



Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" by Carol McCloud

Theme: Love one another

Theme exploration:

The Bible tells us that everyone has a part to play in God's world – working together to make a caring community. This heart-warming story colourfully demonstrates that loving and caring for others also makes us feel happy and loved.

Jesus said that loving God and our neighbour are the most important commands we have (Mark 12:30-31) "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Biblical Reference:

1 Corinthians 12:27

'Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.'

Next month's book is:

'Six Dinner Sid' by Inga Moore

Things you could try and do as a family:

- Enjoy this book together – filling each person's invisible bucket as you spend time together.
- Choose an idea from the story to make someone feel special, and do it.
- Share ideas of how you can fill other people's buckets, then do them.
- To help little ones understand this concept help them to fill a real bucket with treasures.

Inspiration ...

If you do not have this book, you could borrow it from the library or watch a re-telling of the story on YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/JEg38zCOMgk>

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We believe in the power of prayer

A prayer for you to pray:

Loving God, help my child/ren to learn how to be kind and caring to others as they grow. Amen.

A prayer we commit to pray for you as parents:

Loving Father. Thank You for these parents. Help them to know Your presence in their lives and to share that love and care with their families and those they meet. Amen.