

Valentine's Day Lessons:

1. I'm Puzzled!

Write "love" Scripture verses such as 1 Corinthians 13:1, John 3:16, Galatians 5:22, and 1 John 4:8 on construction paper hearts. Cut each of the hearts into three to five puzzle pieces. Give the puzzle pieces to different children and have them find the people who have the other pieces of their puzzle. Have kids put their puzzles together and then shout out their Scripture.

2. Hearts for Christ

Give each group a lump of Play-Doh, a box of toothpicks, or Tinker Toy building blocks.

Say: **Work with your group to build a heart for Christ out of the materials I've given you.**

After the sculptures are complete, have groups share their sculptures with each other. Then ask:

- **Which heart was the most difficult to build? Why? the easiest? Why?**
- **If these hearts were examples of our hearts, which kind of material do you think Jesus would most want you to have? Why?**

Read aloud Ephesians 3:14-17.

Then ask:

- **What does it mean to have Jesus dwell in your heart?**
- **If Jesus dwells in your heart, what difference does he make in your friendships? your home life? the way you act at school?**

3. Heartshine

Have children take turns using face paint to paint a heart with a cross on it on each other's face.

Afterward, say: **Each time you look in the mirror today, think about having a heart for Christ. Live for him, letting his light shine in everything you do!**