Warm Up

On a piece of paper (or just call out) write down as many names of God or characteristics of God as a you can. Which is the most important in your opinion? Have a discussion.

Background and context

The Love is cartoon series presents love as a many faceted thing, which is true. All of them are cute and sweet. God is also many faceted in his character and it is impossible to describe him fully. The Bible, through the narratives and poetry explain many of God's qualities. In our study we will look at three.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.

Read Judges 6.

1.   What qualities or characteristics of God can you see here?

2.   Do Gideon's anxieties and questions resonate with your experiences of God?

3.   Share a testimony of a time when God has been patient with you.

Read Daniel 3

4.   Are there similarities to the world then and now? Against what do we need to take a stand?

5.   What qualities of God do we see here? Is God able to do the same now?

6.   If you are able, describe a time when God was able to be with you in a time of testing?

Read Matthew 14:22-36

7.   What made Peter step out of the boat? Is this something you have done or would do?

     (metaphorically speaking)

8.   Why did he sink? Have there been times when you have sunk? Did Jesus rescue you?

9.   In what ways can we all be a bit like Peter?

Summing up

10.   How can we experience the fullness of God's love? What has courage got to do with it?

Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

     We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.