



Welcome Time

Welcome to the at Home Messy Church session for February. Over the next few months we are going to look at Love. It will be a special day, Valentine's day , on Sunday. This is a day when we think of the special person we love, but what is love?



During this session we will look at 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 -

'Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.'

Why not start the messy church session with one of the worksheets that are all about love.

Sheet 1 - 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 colouring sheet downloadable from -

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Sheet 2 - 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 wordsearch by Crafting the word of God.

Love Word Search

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Find the hidden words.



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Is **PATIENT**

Is **KIND**

Is Not **JEALOUS**

Does Not **BRAG**

Is Not **ARROGANT**

Does Not Act **UNBECOMINGLY**

Does Not Seek Its **OWN**

Is Not **PROVOKED**

Does Not Take Into Account A
Wrong **SUFFERED**

Does Not Rejoice In
UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

REJOICES With The Truth

BEARS All Things

BELIEVES All Things

HOPES All Things

ENDURES All Things



Celebration Time

What is Love?

Our Messy Church this month is all about love and we are exploring what love is by using the Bible reading from 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. Why not read this in your Bible together.

'Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.'

Paul wrote this in a letter to the Church at Corinth. People in this new church were divided and not getting along with each other so Paul wrote to them, urging them to love each other. In the letter, Paul talks about what love is and how it can be shown. This is a good reminder for us today too!

Watch Steve, our minister, on our Facebook page as he talks about love.

Here are a few songs to join in with -

L O V E - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FOsnEkcKWKM>

You Love is bigger than this - [\(5\) Tavistock Methodist Church - TMC – Posts | Facebook](#)



Craft Time

1. What is love?

You will need: Paper plates, paint, coloured card, scissors, stapler.

- Draw a heart on the front of one paper plate.
- Cut out 3/4 of the drawn heart, this will be a flap to open.
- Staple the two paper plates together.
- Cut out heart shapes from card.
- Write one of the words for what love is from our Bible verse today on each heart.
- Write 'Love is...', on the flap and put the hearts inside the 'Love is'...box.

Having something to remind us what love is can be useful, especially when we may be feeling other emotions! We may love our family and friends but it can be hard to always show it in the right way!

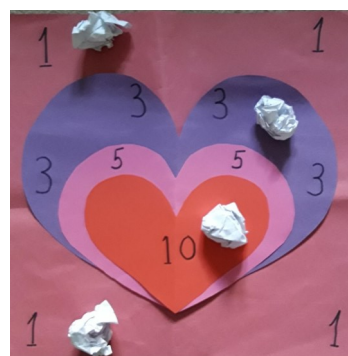


2. Valentine Bean Bag Game.

You will need: card, scissors, glue, pens, bean bags.

- Cut out four heart shapes from card, decreasing in size.
- Stick the four heart on top of each other.
- Decide the number of points you will get for landing on each heart.
- Write the points onto the heart board.

Use beans bags or find something to throw onto the board, I have used crumpled up paper! Take turns throwing and see if you can make them land on the board. Have three goes each and count up your points! Spending time and playing games with our friends and family can show them how much we love them and enjoy being with them!





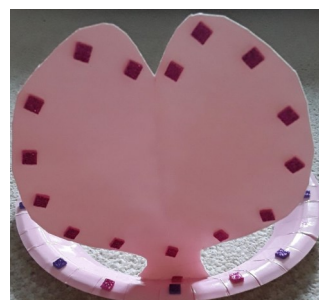
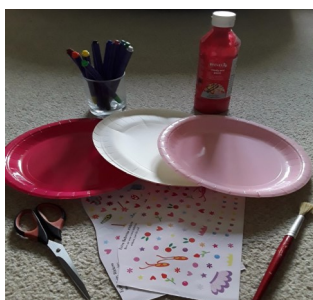
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2. Love hats.

You will need: pink/red card or paper plate, scissors, stickers, pens, paint (optional).

- Use a paper plate or a circle of card that will fit your head.
- You may want to paint your card pink or red.
- Next, cut a heart shape out from the middle, keeping the point attached to the outer circle.
- Fold the heart so that it stands up.
- Decorate the heart with stickers or colour with pens.
- Wear your hat on Valentine's Day!

As you wear your hat on Valentine's Day, think of all the people who love you and you love too!



4 - Tissue Paper Heart.

You will need: paper, tissue paper, stickers, pens, glue.

- Draw a heart shape onto your paper.
- Cover the heart with small pieces of tissue paper.
- Add stickers or cut out heart shapes to your heart.
- Write 'God loves every piece of me!'

God loves every part of us.



5. Heart Biscuits.

You will need: biscuits, icing sugar, pink/red food colouring, icing pens, sprinkles, marshmallows.

- Bake some heart shaped biscuits using a favourite biscuit recipe or use biscuits you already have.
- Colour some icing with red or pink food colouring.
- Spread the icing onto your biscuit.
- Decorate using icing pens, sprinkles, marshmallows etc.

Share your biscuits with your loved ones!





Meal Time

Show your love to your family as you cook pizzas together. Why not make the pizza a heart shape! Decide which toppings you are going to choose for your pizza. For dessert you could make some heart shaped fruit kebabs using your favourite fruit.



I found these pictures of a heart pizza and heart kebabs online!

Let us pray before eating together;

We thank you Lord for the food before us

The shelter around us

The family beside us

And the love between us.

Amen.

If you would like to share your Messy Church activities please send any photos to #tmcfamily.

God bless you all and we pray that you keep safe and well over the coming weeks -

From the TMC Messy Church Team.