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OVERVIEW

Love is not for storing up in you but for giving away and by giving away more love grows in you.

TIME FRAME

3 – 5 minutes

OVERALL TAKEAWAY

The sweet pea is beautiful in that the more you cut the flowers the more flowers grow in their place. This illustration applied to love leads us to considering love as something we enjoy giving away not bottling up. Give away love and more love will grow in you.

BIBLE REFERENCES

- John 13:34 – 35
- Hebrews 10:24
- Romans 12:10

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TALK

Set the Screen

Anyone want to come and see what's in this bag?!
Go on reach in and take one out.

What is it? Anyone know what flower this is?
A sweet pea.

Can you smell it?
What a wonderful smell.
Special for today can you take one of these sweet peas and give it to someone
Come on let's give more away

Hi Katy (anyone who has received a Sweet Pea)
What does it feel like to receive the Sweet Pea?

(You may like to ask a non-random person in the church (a plant!) who says something along the lines it's beautiful to receive the Sweet Pea and I'd love to give out some myself)

Go Deeper – applying what we've learnt

Now the wonderful thing about sweet peas is the more you give away the flowers the more flowers grow where you have cut off the flower.
Give it away and more grows in its place.

If we think of the flower as love; We have love growing in us.

Let us give away our love to those around us just as we have done today with the sweet pea flower.

We give our love away to you and you and you (said looking into the eyes of the children, the adults in the church)

Go on children and adults look around and give love to all around. Feel the love.
And most important remember that as you give your love away more love will grow in you.

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So, you can give even more love to all you know.

Don't bottle up love in you, don't store love up in you, let love out to all around you. Give away love. Let's always have the Middle East Shepherding picture in our minds as we follow the Good Shepherd.

BIBLE REFERENCES

John 11: 25-26

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; **26** and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

John 3: 16

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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