PRAYER ACTIVITY

Love Your Neighbour

Equipment

Heart-shaped pieces of paper, OR heart-shaped Post-it notes (of different colours), a wall or a table to stick the heart-shapes onto, pens.

Set up

In the Bible, when Jesus is asked which Commandment is the most important, he mentions two; first love God, and then love your neighbour as yourself. Jesus encourages all human beings to love one another as 'neighbours', in particular those who are different in some way, those who are 'other'.

This activity asks pupils to reflect on the questions, 'Who is my neighbour?' and 'How can I love my neighbour?' It encourages pupils to think about the people in their school, the people in the streets and the towns where they live, especially those who are different in some way, and if they want to, to pray for them.

Instructions

Who is my neighbour?

In the Bible, Jesus says that *everyone* is my neighbour, not just the people who live near me, and not just my friends. People I don't know, even people I don't like, are my neighbours too. And Jesus says that we should all love our neighbours like we love ourselves.

Think of someone... in your class, or your street, or your town. If you want to, write or draw a kind thought or prayer for them onto a heart, and stick it with the others.