

## Thoughts and Smiles – May 12, 2025

A group of professional people posed the question, 'What does love mean?' to a group of 4—to 8-year-olds. The answers they got were broader, deeper, and more profound than anyone could have ever imagined!

'When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore... So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.' Rebecca - age 8

'When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.' Billy - age 4

'Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other.' Karl - age 5

'Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs.' Chrissy - age 6

'Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.' Terri - age 4

'Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.' Danny - age 8

'Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and just listen.' Bobby - age 7 (Wow!)

'If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.' Nikka - age 6  
(we need a few million more Nikka's on this planet)



'Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day.' Noelle - age 7

'Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.' Tommy - age 6

'During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore.' Cindy - age 8

'My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.' Clare - age 6

'Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken.' Elaine - age 5



'Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford.' Chris - age 7

'Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.' Mary Ann - age 4

'I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.'

Lauren - age 4

'When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.' (what an image!) Karen - age 7

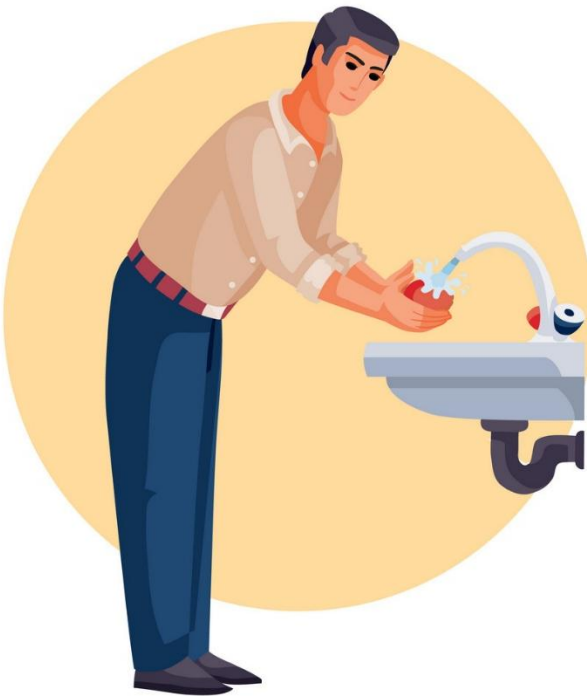
'Love is when Mommy sees Daddy on the toilet and she doesn't think it's gross...' Mark - age 6

'You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.' Jessica - age 8

And the final one: The winner was a four-year-old child whose next door neighbour was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother asked what he had said to the neighbour, the little boy said, 'Nothing, I just helped him cry.'



A young man went to seek an important position at a large Landscaping company. He passed the initial interview and was going to meet the director for the final interview. The director saw his resume, it was excellent. And asked, 'Have you received a scholarship for school?' The boy replied, "No". 'It was your father who paid for your studies?' 'Yes.' He replied. 'Where does your father work?' 'My father is a Farmer' and landscapes for fun. The Director asked the young man to show him his hands. The young man showed a pair of hands soft and perfect. 'Have you ever helped your parents at their job?' 'Never, my parents always wanted me to study and read more books. Besides, he can do the job better than me. The director said: 'I have got a request: When you go home today, wash your father's hands and then come see me tomorrow morning.'



The young man felt his chance to get the job was high. When he returned to his house he asked his father if he would allow him to wash his hands. His father felt strange, happy, but with mixed feelings and showed his hands to his son. The young man washed his hands, little by little. It was the first time that he noticed his father's hands were wrinkled and they had so many scars. Some bruises were so painful that his skin shuddered when he touched them. This was the first time that the young man recognized what it meant for this pair of hands to work every day to be able to pay for his studies. The bruises on the hands were the price that his father paid for his education, his school activities and his

future.

After cleaning his father's hands the young man stood in silence and began to tidy and clean up the workshop. That night, father and son talked for a long time.

The next morning, the young man went to the office of the director.

The Director noticed the tears in the eyes of the young man when He asked him,

'Can you tell me what you did and what you learned yesterday at your house?'

The boy replied: 'I washed my father's hands and when I finished I stayed and cleaned his workshop.'

'Now I know what it is to appreciate and recognize that without my parents, I would not be who I am today. By helping my father I now realize how difficult and hard it is to do something on my own. I have come to appreciate the importance and the value in helping my family.

The director said, "This is what I look for in my people. I want to hire someone who can appreciate the help of others, a person who knows the hardship others go through to accomplish things, and a person who realizes that money is not his only goal in life". 'You are hired'.



During one tense bullfight, matador **Álvaro Múnera** did the unthinkable. As the crowd roared for the next dramatic move, he suddenly stepped away from the bull, walked to the edge of the arena, and sat down. Silence fell over the spectators.



Later, Múnera revealed the moment that transformed him forever:

"In that instant, I forgot the danger of the horns. All I could see were his eyes—not filled with rage, but with innocence. He wasn't attacking; he was pleading for his life. I realized this was not a fight, but an act of cruelty. I dropped my sword, left the arena, and vowed never to fight again. Instead, I would fight against a world that turns suffering into entertainment."

Múnera walked away from bullfighting and became an advocate against animal cruelty, using his platform to fight for the very beings he

once battled. His story is a powerful testament to the force of compassion and the courage it takes to change. Sometimes, all it takes is one moment of connection to see the world differently.



Mr Pringles lost his hair and  
that hopeful spark in his eyes.

I feel you, Mr Pringles



Canada begins  
construction on a wall  
at the Canada US  
border 🇨🇦 🐻



After the flight, the  
anthropologists decided that  
this particular tribe is best left  
"undiscovered".



BREAKING: white smoke rises from McDonald's  
chimney, signaling a working ice cream machine.



**STILL HAVEN'T  
FOUND MY OTHER SOCK**



**Tariffs Are Working  
So Well That Even  
The Pope Is Made In  
America 🤔**

Blessings to you All!

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*Check out "David's Blog" on the Sauble Beach United Church website.*

<https://saubleunitedchurch.ca/category/davids-blog/>

Grace Oasis: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DhLk1BpCN8M&authuser=0>

Watch "God, Don't Let Me Sit in Church and Miss You Completely | Morning Prayer" on YouTube

**The day after....**

