

PARENTS

Things you could do at home:

- Talk to your child about people who care for them in their family.
- Look at photographs of your child taken over the years and note the changes in their growth and development.
- Reflect on the developmental milestones in your child's life such as first steps, first words or when your child started school.
- Discuss different times in your family's history sharing both happy memories and those of sadder times. Talk about how our feelings differ in happy and sadder times.
- If your child is baptised share pictures and memories of the day.

Generous God,

Bless and care those who take care of us.

Bless our friends and help us to be better friends.

Forgive us for the times we have not been a true friend.

Thank you for our friends and bless our time together.

Amen.

YEAR 1

Children will know and understand that they are growing and developing as members of their own family and God's family.

Skills: listening / observing / relating / speaking / respecting / reflecting / praying / understanding

Physical: Children will discuss who is in their own family; mother, father, brothers, sisters, grandparent etc. They will talk about the babies in their families and think about how babies grow and change.

Social: Children will research their own key milestones as they grew from babies and think of ways they can help with younger siblings at home.

Emotional: Children will reflect on special times in their family, for example birthdays, christenings, weddings. They will contrast these with sadder times such as losing a pet or an older sibling leaving home.

Intellectual: Children will recognise the importance of growing up within a family and wonder how life might be without a family.

Spiritual: Children will discuss how we are also born into God's family and know that we are all God's children.



Introduction: This resource has as its foundational premise the belief that we are made in the image and likeness of God and, as a consequence, gender and sexuality are God's gift, reflect God's beauty and share in the divine creativity.

In order that children may grow and develop healthily and holistically towards an understanding of their gender and its implications for successful relationships, they must be at ease with themselves and grow in self knowledge.

Children are encouraged to marvel at the wonder and beauty of God's creative love. The programme focuses on physical, social, emotional, intellectual and spiritual development.



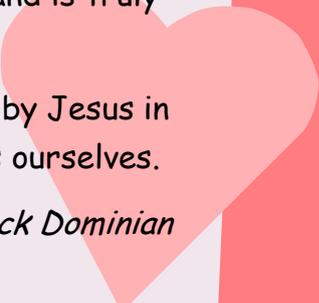
Foreword: At the heart of the Christian faith is love, St John says that God is love (1 John 4:8) and the whole purpose of Christianity is to live it as fully as possible in and through love. This means we have to link every aspect of our being, from birth to death, with love.

The alliance of the fullness of ourselves with love links us with God the Father, through Jesus Christ his Son, and through the Spirit. Jesus accepted himself totally in the incarnation and made himself fully available to the world and to each and every one of us, especially on the Cross, the pinnacle of his love.

Parents and teachers are privileged to assist children every moment of their lives to further this link of love with their humanity and thus with God. The programme outlined in a Journey in Love is a brilliant reconciliation between the human and divine aspects of love and is truly fully Christian in its vision.

The vision is none other than the Kingdom of God, summed up by Jesus in the double commandments of loving God and our neighbour as ourselves.

Dr Jack Dominian





♥ *A Journey in
Love*

*Year 1: We meet God's love in
our family*

Parent Information

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