

II. Families Care for Each Other

Requirement

Play the Love Game.

Background Information

The family is a special blessing that God has given to each of us. This activity can help children to remember the specialness and value of each of their family members, and to practice showing appreciation for each person's contribution.

To play the Love Game, have each family member plan a special way to show appreciation to each of the other members of the family.

Teaching Tips

- Introduce this activity by reviewing with the children some of the reasons to appreciate their parents, siblings, and other family members. Discuss different ways of showing appreciation. Send a note home with the children explaining to parents how to play the Love Game at home. (A sample letter is provided at the end of this section.)
- This activity may be presented to the family at one of the Adventurer parent meetings. Use stories, discussion or a film to help families focus on reasons to appreciate each family member. Then provide time at the end of the meeting for family members to plan and initiate their ways of showing appreciation.
- Have children report to the class things they especially liked about playing the Love Game with their family. (In this way, the teacher can keep track of each family's participation.)
- Be sensitive to the children's family situations (single parent, divided home, extended family, etc.). Emphasize the various kinds of families and, if necessary allow children to use substitute families. Examples of substitute families include the Adventurer Club "family," the church "family," or an-other family that cares about them.

Evaluation

The children will play the Love Game with their families and share the results with the class.