

We Love Because He First Loved Us

February Family Activities to Celebrate Love





Parents,

We could all use reminders of how loved we are these days. This collection of activities is designed to help your family think more about what God says love is/does while also giving your family the opportunity to love others both inside and outside of your home.

Enclosed you will find:

- o A paper chain countdown you can use to countdown the days until Valentines Day with verses that share what the Bible says about love.
- o A heart poster you can use to record what you learn as you read these passages.
- o Clues for a scavenger hunt around your home.
- o Stationary to write love notes to your children.
- o Service project ideas with additional stationary to send love notes to others.
- o Paper hearts to record something you love about everyone in your home each day.

We hope these activities encourage you to love God and others this February.

The Crossing Kids Staff Team

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Valentines Day Chain Link Countdown

February 1-14

Directions:

- Cut out paper strips and assemble a Valentines countdown together as a family, alternating red and pink links, using the numeric countdown listed on the front side of the chain link.
- Each day remove a chain link and tape the verse for the day on a wall or larger piece of paper in your home, connecting it to the links/Scripture that came before.
- Each day read the verse attached to the link and ask the question listed below. Record your response on the "Love Is/Does" heart poster.
 - **What does this verse tell us about what love is/does?**
- Read the following verses on Valentines Day for your final heart poster response.

Valentine's Day Verses:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35, 37-39



Directions: Each day read the verse(s) from your paper chain countdown. Ask the question listed inside of the heart picture and record your response inside of it. On February 14, use the verse listed below for your reading/response.

**What does the Bible
say love is/does?**



Valentines Day Scavenger Hunt

Directions:

- Write a love note to your child(ren). You can use the stationary at the end of this activity pack if you'd like.
- Hide love note(s) in the final destination (behind your couch). If you want, you can also include Valentines candy or a small treat of your choosing.
- Cut out the clues that are included and hide them in the following locations:
 - Clue #1—Give to Children at the Start
 - Clue #2—Place in Refrigerator
 - Clue #3—A Child's Bed
 - Clue #4—Where kids brush teeth (toothpaste tube)
 - Clue #5—TV
 - Final Destination for Love Note/Treat—Behind the couch

Clue #1: Don't waste a moment, don't tarry, don't sit,
there are clues scattered and a Valentines surprise to get.
Search high and low in all rooms and places
for paper left in unusual spaces.

Your first destination is running but always stays in place.
It's calm, cool, and collected filled with great things to taste.



Clue #2: You rescued this paper from a place that is cold
location number two is warm I'm told.
Usually known as a place kids avoid at night
in the morning leaving it often becomes the fight.



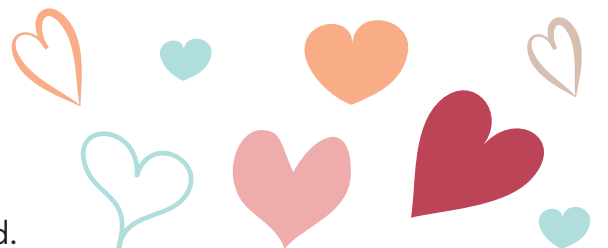
Clue #3: At this destination you're halfway through
Check what your dentist wants you to do.



Clue #4: You've found the fourth clue but there's more
look where you might check a ball game's score.
If that's not your thing it's also the place
to see something with a cartoon face.



Clue #5: It's your last clue. This is it!
Don't waste time, not even a little bit.
I come in all colors. I'm a place to sit.
More than 2 people usually fit.
Search very carefully—below and behind.
You'll never guess what you're about to find.





Valentines Day Service Project Invitation

Choose One or More:

- o Bake cookies or buy flowers for a neighbor or someone you know who might be lonely or could use encouragement. Use the stationary at the end of the packet to write a love note to them or make your own Valentines Day card out of construction paper.
- o Use the stationary at the end of the packet or create your own Valentines Day card out of construction paper. Mail to a nursing home resident at the following address before Valentines Day:

Resident at Columbia Manor Care Center
2021 E Nifong Blvd.
Columbia, MO 65201



I Love You Because Activity...

Directions:

- o Cut out paper hearts on the next pages.
- o Write something you love about each person in your family every night before you go to bed and place it on their door. Read together when they wake up.

OR

- o At dinner each night, give each person a heart with the name of someone at your dinner table on it. Have each person share something they love about their assigned person. Hang these hearts up in the bedroom of each recipient each day to create a collection.
- o Repeat every day February 1-14.

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