



# Journeys in the Spirit

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**A simple plan for an all-age Meeting for Worship about love.**

**Preparation and Resources:** *On a piece of coloured cloth and on tables around the meeting room lay out enough copies of the 'heart booklet' pages on Additional Resource 78.C for everyone to make a book of several pages; a selection of good quality colouring, drawing and writing materials. Also lay out a wide selection of embroidery threads of different colours. Also put out some scissors (in a safe place). Make sure there are some copies of the guidance for making bracelets on Additional Resource 78.D and on page 3 of the main pages of Issue 78 of Journeys in the Spirit children's work edition.*

## **On the day:**

Be ready and waiting as people arrive and gather in silence and stillness, have time for everyone to settle. Then say that today in worship all together we are going to think and do things about what love means.

Remind everybody that people of any age can minister in meeting through joining in with the activities that are going to be available, although ministry can also be in the form of words.

Ask the question, 'When you hear the word 'love' what do you think of or feel?'

Ask that people keep their thoughts to themselves at the moment.

Go on to ask the questions: Who do you love? Who loves you? What do you love?

Again, ask that people keep their thoughts to themselves. Leave several minutes for the reflection and thinking.

After a few minutes for thinking and reflection say that people can, if they want to, make their own books about love using what they have thought about as a basis for what they might write or draw or both. Alternatively, or after books have been made, people can make friendship or love bracelets. (See instructions for these activities on page 3 of issue 78 of *Journeys in the Spirit* and on Resource sheets 78.C and 78.D of the same issue.)

Both of these activities can take 10 to 15 minutes – make sure there is plenty of time for completing the activities and doing the second one if people so wish.

Gather the meeting together for a period of stillness in which spoken ministry might arise.

End with the shaking of hands.