

Valentine's Day

Who is my valentine?

Scripture: John 15: 5,7-8; 1 John 4: 16

Supplies:

Enlarged picture of tree with hearts for lesson
Print out the leaf template page or let children draw their own leaves
A4 coloured paper for heart flowers
Skewers or pipe cleaners
Glue or sticky tape
Colouring pencils and decorations if needed
Scissors

Welcome

What does it mean when someone tells you that they love you or if you tell someone you love them?

Worship

Let the children sit and think of a time that someone held them when they felt sad or lonely or just gave them a nice hug. Listen to a song about God's great love for us such as "God loves me" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRJvszcrTLs>

Theme song

Any favourite song about God's love or the song mentioned above

Word

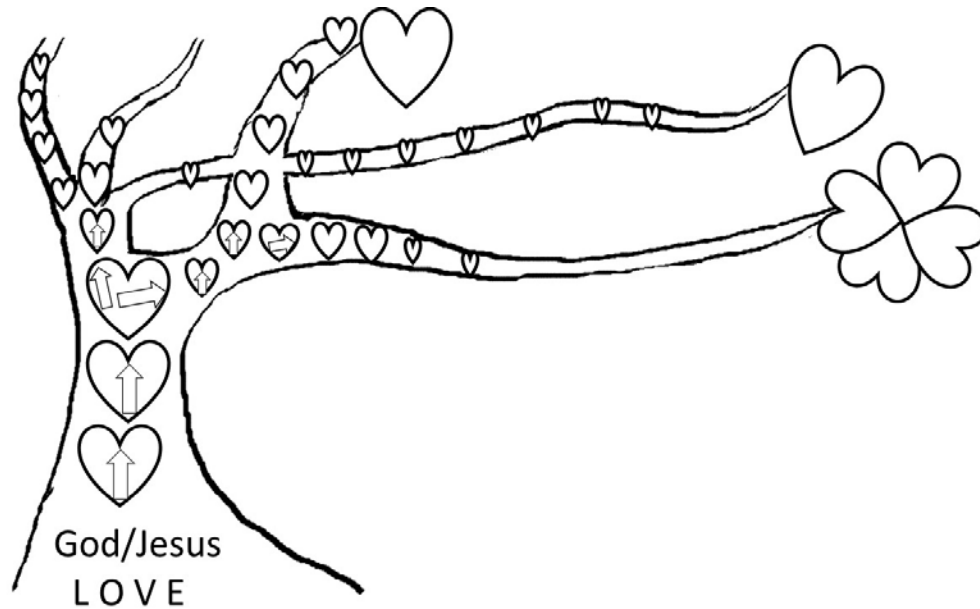
What will happen if we pick a fruit or flower from a tree and leave it for a while?
Yes, it will wilt. It needs water and food from the branch. Did you know there is a story in the Bible about branches bearing fruits like love?

Let's read it together from John 15: 5,7-8

⁵"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

1 John 4: 16

"¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."



We read in the Bible that God loved us first, and because we love Him, His love is in us and He lives inside of us. If God is love, then His love lives inside of us. Let us look at this picture (show the picture of the tree).

If God is the tree trunk and we are the branches, then His love flows to us and it needs to also flow through us.

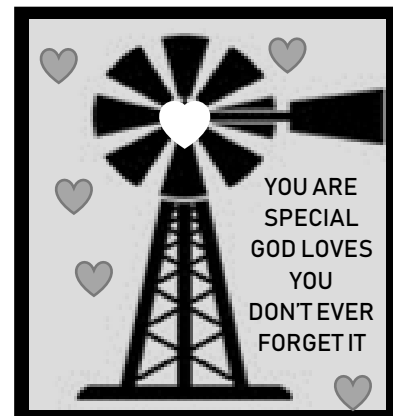
Where to? Yes, out to everyone! We need to bear fruit or flowers of love wherever we go. That is what we need to hear from the Bible today. In the Bible we also learn about other types of fruit we can bear, but today we focus on love!

Working and playing

Make your own valentine's flower:

Fold the page with the leaf prints on double and cut out the leaves. Fold a leaf around a skewer or pipe cleaner and secure it with glue.

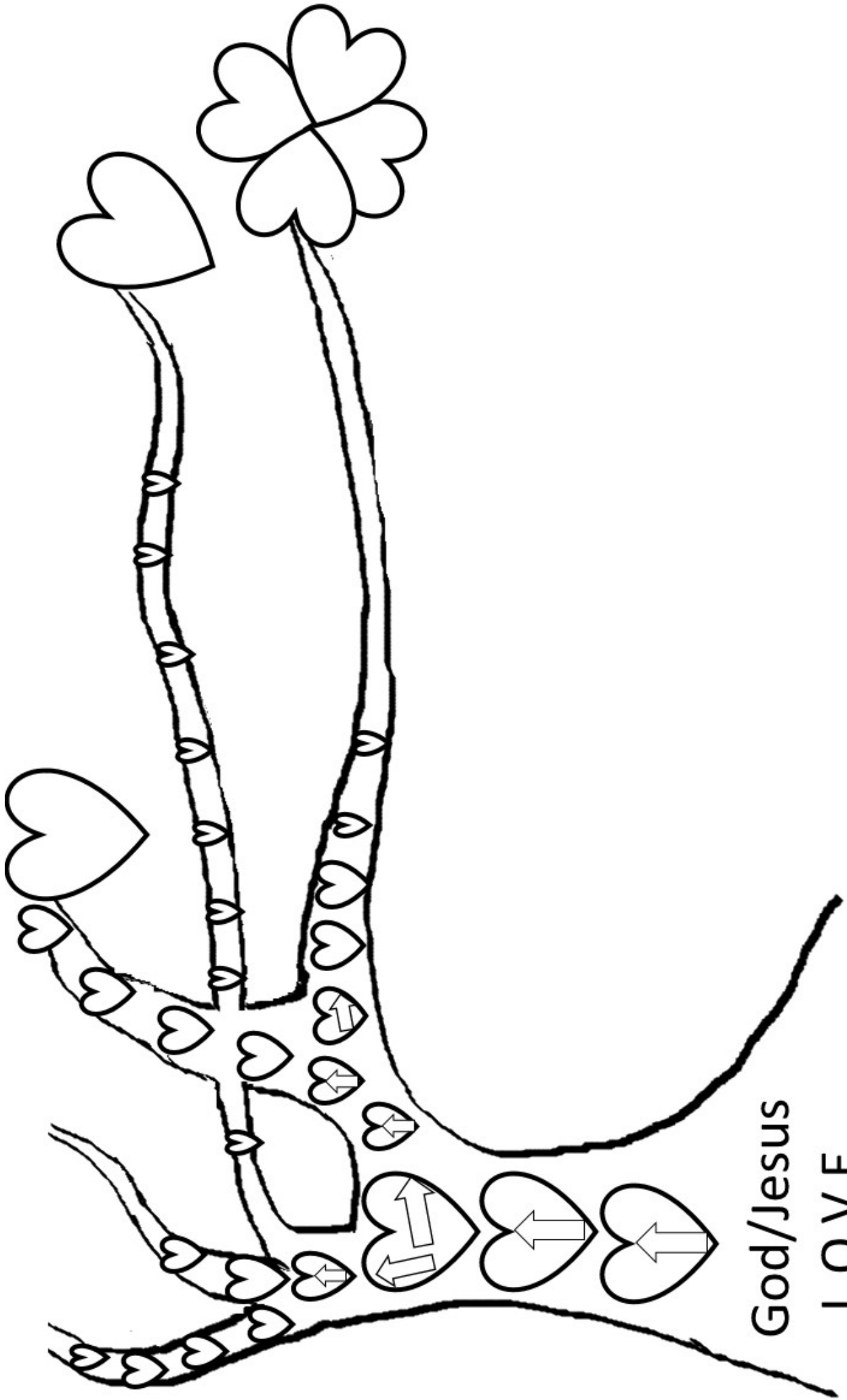
Follow the video instructions <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xlt4wjwI00I> and make your own heart shaped flower that you can stick on top of the skewer or pipe cleaner. Remember to stick your message inside or write it in yourself.



Go and spread the love of God to all this week - so make more than one if there is time!

Prayer

Thank God for his love and ask Him to show each of you where to go and hand out his love.



God/Jesus

LOVE

