

## Corners of God's Love

### You will need

A large sheet of paper with 'GOD'S LOVE' written in large letters on it, and a pair of scissors.

### What to do

Show everyone the paper with GOD'S LOVE written on it. Explain that God's love is something we can all have, and we can also all give away. Point out that in this case God's love has "4 corners" Ask, If I were to give you one of my corners of God's Love how many would I have left? Some will surely answer 3. Then show them. Take the scissors and cut off one of the corners and give it to someone. Count the corners now. "I gave one away, and now I've got FIVE!" Continue in this way, cutting off each of the four initial corners. Explain that you end up with MORE corners of God's Love every time you give one away. Then ask who received one of the corners I gave away. "Are you sure I gave you one?" It became three when you cut it... so it keeps multiplying. In the same way, the more of God's Love you give away, the bigger it gets..." PS: - keep on going and you get a circle - God's love encircling us! .

## The Shaving Cream Experience

### You Will Need

A can of shaving cream  
A glass about the same size as the can of shaving cream  
A plate to put under the glass  
A table to put everything on

### What to do

Talk about how great this new shaving cream is that you found. To show how creamy & fluffy it is, you decide to empty the can in front of everyone (you can't learn about cream that you can't see). To prevent mess, you will put the contents of the can into the glass. This plan should work fine, because the glass is the same size as the can and so should hold it all. So as you talk about how great the shaving cream is, you will proceed to empty the can into the glass, catching all of the contents. Put the glass on the plate & begin filling it up. Since the glass is the proper size, you don't need to keep an eye on it. As you fill the glass, don't look down. Let the shaving cream fill & overflow the glass. When you finish emptying the can, look down & react



with surprise. The cream just kept coming. All of that cream from a small container. Why, that reminds you of the other thing you wanted to talk about: love.

Sum up by saying that love is like shaving cream. If it stays inside of us, it can't do its job. It needs to be set free. When we let love flow outward to others, it will grow & expand. And God makes sure that our supply of love never runs out.

## **God Is Love**

### **You Will Need**

Plastic bottle of honey

Large Googly eyes

### **What to do**

Hold up the bottle of honey in your hand ask everyone what it is, and what comes out of it. Tell everyone this is Harry Honey and ask what everyone thinks he tastes like?

Have a taste to confirm whether he is indeed sweet this morning. Do you think he is always this sweet?

What if I treat him really badly? Do you think he would be a bit less sweet towards me?

Proceed to do a few things to 'hurt' Harry Honey. Throw the bottle of honey on the ground, stamp on him, say a few unkind things to him, tell a joke at his expense, throw him in a bin etc. Finally rescue Harry Honey and say that you bet he isn't as sweet now.

Have a taste and ask everyone if they think the taste has changed.

Then say that today you have kicked, stamped on, shouted at, been hurtful to, and threw Harry Honey in the bin. But despite all that, what still comes out of him?" The answer if you haven't guessed is honey. Harry hasn't changed because what is inside always comes out. Harry will always be sweet because he is filled with lovely, sweet, amber honey. God is the same. We can call Him names, break His rules, and even turn our back on Him, but He loves us anyway. His love for us is unconditional. There is nothing we can do to make God love us less. He has always loved us because God is love. He may not love the choices we make, but He still loves us. So, just like Harry Honey, even though I've hurt him, honey still comes out. The same is true with God, even though we hurt Him, love still comes out."