

# St Valentine's Day

## 1. As pupils enter

Have the webpage open. Play your chosen music and display a focus image.

## 2. Introduction

Begin with questions on the theme of love, before moving on to St Valentine:

- **What does the word 'love' mean to you and who do you love?**
- **Who loves you?**
- **If you had to choose one idea to finish the statement 'Love is...' what would it be?**
- **What happens on St Valentine's Day?**
- **Do you think Valentine was a real person?**
- **Who do you think Valentine may have been?**

Explain that now everyone is going to watch a short animation about who the 'real' St Valentine was.

## 3. Play the video

The duration is 3' 54". Final words: '...like St Valentine did, all those years ago.'

## 4. After the video - Time to talk

You could ask some or all of the Video questions to consolidate pupils' recall and understanding of the film:

- **St Valentine is Patron Saint of Love...what is a 'patron saint'?** (A saint with a special connection to either a particular place or a particular community of people)
- **Where and when did St Valentine live?** (In Rome in the 3rd Century)
- **Why did the Roman Emperor ban soldiers from getting married?** (He thought marriage was a distraction from making war)
- **Why did the jailer not like Valentine?** (Because he believed in Roman gods and Valentine was a Christian)
- **How was Valentine able to use his Christian faith?** (He was able to heal the eyesight of the jailer's daughter, Julia)
- **What did Valentine do on 14 February?** (He wrote a farewell letter to Julia)
- **What does doing something anonymously mean?** (Doing something without being identified)

## 5. Opportunity to sing

If your assembly is to include a song this would be a good time to sing.

## Video page



## 6. Opportunity to reflect

Now it's time to be quiet and think about some of the things we've heard about today...

We've been thinking about St Valentine's Day and the word 'love'... We've seen that a Valentine's Day card can be a fun way to tell someone else that you care for them...even if you don't actually say who you are...

Love is a powerful thing...it can make a very special bond between people...friends...families...  
...communities...

Think for a moment about the people who are most important to you...friends...family...class-mates... teachers...

Think of ways that you can show that you care for them...

## 7. Opportunity for prayer

Dear God

Thank you for all the people that are important to us.

Help us to show them what they mean to us.

And help everyone to feel cared for.  
Amen.