

■ Spiritual

Learning intention To celebrate ways that God loves and cares for

Introduction and content

God loves and cares for us in a variety of ways:

He gave us life, parents, brother(s), sister(s), family, friends, school, teachers, priest(s), and a beautiful world.

In the story of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15:4-6) we hear how great is God's love and for us: Suppose one of you had a hundred sheep and loses one of them, what do he do? He leaves the other ninety-nine sheep in the pasture and goes looking for one that got lost until he finds it. When he finds it, he is so happy that he puts it on his shoulders and carries it back home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says to them, "I am so happy, I found my lost sheep. Let us celebra

*"Great love can change small things into great ones,
and it is only love which lends value to our actions."*

St. Faustina Kowalska

1 Questions to consider

- 1) What ways have we grown in love and security in our families?
- 2) How have we shown love to our families this year?
- 3) How do we know that we are loved and cared for by God?
- 4) In the story of the Lost Sheep how does God show he loves and cares for each and all of us, in our families and school community?
- 5) How shall we thank God for his unconditional love?

2 Possible activities

- 1) Create a set of family rules to show how we can live in peace and harmony (Include the words please, thank you and sorry).
- 2) Compose a 'Litany of Thanksgiving' to God' for his constant love, care, protection and keeping us safe.