

## Valentine's Day Children's Message or Online class



### Materials needed:

Legos or building blocks

Bible

Sharpie or stickers of words

<https://www.orientaltrading.com/color-brick-cross-valentines-day-exchange-building-block-set-12-pc--a2-13784488.fltr>

### Welcome:

Happy Valentines Day! Valentine's Day gives a special day reminder to tell someone we love and care for them. Did you know that God wants us to do that every day not just on one special day?

In fact, in *1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.*

God sent Jesus to us to teach us how to love. Jesus life on Earth taught us how to love God and each other.

**Lesson:** Today I am going to use blocks to show you how to build a loving relationship with God and others. As children we often hear the words "love God" and may feel confused. You know how to love your family, love your friend, love a teacher, or even love your pet. But when you hear you need to show love to God it seems harder because we think we can't see and touch God like we do our family and friends.

With my building blocks, I am going to lay out three long pieces in a form of a cross. We are going to start with a cross to remind us that Jesus' life taught us how to love. Now I am going to connect those pieces with a block that I labeled GOSPELS. When we read the Gospels, we learn all the ways Jesus wants us to love. Now the next connecting block I have labeled SERVE. Jesus taught us to serve those in need from the smallest service of a word of kindness to big serving others like feeding those who need food. The next two blocks I am going to add are PRAY and LISTEN. When we pray and listen for the calm from our prayers, we connect and communicate with God. Jesus first taught us to pray with the Lord's Prayer. Listen for that prayer in today's worship service. Our last block that we are going to add is WORSHIP. When we worship God, we come together with others and that coming together helps us show God love with song and to feel God's love through those around us.

Turn to the grown-up you are with and ask them how they love God. Maybe they will say, Communion, Nature... You can or they can write those words on the remaining building blocks.

All of these words build our relationships with each other, but most importantly show God our LOVE.

*Pray: God of Love, thank you for Jesus teaching us how to love you and to love others. Help me to make everyday Valentines day by remembering to show those around me your love. I ask you to continue to teach me how to love you. Amen*

**Variations:**

- 1. Send a text to parents ahead of time and ask them to have a pile of Legos or blocks for Feb. 14 worship service. Kids can build along with you, but don't have to label unless directed by parent.**
- 2. Order the bulk building blocks from Oriental trading and bag them up yourself and pre-write out the words yourself with a sharpie.**
- 3. Order the pre-bagged Lego sets and print out words on sticker paper to make mini-labels. Drop off or have a church pick-up of materials the lesson material for Feb.14. If your budget allows, it might be nice to stick a box of candy hearts or heart sucker in the bag as a special treat.**
- 4. Any of the above, as well as text or email these verses to your families. Read more about it in the Gospels of Jesus' love words:**

**From the Celebrate Wonder Bible:**

**Page 204 Luke 2:41 Jesus in Temple (Studying God's teachings.)**

**Page 254 John 6:1-14 Jesus Feed 5000 (Serving)**

**Page 224 Luke 10:38-42 Mary and Martha (Listening)**

**Page 242 Luke 22:39-46 Praying in the Garden (Prayer)**

**Page 250 Luke 24:50-53 Ascension (Worship)**