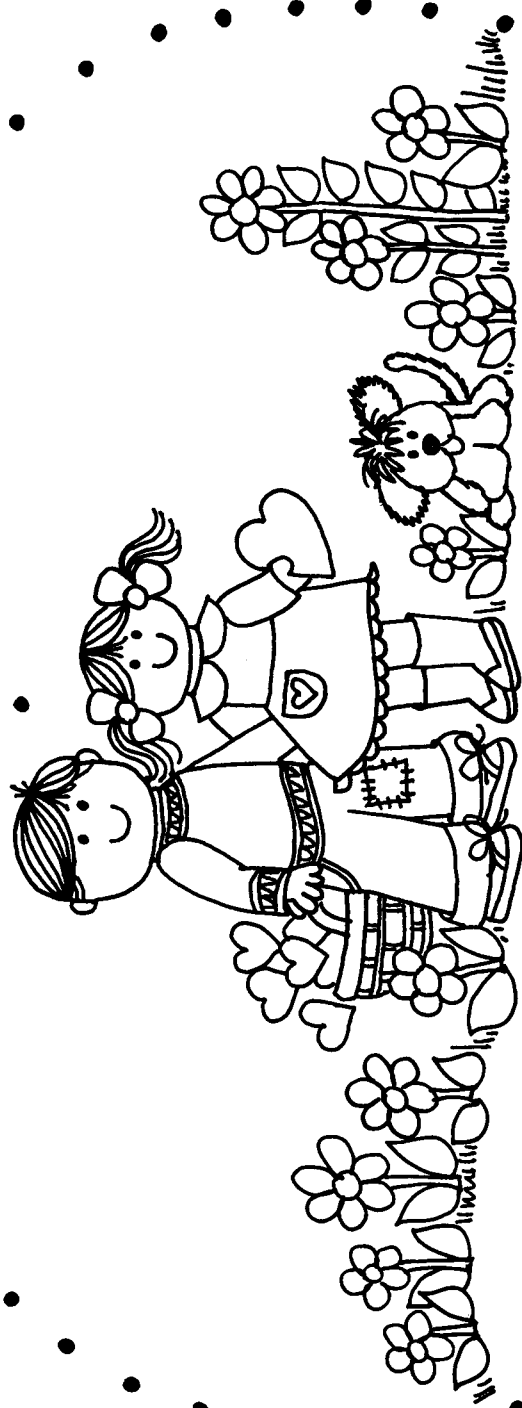


Valentine Prayer



Dear God, thank you for wanting and loving me.

Thank you for my family who loves and takes care of me.

Thank you for my teacher who helps me to learn.

Thank you for my friends who play with me.

Thank you for helping me to show love
for others.

Thank you for a

Happy Valentine's Day.

Amen.

Discussion:

Many Christians honor the memory of St. Valentine, who loved God very much. This popular holiday is a good opportunity to celebrate love for family and friends. It is also a good day to remember the words of Jesus: *I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so love one another.* (Cf. Jn 13:34) When Jesus gives us a *commandment*, it means he is asking us to do something. Jesus is telling us to show our love for one another through words and actions.

Activities:

- Answer the following questions:
 - Love is sharing; what can you share?
 - Love is inviting someone to play; who could you invite to play?
 - Love is taking turns; what toy can you take turns with?
 - Love is helping your family; how could you help your family?
- Connect the dots to form a Valentine and then color the picture.