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10 Free Ways to Show Your Family Love



With Valentine's Day soon upon us, it can be difficult to realize you may not have enough extra cash to express your love sentiments with material things. But by making Valentines a family affair and by understanding that you are not rowing the boat alone, you can certainly make a Valentine's Day to remember.

Here are 10 free or low-cost ways to say I love you without breaking your debt resolutions:

1. Get Kid Creative in the Kitchen—Kick mom (or dad) out of the room and gather the kids together for a Valentine's Day bake off. Make cookies in the shape of hearts and let the kids do the dough stamping. Giving a simple sweet treat concocted by the kids can be an endearing gift for any parent.
2. Write a Poem—The kids can help you rhyme words together to come up with a silly poem. Hand write it on a piece of construction paper or nice stationery. The kids can decorate the card with their own special talents.
3. Take a Family Photo—Any parent would love a permanent memory of their loved ones. Take the kids on a



- nature walk and photograph them candidly as they play around. It will cost a little money but have the photos developed and enlarged to serve as attractive decorations for the home in a nice collage form.
4. Perform in a Play—Spend an hour or so prepping the kids for an impromptu play in your own living room. They can think of ways to express love and create a little play for their captive audience.
 5. Circle of Memories—Sit in a circle with your family and go around the room until each member gives a reason why they love being a part of the family. Share some memories in the process. There is nothing that says I love you more than a fun walk down memory lane.
 6. Get Crafty—Kids love to make crafts so sit together and have them make their own valentines for their family members. Let them get as creative as they want. Mom and Dad can join in the fun by making personalized cards for each of their children too.
 7. Have a Lovely Ice Cream Party—This delicious idea is a lot of fun but will cost you a couple bucks. Visit the gro-

cery store and have the kids identify all the different kinds of sundae toppings that are red, such as sprinkles and cherries. Grab a tub of ice cream (don't forget the coupon) and host a family ice cream social on Valentine's Day at home. The small price definitely beats the cost of taking the entire family out for a meal and dessert.

8. Have a Dance Party—Have the kids pick out songs about love from your CD collection (G rated please!). Then get to dancing with them around the house. Daddies and daughters and mommies and sons can each share a few slow dances together just as if it was a real Valentines Day dance.
9. Spread the Love—Make a family video to send to loved ones far away. Be silly, be funny but don't forget to say I love you! Upload it to your computer or copy it to a disc and send it off to grandma and the other relatives you don't see very often.
10. Just Say It—Saying I love you often is the best way to express your love. It will also teach your kids to not be shy about their emotions and will confirm the fact that as a family, each member is truly loved.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February

- 6 **5th Annual PPC Carnival from 4-7pm
- 10 & 11 Devotions with Pastor Randy
- 15 NO SCHOOL—President's Day
- 25 & 26 Children's Programs with Kithi Bustch

March

- 7 Preschool Sunday & Art Show
- 10 & 11 Devotions with Pastor Randy
- 11 & 12 **PPC PJ Day
- 17-19 NO SCHOOL—Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 23 & 24 Special Science Program with Mrs. Dillman
- 29-Apr 2 NO SCHOOL—Spring Break

April

- 7 & 8 Turtle Lady Visits!!!!
- 8 & 9 Children's Programs with Kithi Bustch
- 15 & 16 **PPC Trike-a-thon

- 21 & 22 Devotions with Pastor Randy

May

- 4 NO SCHOOL—Election Day
- 10 & 11 Special Science Program with Mrs. Dillman

****Denotes PPC Events**



This month is known for bringing us snow and icy weather. Please remember that we follow Canal Winchester School

A monthly column by DLCP Director, Julie Benedict

From the Director

District when it comes to closings, early dismissals and late starts. Again, if Canal Winchester is on a delay, our morning sessions are canceled. We will also post any closings or session cancellations on our website and it will be broadcast on channels 4 & 10.

NAEYC is requiring for the Candidacy Materials. After glancing through the majority of them, they seemed pretty positive and that is terrific! Just know that I am always here if a concern or issue ever does arise.

Thank you for completing more Family Surveys. I now have enough to complete what

Blessings,
Julie

DELC Youth Choirs Beginning January 20th

Wednesday Nights from 6:30-7:30
Children's Choir (3-year-old -1st graders)
Youth Choir (2nd-6th graders)

A half hour of choir practice and a half hour of Family Fun!

Pastor Randy or Intern Karen will lead Adult Classes in the Chapel during this same time. Contact the church office at 614-837-7041 for more information.



Midweek Wednesday Evening Lenten Services starting on Ash Wednesday, February 17th at 7:15pm. All are welcome!



Annual Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner
February 16th beginning at 4:30PM
Hosted by David Evangelical Lutheran Church

Becoming Leaders

While this month favors a holiday that is fun for children to celebrate, that of Valentine's Day, another holiday is celebrated in our country as well—President's Day. While most young children probably don't have a full concept of what that means to the world and to this country, they do have a beginning grasp of what leadership is

all about. From your household, to the teachers in their classroom, to the authority figures they are being introduced to, they are beginning to understand what it means to follow the leader. How you model and respect authority is already instructing them. Continued blessings that in all we do we demonstrate a healthy ap-

proach to leadership from respecting God to respecting others. May all our children be blessed!

