

VALENTINE THEMED GAMES

Musical Hearts

Age

4-11

Noise Factor

Medium to Loud

Resources

CD player with music
–preferably lively, catchy tune on theme of God's Love, large cut out hearts (large enough for 2 children) to stand/sit on. You will need half the group size e.g. 20 hearts for a group of 40 children.

Instructions

Put out the hearts in a circle shape or randomly.

Tell the children they must move around outside the hearts to the music.

When the music stops the children quickly go to a heart.

One boy and one girl only are allowed in each heart. After a couple of goes begin to take away hearts. The winning pair is the one standing on the last heart.

Variations

Forget the gender mix and just have 2 children in each heart.

Half way through change the rules and only allow 1 in each heart (speeds game up).

Call out different body parts which must touch the heart e.g. feet, bottom, back, head etc.



Hidden Hearts

Age

4-11

Noise Factor

Quiet to Medium



Resources

Small paper hearts

Box of sweets/treats

Instructions

Cut out some paper hearts and put a word on each one to make up a sentence. The sentence could be a Bible verse, or just a message, e.g. "Ask [leader's name] where s/he has hidden the big box of sweets."

Hide the hearts around the room – choosing some easy places and some harder places (children relish a challenge). Once all the hearts are found, assemble the message. You could number the hearts if you want to make this easier.

Variations

Have a competitions e.g. boys against girls with 2 colours of hearts boys find the red ones and girls find the pink ones. First team to find all their hearts and assemble message is the winner.

Provide a sheet of clues to help the children find the hearts. This is good if you have access to more than one room or can go outside.

Grab the Hearts

Age

4-11

Noise Factor

Loud to Very Loud

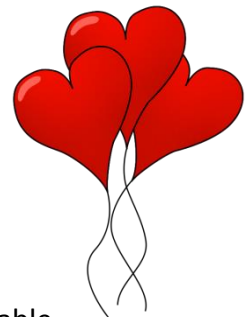
Resources

Heart shaped balloons (available on Amazon.co.uk)

4 large bins/tubs

Instructions

Blow up the heart-shaped balloons and divide them equally into two large plastic tubs. Set the tubs across a finish line. At the start line, divide your group into two lines. Put another empty container beside each team.



When the game starts, children run, one at a time, to the finish line and grab a heart. Then they must return the heart to the start line and place it in the empty bucket before the next team member goes. The team to get all the hearts back to the start line first wins.

Variations

No hands

Hop back or crabwalk, with the balloon back across the start line.

2 at a time run up to the balloons and must tap the balloon back and forth until they reach the finish line.

Bingo!" At the end children can eat the sweets!



Love Bingo

Age

7-11

Noise Factor

Quiet to Medium

Resources

A bingo template for every child

Love Heart sweets for counters

Bibles

Pens

Instructions

Write a list of bible verse references on the theme of God's love on a large sheet or screen and ask the children to choose 5 at random to write into the blank squares of their Love Bingo grid. (Have at least 10 verses to choose from –see suggested list below)

Call out bible verses at random. The children must look up the verses in their bible and stand up when they have found the verse. Decide how many children you will allow to stand up at one time and once you reach this number shout STOP!) (The number will depend on the size of your group –any number from 1-5 would be fine.) Children read out the verse together and if correct are given a love heart sweet to put on their bingo sheet. Play continues until one child has covered up their 5 bible verses and calls out "Love

Bible Verses about Love

Ephesians 5:1

Ephesians 3:18

Romans 8:37

John 3:16

1 John 3:1

1 John 3:16

1 John 4:7

1 Corinthians 13:13

John 15:13

Romans 5:8

Love Bingo

