

TEDDY BEAR HUGS

Construction paper(brown plus others), poster board, brown yarn, glue, scissors, markers, toothpicks, optional—wiggly eyes

Cut out a teddy bear shape, glue it to some poster board and cut that out as well. Clip the yarn into 1/2 to 1/4 inch lengths then separate it into its threads. Make a fuzzy pile. Paint or spread glue on the bear's body and press the yarn fluff into the glue. Use a toothpick, if needed, to arrange and stick down the yarn fluff. Apply wiggly eyes. Cut a small circle for a snout and draw a nose and smile. Glue under eyes on top of the fluffy bear fur. Run a piece of yarn or ribbon tightly from paw to paw. Tape a heart to it that says, "I love you thiiiiis much!"



SWEETHEART SHAKES

Vanilla ice cream, milk, red food coloring w/peppermint extract OR Strawberry syrup, quart size zip close baggies, drinking straws

Give each child a scoop of ice cream into their zip close bag. Let them choose their flavor (Vanilla, Mint, or Strawberry). Squeeze the chosen flavors in the bag. Seal the baggie and have kids squish it until it is all mixed and partly melted. Open just a corner of the zip closed top and insert a straw. Enjoy your treats! Tell the Bible story and every time you mention the main character's name have kids take a sip of their sweetheart shake. Other flavors: Orange dream with orange juice; Chocolate with chocolate syrup; Chocolate cherry with chocolate syrup and maraschino cherry juice. Decorate straws in advance with heart stickers for an extra holiday twist.



MUSTACHE AND KISSES

Fun foam in red and black, markers, scissors, suckers, hole punch

Draw lips on the red foam, a mustache on the black foam (look up templates online if you're not comfortable drawing them yourself). Cut out shapes. Draw the center portion of the lips with a permanent marker. Use a hole punch to punch the hole in the middle of the lips, and in the middle of the mustache. Slide the sucker stick through the hole. When the person is enjoying the sucker it will look like they have big red lips or a mustache!



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