

## **Christian Union Planning Sheet**

### **Theme / Topic**

You are ... LOVED - Part 1 of the 'You Are ...' 4-part series

### **Bible Passage**

John 3:16 'God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life.' (New Century Version)

### **Time Allocation**

30 minutes

### **Aim**

The children / young people will learn that the Bible says we are all loved by God

### **Introduction**

What do you love?

Think of 5 things that you love - that could be people, places, possessions, anything at all. Now, place them in order - which do you love the most, what is it about those things that you love?

You could have some volunteers to share.

Love is a word that we use frequently, in different contexts and in reference to different areas of our lives.

### **Teaching**

The word 'love' is used throughout the Bible - but when we look at the original Greek, there are a number of different words that have been translated to mean love. One of these is 'agape'; this means unconditional love, the kind of love that God has for us.

Watch the video 'Vitalise Devotional - You are LOVED Pt2of3' together, to hear something of what the Bible says about the love that God has for us.

You can find the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAWxhCnGAq0>

### **Application, Reflection and/or Activity**

Read the 'Father's Love Letter' together. It can be viewed here:  
<https://www.fathersloveletter.com/text.html>

You might like to read through the whole thing, or simply select a few key verses from it. You could have one volunteer read it through, or perhaps ask individuals to take turns in reading a verse at a time.

Ask the young people to consider whether a particular verse stands out for them as they are read out. Encourage them to consider what God might be saying to them through the verse highlighted.

### Memory Verse

God's love for us all is eternal.

'The Lord's love never ends; his mercies never stop. They are new every morning; Lord, your loyalty is great.' - Lamentations 3:22-23; NCV

### Resources

Vitalise Video

Father's Love Letter

Bibles available in case young people would like to look up Bible references