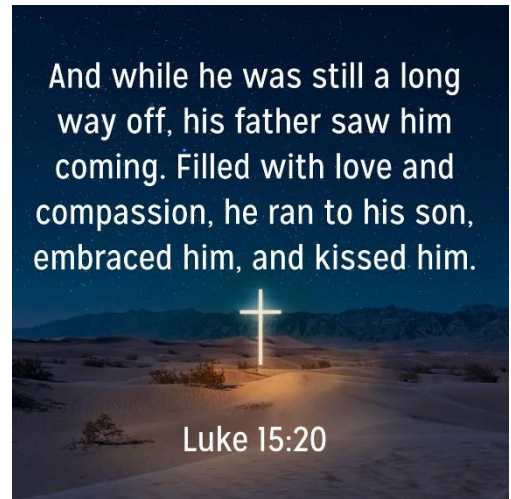
**John 15: 9-14** “My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you.”

**Ephesians 4:26, 31-32** “Even if you feel very angry, don’t break God’s law of love. ... Forgive each other as quickly and generously as God forgives you.”

**Matthew 5: 1-12, 44-48** The Beatitudes

**Psalms 23** “I am sure your love and goodness will be with me every day of my life. “



**Psalms 136** “Give thanks for our strong God for love that is never ending. “



## The Beatitudes:

### (Blessed Are)

the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	~	they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.	~	they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.	~	the pure of heart, for they shall see God.
the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.	~	they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

<p><b><u>Key word and definition</u></b></p>	<p><b>Forgiveness:</b> to let go of grudges, excusing or pardoning another for their wrong doings.</p> <p><b>Mercy:</b> showing kindness, compassion or forgiveness towards someone instead of punishing or bringing harm to.</p>	<p><b>Unconditional love:</b> an affection without conditions or limits. Love you offer freely instead of basing it on what someone does for you or whether they love you.</p>	 <p>The Sacrament of <b>Reconciliation:</b> (penance) When the sinner is heartily sorry and the priest forgives his/her sins.</p>	<p><b>Prodigal:</b> being reckless and extravagant with the money or resources you have been given.</p>
<p><b><u>Links</u></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our Father prayer</li> <li>• Love is something if you give it away hymn</li> <li>• By living in God's way, as Jesus showed us, we can grow in love</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God's love is unconditional – even when times are hard</li> <li>• Love for family members</li> <li>• Matrimony – love between a man and wife</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confession</li> <li>• Sorry prayers – asking for forgiveness</li> <li>• Baptism – forgiveness of sins</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rembrandt's Prodigal Son</li> </ul> 