

# LOVE IS ALL AROUND







PREPARATION NEEDED

## AIM

Spread a bit of love to your local community by creating a colourful love heart, before leaving it in your community for others to find, hopefully brightening up their day. Link to Valentine's Day (14<sup>th</sup> February).

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- > Love Hearts
- > Colouring Pens / Pencils or Paints
- Love is All Around Tag

With lots of LOVE

> String



# **GET INVOLVED: LOVE IS ALL AROUND**

THEME: HELPING OTHERS





#### **LEADER PREPARATION**

A leader will need to source some love hearts for the group to design. These could be wooden hearts found on craft websites or you could use our template version.

Download Love is All Around Hearts & Tags



This activity is all about spreading some love in your local community by leaving some colourful love hearts for people to find, with a special message for them attached.



Hand each child a love heart for them to decorate. These could be wooden versions, which can be bought from sites such as Baker Ross or Amazon at a reasonable price. Alternatively, you could print our template version or design your own.



Tell children that they need to decorate these love hearts. This could be with colouring pens/pencils, or you could use paints instead. Explain to the group that these love hearts should be bright and colourful and designed to hopefully make someone smile. Children may wish to make patterns, draw smiley faces, write messages etc. Explain that these hearts will be hidden in your community for people to randomly find.

Once finished, children can be given one of the tags to go with the love heart. Punch a hole in both the heart and the tag and tie them together.



If making card/paper love hearts, a leader may wish to laminate them first, to make sure they last longer.

Now decide how you will share these love hearts with your community. Some suggestions are below.

- Ask children to take them home and then find a tree, gate, bench etc near where they live that they can hang the love heart on for someone else to find.
- Leave them on seats at your Church, ready for the congregation to find next Sunday.

• Encourage children to secretly sneak it on to their teacher's desk for them to find.

#### IDEAS TO TAKE THIS FURTHER...

After the activity, take a look at **John 15:12** and have a think about how we can live out that verse in our daily lives.

# **V KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE** If hiding around your local community, please

let parents/carers know, so they can then help their child put this love heart in a safe space. Please only place the first name of the child on the love heart.





Congratulations, you've found one of our special love hearts.

My Boys' Brigade group is showing our community that love is all around and that it's good to share our love with others. We hope this love heart brightens up your day.

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