



## Belonging and believing

Everyone wants to belong and four to eight year olds are no different. Belonging is important because it shows them they're loved, cared for and accepted. It shows them they matter!

Unfortunately in today's broken Britain many children don't believe they matter. But, through our words and actions as parents/carers/friends, we can demonstrate Jesus' unconditional love; a love that enables the brokenness of lives to be fixed back together again.

## Where we belong

Get your child to draw a picture, or make a collage, showing what 'teams' they're part of – such as family, friends, GB, school etc.

This is a great way of showing them where they 'belong' and matter to people.



## Odd one out

Gather together groups of items, or pictures of them, such as:

- Getting dressed – shoes/t-shirt/socks
- Drawing – pencil/pen/crayon
- Eating – orange/slice of bread/packet of crisps.

Put a couple of items from each category on the table along with one item from another category. Ask your child what item doesn't belong with the others and why.

## Connect

Ask your child to think about their future ambitions and dreams e.g. where they'd like to belong. What groups would they like to join? What places would they like to visit? Where would they like to live? What would they like to do?