



## Love in Action Cards

### Leader's guide

#### Aim of the session:

To help children reflect on love, teamwork, and service, and take practical action to support others, inspired by Pope Francis, Pope Leo XIV, and Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati.

**Time:** 25–30 minutes

#### What you will need:

- Card or blank cards
- Coloured pencils, felt-tip pens, crayons
- Stickers or decorative items (optional)
- Envelopes (optional)

#### Story Reflection (2–3 mins):

- Share the story of how the SVP and Youth SVP helped people affected by the storm. Highlight teamwork, generosity, and reaching out to help those in need.

#### Discussion (3–4 mins):

Ask:

- How did the SVP and community show love in action?
- Why is teamwork important when helping others?
- How can we live out our faith through love in action in our own community?

#### Craft Activity (10–12 mins):

- Children create Love in Action Cards with messages of hope, encouragement, or kindness.
- Encourage them to decorate the cards with drawings, stickers, or uplifting words.
- Link the activity to Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati: just as he showed love for the poor, the children's cards are a way of reaching out to help others.

#### Practical Call to Action (5 mins):

- Collect the cards and agree on how to share them. Examples:
  - Give them to a local SVP conference to include with care packages.
  - Deliver them to a local shelter, food bank, or care home.
  - Use them to brighten a "kindness corner" in school or parish.
- Encourage children to think of one small way they could help someone this week—donating items, helping a neighbour, or simply offering support.

#### Reflection and Closing Prayer (3 mins):

Ask each child to share one action they will try this week to live out their faith through love in action, linking the card-making to real-life service. Finish with a prayer: *Heavenly Father, Thank You for the people who helped others during the storms, giving their time, kindness, and support. Help us, like the SVP and Youth SVP, to work together and share what we can with those in need. May we follow Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati's example and live out our faith through love in action every day. Amen.*

If you or someone you know needs help from the SVP, go to [Info@svp.org.uk](mailto:Info@svp.org.uk)



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When UK storms forced many people from their homes, local SVP groups did everything possible to help those affected. Along with another community organisation, the SVP Conference (group) in Camberley, Surrey, put out a call for donations. They poured in from all directions, according to the Conference president, John. 'We were given at least 10 trolleys from local supermarkets as well as hundreds of bags from local shops and cafes.' The Youth SVP members joined the older members to deliver carloads of supplies to people in need. Donors helped pay for petrol for the vans. Working as a team with other charities often helps to get things done quickly and efficiently in times of crisis.