

God Loves Me

**Bible Base: 1 John 4:10**

**Equipment:** Pots of children's Bubbles (for blowing), printed copies of the Bible verse, pencil crayons

**Opening Prayer:** Dear God, Thank you for letting us get here safely tonight. Please help us understand more of how much you love us, through what we hear now and the exciting evening you have planned for us (or the exciting evening we have had). Amen

**Song:** Woopah Wayhey

**Read 1 John 4:10** – You may choose to use this version of the verse and give it to each of the children to colour as they listen to you.

1 John 4:10 from the Contemporary English version of the Bible

Real love isn't our love for God, but his love for us. God sent his Son to be the sacrifice by which our sins are forgiven.

**Thoughts:** How do you know that someone loves you? (Be careful if you have looked after children in your company as this may bring challenging feelings)

**Illustration:** Either talk about something precious to you that you have given to someone else because they needed it or use the example of giving your last sweet away to one of your group.

**Activity:** Blow bubbles and try and keep the "alive" for as long as possible. Talk about how pretty they are but how quickly they pop and they are gone and forgotten. God made us and we are pretty but unlike the bubbles that pop and are gone God thinks we are very important and will give his most special thing to keep us close to him.

**Prayer:**

T – God we thank you that you love us so much you gave your most precious thing so that we could be with you forever.

S – We are sorry that we do things that you don't like.

P – Please help us to think more about you and be happy that you love us.

Amen