

Welcome to *God's Little Explorers Preschool Curriculum!* I'm so excited to be sharing this journey with you. If you would like to know more about God's Little Explorers, please [read this blog post](#). You can also find a [listing of resources to use with God's Little Explorers on this page](#).

Each week, I will be sharing the lesson plans I'm using with my youngest daughter (*and my five-year-old, too...once we started, she didn't want to be left out*). We'll be exploring one letter (in no particular order), various math concepts, thematic projects (like cooking, crafts, and science), and one Bible story per week.

The curriculum is written to be four days each week. I recommend using the fifth day for a field trip and/or service project each week to enhance the theme and your child's learning.

I've written the lessons to be approximately 30-45 minutes if you complete the top three sections (Bible, Theme, and ABC & 123). The Life Skills section adds a little more time depending how thorough you are in teaching the various skills. The Other Ideas section, Book Bag, and Learning Bags are just extra ideas I share in case you want to switch-out a project, extend the learning, or don't like an activity I have included in the main lesson. Ideas that work for my children won't necessarily work for yours, so feel free to change and adapt the curriculum to fit your child's needs and your own!

This is a work-in-progress, so feel free to email me with your ideas and suggestions. You can contact me at [motherhoodonadime@gmail.com](mailto:motherhoodonadime@gmail.com). Please feel free to share this program with friends by sending them to [the landing page for God's Little Explorers](#). Please remember, this material is copyrighted, so you may not redistribute or sell these plans. Thanks for your help!

Blessings!

*Stacie Nelson*

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself."  
—Luke 10:27

Bible

Theme  
"I" is for Love

ABC & 123  
Letter: I  
Color: Yellow

Life

Book  
Bag

# Day 1

## Bible Exploration:

Read the story of the Good Samaritan. Have your child put a band-aid on one of his or her dolls to remind them of the story.

Sing "This is My Commandment" from Wee Sing.

## Theme Adventure:

This week we are talking about love. Check out some books from the library on love or Valentine's Day. Discuss the three kinds of love – unconditional love, friendship love, and the love between a husband and wife.

Make a simple [Heart Art Painting](#).

**ABC Exploration:** Teach the sound *lll*. Put your hands on your heart and say "I-I-I-love."

Make a lowercase ["l" Pencil Topper](#).

**Color Exploration:** Place a sheet of yellow paper on the floor. Ask your child to go on a color hunt to find yellow items to place on the paper.

## Self Help:

This week, we'll move to the office.

Work with your child to practice folding paper in half.

## Love You Forever

Make up your own song or sing something special to your child about how much love them.

## Love Song for a Baby

Call your child's attention to the paintings in this book. Sit down and paint together.

# Day 2

## Bible Exploration:

Reread the story of the Good Samaritan. Act out the story.

Sing "This is My Commandment" from Wee Sing.

## Theme Adventure:

Make a Valentine card or love note for someone special.

You can see a [Valentine Card](#) we made from a handprint cut-out.

Teach your child the [hand gesture](#) for "I Love You" in sign language.

## Math Exploration:

Color and cut apart the heart printables. Ask your child to match the number of hearts with the correct numeral.

If this is too easy for your child, play it as a memory game. Ask your child to turn over two halves and see if they can make a match.

## Chore:

Teach your child to help you with sorting paper. It takes a little extra effort, but my daughter's really enjoy putting the papers in the correct files.

# Day 3

## Bible Exploration:

Review the story of The Good Samaritan. Cut out the heart printables with the words to the Bible verse for this week.

Hide the hearts and let your child find them. Put them in order of the verse once they've all been found.

## Theme Adventure:

Make a [Valentine placemat](#) or [window hanging](#) or a [heart handprint mural](#).

## ABC Exploration:

Write the letter I in the Alphabet Journal.

## Color Exploration:

Make a yellow collage. Add photos of yellow items from a magazine, yellow scrap paper, ribbon, buttons, felt, etc. Write the word "yellow" on the collage somewhere and save to make a color book.

## Manners:

Teach your child why we should recycle paper and how to sort it.

# Day 4

## Bible Exploration:

Make a [heart paper chain](#). Fold a sheet of paper like a fan. Draw a half-heart shape on the folded paper. Make sure to leave the edges connected.

Brainstorm ways to show love to others. Write down each idea on the chain and hang it up as a reminder.

## Theme Adventure:

Make a [heart-shaped pizza](#) for dinner or a snack.

## ABC Exploration:

Have your child use a stamp pad and make [thumbprint hearts](#) on the letter I printable. Cut it out and add it to the alphabet wall (or alphabet notebook).

Review the sound and gesture for letter "I". Write I on a small piece of paper, and again, have your child stamp a fingerprint heart on it. [Add it to the "Treasure Map"](#).

## Service:

Pick a [non-candy Valentine](#) to make and pass out to friends, neighbors, shut-ins, etc.

# Other Ideas

Make [Recycled Valentine Holders](#).

Print one or more of these [Valentine-theme printable preschool packs](#) and use.

Watch [Veggie Tales: Are You My Neighbor?](#)

Find information about the studies below on the [Resource Page for God's Little Explorers](#):

- Hymn: Love Lifted Me
- Composer Study: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
- Artist Study: Paul Cezanne

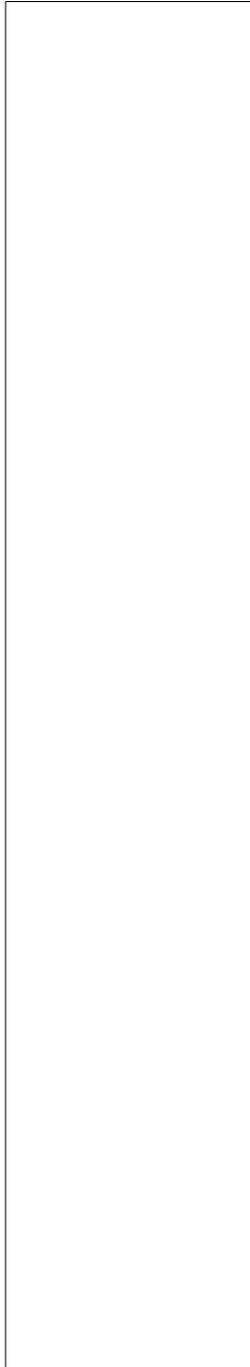
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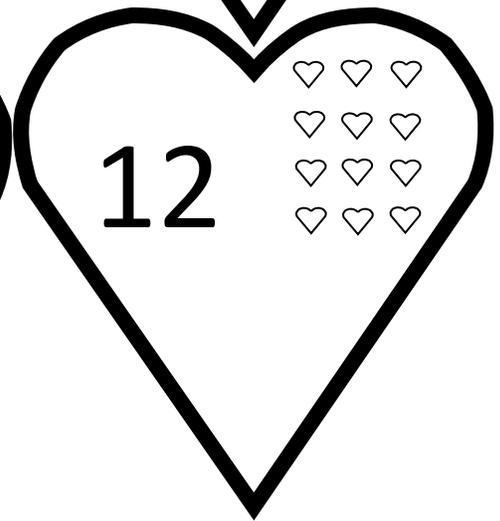
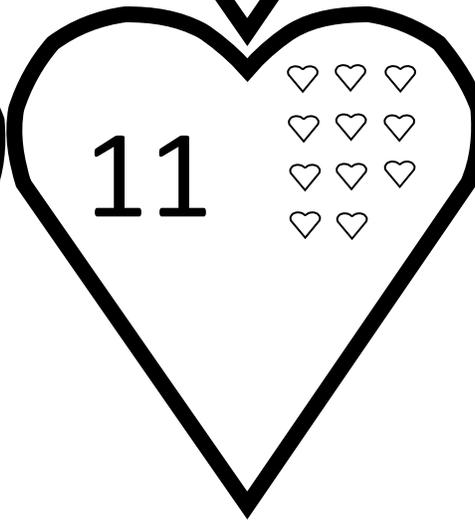
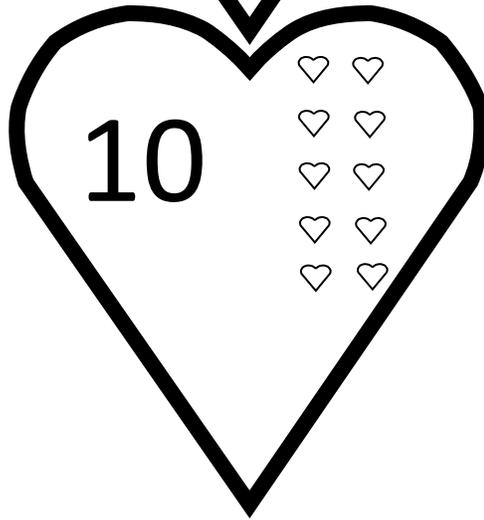
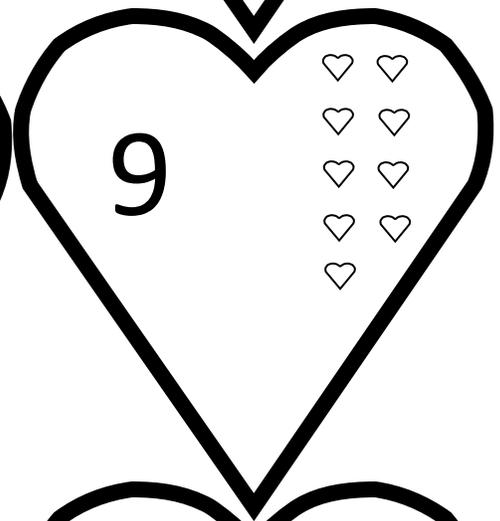
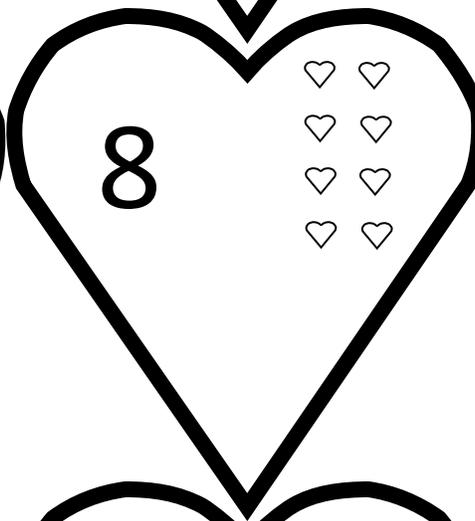
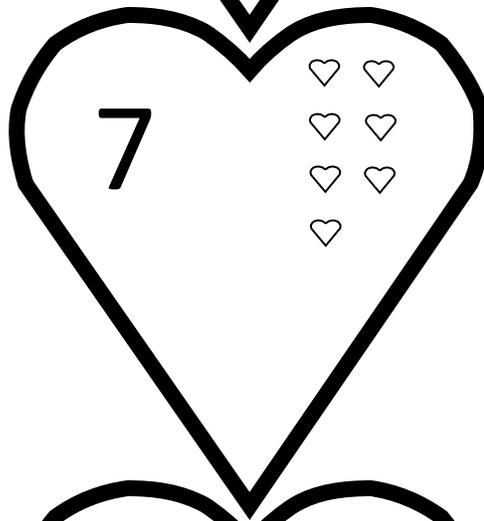
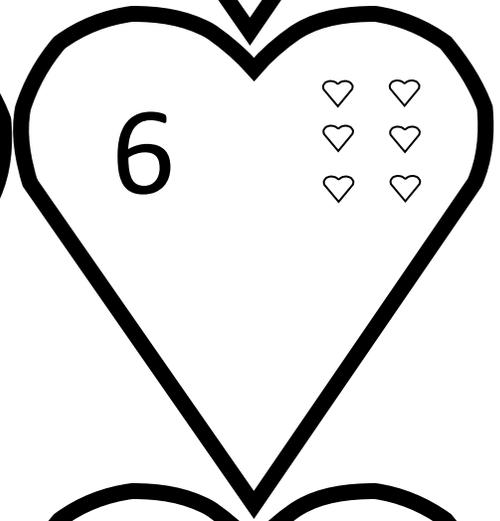
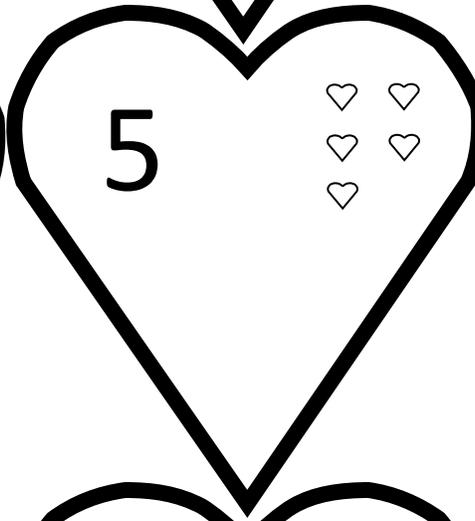
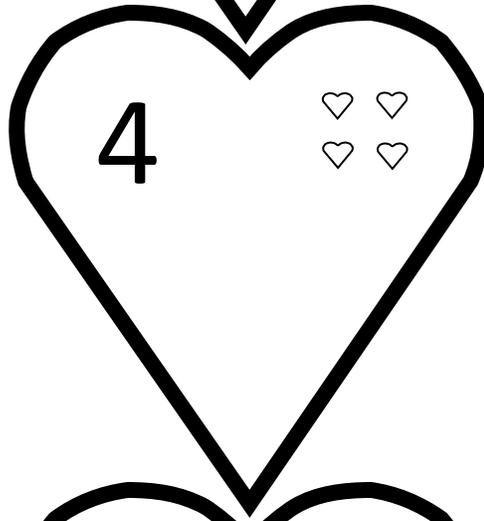
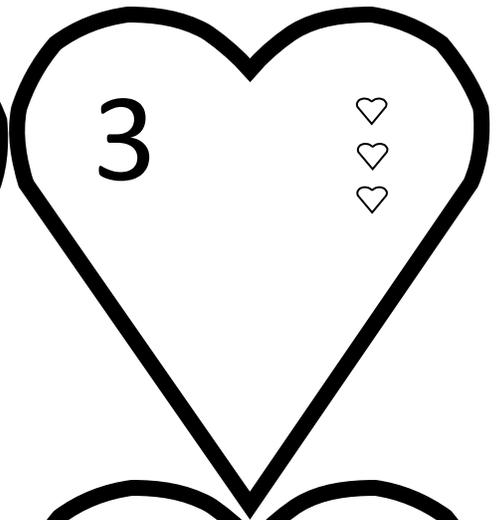
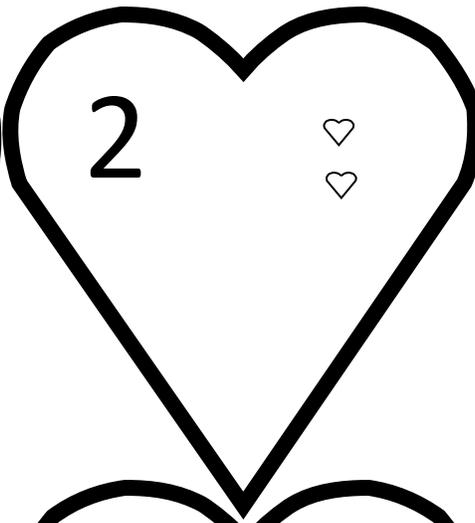
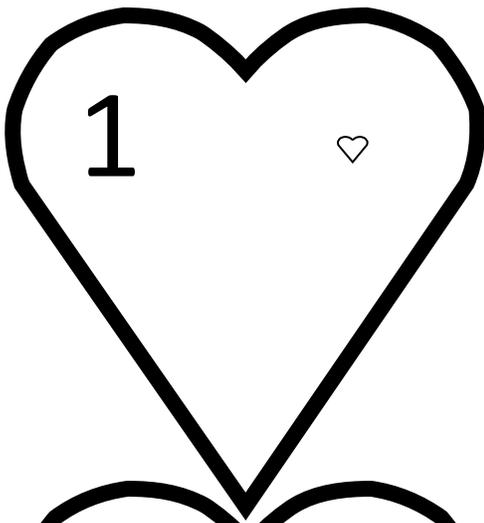
Learning  
Bags

[Valentine Patterns](#): Make patterns with Valentine stickers.

[Cut the Cards](#): Make a Valentine match from an old deck of cards. Find more details [here](#).

See how to use the bags on the [Busy Bag Resource page](#) and find more [Learning Bag activities on the Busy Bag page](#).







“Love the Lord  
your God



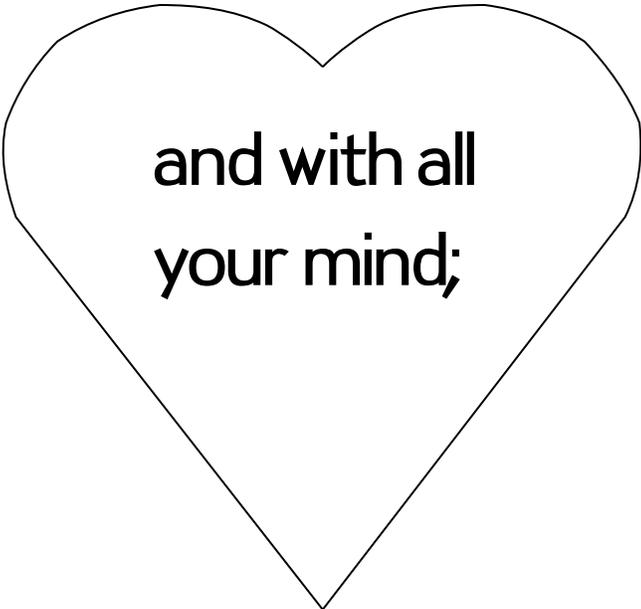
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heart,



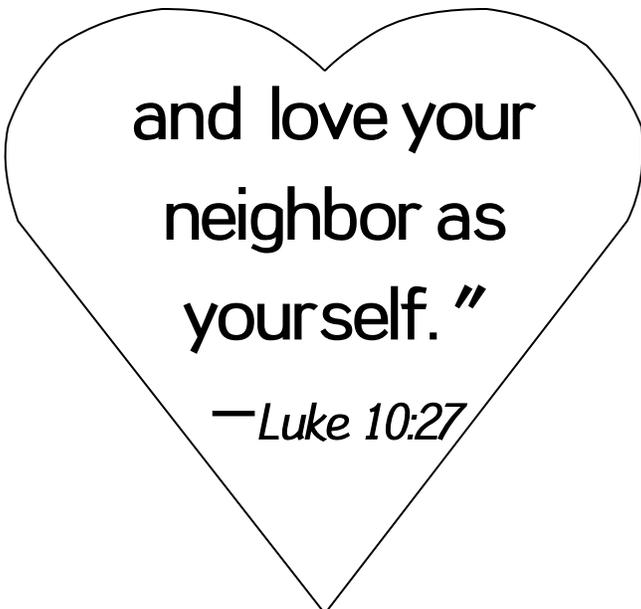
with all your  
soul,



with all your  
strength,



and with all  
your mind;



and love your  
neighbor as  
yourself.”

—*Luke 10:27*