



Love

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Love is gorgeous book with unbelievable imagery that celebrates all the ways love shows up and is shared in our lives.

READ

Before: Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *what do you think this story is about?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an “I wonder” statement based on the cover illustration.

I wonder what they are looking at in the distance?

During: Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end. Point out “rare words” (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in every day conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

Rare Words

- wide-eyed - having your eyes wide open especially because of surprise or fear
- toddle - to walk with short, unsteady steps
- echo - to fill a space, area with sounds
- blares - a loud and usually unpleasant sound
- flame out - to fail or end in a very sudden way
- overlooked - to fail to see or notice
- beacons - a strong light that can be seen from far away

After: Discuss the story. Ask questions...

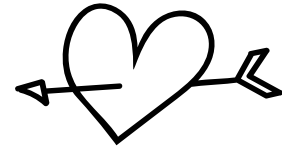
- Who do you think the two wide-eyed figures standing at the end of the bed are?
- What does love sound like?
- What does love smell like?
- What do stars shine with even after they’ve flamed out?
- What other things flame out?
- What is love overlooked? How do you recognize it?
- When we grow up and leave home what goes with us?
- Who do you love and who loves you? How does love make you feel?



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Valentine's Day Word Search



See how many of the words you can find!

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