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God loves us in our differences

AIM To make links and connections to show that we are all different.
To celebrate these differences as we appreciate that God's love accepts us as we are now and as we change.

KEY WORDS God, gifts, talents, difference, development, change, stereotype, acceptance, cultural, biological, respect, courtesy, manners, sensitivity, religious, belief, bullying, polite, uniqueness, innate, beauty, dignity.

SKILLS respecting, encouraging, recognising, appreciating, celebrating, relating.

■ Social and Emotional

Learning intention To describe how we all should be accepted and respected.

Introduction and content

In the Book of Ecclesiasticus (3:2-6, 12-14) a number of qualities are listed on how we should relate with our parents: honour, respect, uphold their rights, support, show sympathy, kindness, do not grieve or despise.

St Paul in his Letter to the Colossians (3:12-21) provides another list:

'You should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another: forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. Over all these things put on love.'

Advice from St Teresa of Kolkata:

"Give of your hands to serve and your hearts to love."