



The Teacher's Aid



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Praying from the Heart

Supplies:

1 empty heart-shaped candy box.
Red and pink coloured paper (construction/cardstock).
Heart Pattern (Back of Page).
Pencils

Preparation:

Cut a slit (sized to heart pattern) in the lid of the candy box . Using pattern, cut paper hearts from coloured paper.

Procedure:

Place the box, hearts and pencils on a table. As children arrive at class, encourage each one to write a praise or prayer request on a heart and drop it into the heart box. Plan a time during the class to read requests/praises aloud and have individual children pray for each one.

Option: If your children are a bit shy to pray aloud, have each child take a heart from the box and pray silently for the request or praise .



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A "Jar Full o' Hearts" Contest

Use this contest during the month of February to encourage attendance, verse memorization, bringing new friends or Bibles, or any emphasis needed.

Supplies:

- * Small mason, jam or other similar jars with lids.
- * Valentine heart stickers.
- * Small wrapped heart candies (or any ccandies).
- * A label printed "I LOVE JESUS" for each child.
- * Red cardstock or construction paper.
- * Red poster board, felt-tip marker.

Preparation:

Give a jar a lid, stickers and label to each child. Have children cut a circle from red paper to fit top of their jar lid. Have children write their name with marker on circle and glue onto lid. Place label on jar and decorate jar with stickers. Decide how many candies will be given each week for each item in contest.

Optional: Prepare a printed poster with the names of the items in the contest, i.e. attendance, verses, friends, Bible.

Procedure:

Explain the contest. (Display poster.)Children are given candies earned to put in jar each week. Set aside a time during pre-session or in class, to have children count the candies into the jars. Display the jars until end of contest period. Allow children to keep count of their candies., Give the child with the most candies in their jar wins a small prize. All the children get to take their own jar of candy home.

Variation: Divide class into 2 teams each with a large jar. Have the team decorate the jar and put the team name on lid. Each week candies are earned collectively by the team. Team members can take turns counting earned candies into their jar. At end of contest, the candy in jars is counted and winning team with most candy gets a small treat. Everyone wins -the candy in jar is divided among team members to take home!

Hint: Count candies and divide candies into into small plastic bags for each team members. Saves time in class.

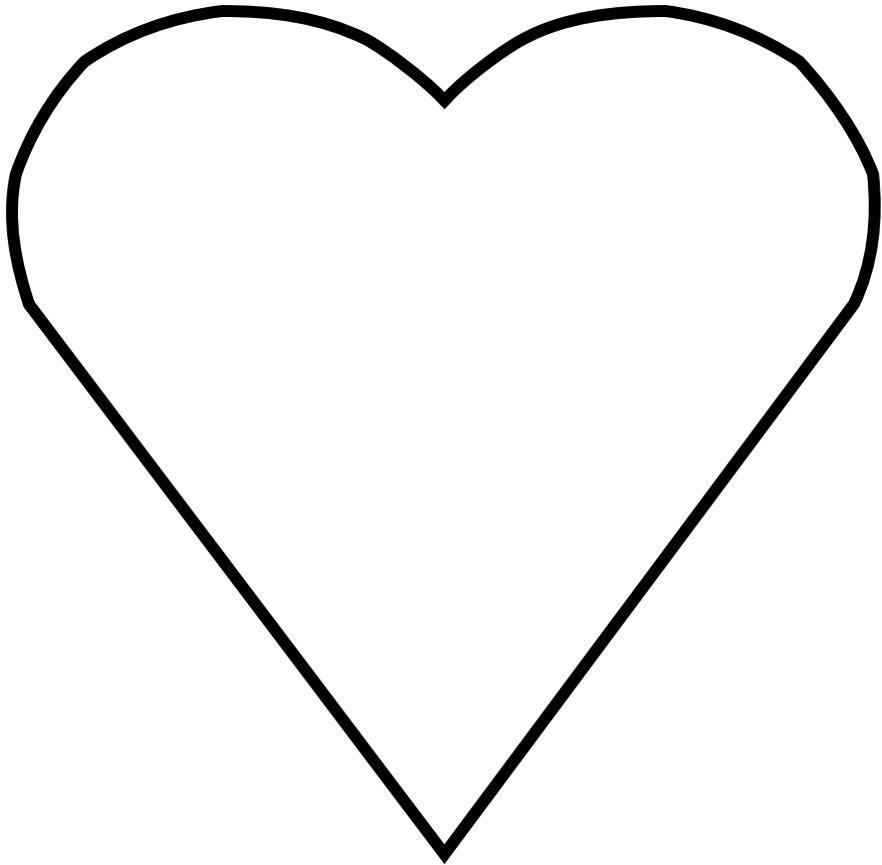


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Heart Pattern for Jar Full o' Hearts Contest



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