

The Five Purposes of Church: Membership: Brotherly Love

(Acts 2:42-47, 1 John 3:11-14 & 4:9-10, 20-21)

Big Idea: Because God loves us, we love others, especially our church family.

Family Discussion.

- Read Acts 2: 42-47 - This is a short description of the first church. What did they do together? (learnt from Jesus' the Apostles, shared everything, met together every day, prayed and sang)
- Did the christians love each other? How do you know? (yes, they made sure no one missed out, anyone who was in need was helped, they spent time together, etc.)
- Read 1 John 3:16a, 4:9-10. How do we know God loves us? (he sent Jesus to die for us)
- God loves us. He loved us before we loved him. And he wants us to love others. Read 1 John 4:11. Who are we told to love in particular? (each other, our church family in particular)
- 1 John 3:18 tells us to put love into action. What does this mean? Read 1 John 3:17, 4:20-21. (when we see someone is in need we are to help them, we are to love each other not hate)

Conclusion:

- The book of 1 John tells us that we are to be like our Father in heaven.
- God loves us so we are to love each other, especially our church family.
- God wants us not just to say that we love each other but to show that we love each other.

Application:

- How can you put love into practice?

Craft

- Make a card or write a letter or draw a picture for someone from our kids church. You could share a bible verse, or share something that you've learnt about Jesus recently. Ask mum and dad to help you post it or take a photo and message it. Or send/msg to Keira who can pass it on for you. Let's encourage each other, share Jesus with each other and show love and care for each other :)