



Assembly... Plus!

This pack is aimed at encouraging Year Six students to consider assembly themes in more depth. You can of course adapt the ideas below for any year group. We hope they will get your class thinking and talking about the topic. All of our resources are available to download at: www.splashschools.org.uk/resources

Lesson objective: to identify ways to show love to others.

Introduction:	<p>In the beginning of the assembly, we saw two farmers talking about sowing and reaping (you can watch the sketch again at 00:45-02:43). This ended with the phrase “You reap what you sow”. Have you ever heard that phrase before? Often we hear this in a negative context – discuss ideas or examples that children can think of.</p>	
Main:	<p>There have been many stories written with the moral “you reap what you sow”, usually with a negative impact. A good example is the Aesop’s Fable “The Frog and the Mouse (see resource sheet) but you could find others. Share this story with the class together, or in pairs as a shared read, and discuss how the moral is demonstrated. In our assembly, we turned the moral into a positive. Challenge the class to write a fable which illustrates the phrase “you reap what you sow” in a positive light to encourage people to do good things for others.</p> <p>How do we “sow the seeds of love”? We took some objects from the sack that illustrated the five love languages (we chose four to talk about). The five love languages are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acts of service • receiving gifts • quality time • words of affirmation • physical touch <p>And you can read a little about each one at: 5lovelanguages.com/learn</p> <p>If you have IT access, your class could take the quiz to see which love language is their strongest: 5lovelanguages.com/quizzes/love-language</p> <p>Different people with different personalities experience love in different ways. The way that is strongest for you won’t be the same for everyone else. Discuss together and think of lots of different ways to show love to others. Children could work in groups on one love language and feedback, or work in pairs, finding ideas for all five.</p>	<p>In this assembly, we showed three examples of times when Jesus “sowed the seeds of love”. Recap these as a class (you can watch them again at 05:33, perhaps while looking up the Bible references). Share the text that we wrote to go with these dramas (see resource sheet). Ask the children if they can think of any other ways that Jesus sowed seeds of love, e.g. healing people, calming the storm, praying for his friends. They could write a version of this example, using the same style we used in the assembly.</p> <p>One of the times that Jesus taught people how to love others was in the Sermon on the Mount. This is a great chance to look at this part of the Bible and reflect on how Jesus asks us to show love to others. You could approach this in any way, but one suggestion is to look at Matthew 5:38-48 (see resource sheet) and read it together. Discuss the children’s ideas about the things Jesus is saying. How do they feel about “turning the other cheek”?</p> <p>Children could think of ways to show love that illustrate the points Jesus is making, e.g. when someone does a foul in a game of football at lunchtime, how can you respond to show love?</p>
Plenary:	<p>Take a look at the image “You reap what you sow” (see resource sheet) and read it together as a class. Reflect together: Which line strikes you the most? What do you want to sow this week? How can you make that happen?</p>	

Aesop's Fables: The Frog and the Mouse

The Frog & the Mouse

A young Mouse in search of adventure was running along the bank of a pond where lived a Frog. When the Frog saw the Mouse, he swam to the bank and croaked:

"Won't you pay me a visit? I can promise you a good time if you do."

The Mouse did not need much coaxing, for he was very anxious to see the world and everything in it. But though he could swim a little, he did not dare risk going into the pond without some help.

The Frog had a plan. He tied the Mouse's leg to his own with a tough reed. Then into the pond he jumped, dragging his foolish companion with him. The Mouse soon had enough of it and wanted to return to shore; but the treacherous Frog had other plans. He pulled the Mouse down under the water and drowned him. But before he could untie the reed that bound him to the dead Mouse, a Hawk came sailing over the pond. Seeing the body of the Mouse floating on the water, the Hawk swooped down, seized the Mouse and carried it off, with the Frog dangling from its leg. Thus at one swoop he had caught both meat and fish for his dinner.



Those who seek to harm others often come to harm themselves through their own deceit.

The moral of this story is also known as: **you reap what you sow.**

Stories of Jesus “sowing seeds of love”

1. Zacchaeus



Do you remember the story of Zacchaeus?

Zacchaeus was a tax collector, but he always took a little extra money for himself. This made other people cross, and they didn't like him.

One day, Jesus came to visit the town where Zacchaeus lived, and everyone came out to the streets to see him. Zacchaeus was so small; he couldn't see Jesus over the crowd, and he climbed a tree to get a better view.

Do you remember what Jesus did to show love?

He came to the tree and asked Zacchaeus to come down, then he went to tea at his house! Zacchaeus couldn't believe that Jesus wanted to spend time with him when no one else did.

Jesus **sowed a seed of love** in Zacchaeus's heart, and it started to grow. He gave back all the extra money he had taken from people and became a very different person.

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2. The feeding of the 5000



Do you remember the story of the little boy's lunch?

Jesus had spent all day with a huge crowd of people, healing those who were sick and teaching them about God's love.

As evening approached, the disciples told Jesus to send everyone home to have their dinner.

Jesus shook his head and smiled. He said, "You can feed them".

The disciples showed Jesus that all they had was a little boy's lunch, with some bread and fish inside.

Do you remember what Jesus did to show love?

He told the people to sit down on the grass. Then he thanked God for the food. He gave it to the disciples, and the disciples gave it out to the people. All 5000 of the people had enough food, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over!

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3. The feeding of the 5000



Do you remember the story of Jesus washing his friends' feet?

Jesus had been very busy walking with his friends, the disciples, telling people about God. They were all tired and dusty from all the walking. That evening he had planned a special meal with his friends.

When they arrived at the place to eat, they saw there was a foot washing bowl - but washing feet was normally the job of a servant...and they were too poor and ordinary to have servants. So Jesus' friends walked past the bowl and sat down at the table with their dirty feet.

Do you remember what Jesus did to show love?

Jesus saw the need of his friends, who were tired and dusty, and started to wash their feet. This really surprised his friends, as he wasn't their paid servant.

But through this surprising action, Jesus **sowed a seed of love** in his friends, showing how they should love, help and care for people. And they went on to tell lots and lots of other people about God's love and how people can show that to one-another.

From the book of Matthew in the Bible
Matthew 5, verses 38-48 (International Children's Bible)



Don't Fight Back

³⁸ “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.’ ³⁹ But I tell you, don’t stand up against an evil person. If someone slaps you on the right cheek, then turn and let him slap the other cheek too. ⁴⁰ If someone wants to sue you in court and take your shirt, then let him have your coat too. ⁴¹ If a soldier forces you to go with him one mile, then go with him two miles. ⁴² If a person asks you for something, then give it to him. Don’t refuse to give to a person who wants to borrow from you.

Love All People

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbour and hate your enemies.’ ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you. ⁴⁵ If you do this, then you will be true sons of your Father in heaven. Your Father causes the sun to rise on good people and on bad people. Your Father sends rain to those who do good and to those who do wrong. ⁴⁶ If you love only the people who love you, then you will get no reward. Even the tax collectors do that. ⁴⁷ And if you are nice only to your friends, then you are no better than other people. Even people without God are nice to their friends. ⁴⁸ So you must be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

You Reap What You Sow

If you plant dishonesty, you will reap distrust.
If you plant selfishness, you will reap loneliness.
If you plant pride, you will reap destruction.
If you plant envy, you will reap trouble.
If you plant laziness, you will reap stagnation.
If you plant bitterness, you will reap isolation.
If you plant greed, you will reap loss.
If you plant gossip, you will reap enemies.
If you plant worries, you will reap wrinkles.
If you plant sin, you will reap guilt.

But:

If you plant honesty, you will reap trust.
If you plant goodness, you will reap friends.
If you plant humility, you will reap greatness.
If you plant perseverance, you will reap victory.
If you plant consideration, you will reap harmony.
If you plant hard work, you will reap success.
If you plant forgiveness, you will reap reconciliation.
If you plant openness, you will reap intimacy.
If you plant patience, you will reap improvements.
If you plant faith, you will reap miracles.