

Activity 1

Love Pots

Give each child his or her pot from last week. (If any children weren't here last week, give them new cups/pots and help them catch up on the decorating.) Help children put soil in the pot, about 2/3 of the way. Then have them put a couple seeds on the soil and cover the seeds with more dirt. Have a student helper lightly water them so the soil isn't loose and messy. Remind children that they will be taking them home to give them to someone they need to show God's love to.

Supplies: potting soil, seeds, decorated cups/pots from last week (and extras for kids who weren't here for that)

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Activity 2

Love Lived Out

Read out the different scenarios. Have the children jump in the hula-hoop if the scenario is showing God's love or out of the hula-hoop if the scenario is not. (If the group is large, assign a child or two to jump in or out at a time.)

Supplies: 1 hula-hoop per child, list of love scenarios

Love L4

Activity 3

Love is Magnetic

Use two magnets that repel on one side and attract on the other side. Have the magnets face the repelling side. Try to slide the magnets together. As they repel, share how most people feel like this towards their enemies. Now turn the magnets so that they attract. Explain that Jesus wants us to love our enemies and pray for those who want to hurt us. Show the kids how the magnets stick together. Now let the kids try.

Supplies: set of large magnets

Love L4

Activity 4

“How Can I Show Love?” Game

Have a series of faces with different unhappy expressions (sad, angry, scared, sick). Put the paper faces in a basket and ask kids to take turns choosing a face and acting out the feeling. For example, a “sad” child might pretend to cry. It’s the job of the other players to help her feel better. First, they should ask questions: “Why are you sad? How can I help?” After the “upset” child gives his/her explanation like “my friend was mean to me” the other kids role-play solutions. They might choose to give the child a hug or say something like, “I’m sorry, you can play with me.”

Supplies: faces

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