

*Material per child:* 2 sheets of 5½" x 8½" card stock (1 red, 1 white), 4" and 3½" heart patterns, 3½" square red card stock, colored pens, pencil, thread, transparent tape, heart stickers, scissors, (*optional:* Bible references from step 6 below printed on self-adhesive labels).

### Directions

1. Place 4" pattern in center of 1 sheet of red card stock, trace and cut out heart. Place this sheet over white sheet; trace heart and cut out.

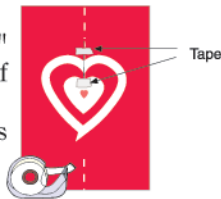
2. On the white card stock sheet, carefully cut 2 slits, approximately 1½" at the top and bottom of *heart opening* as shown.
3. On the red sheet cut 2 slits, approximately 1½" from the *top* and *bottom edge* of sheet.
4. Trace and cut 3½" heart from red card stock square. (*Optional:* Cut a smaller heart from light-colored card stock and glue it to



the center of red heart.)

5. Position 3½" heart in the center of the red card. Tape 1½" piece of thread to heart and top of opening so it hangs in center.

6. Decorate card and write a Valentine's Day greeting with colored pens. Print a Bible reference about love on each side of card: Jeremiah 31:3; Romans 8:38-39; 1 Peter 4:8; John 14:15; 1 John 4:8; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; Matthew 22:37; Jeremiah 29:13.
7. Gently interlock slits and stand card up.



*To use:* Give card to parents and tell them to read a love verse from the Bible each day.

—Adapted