



The heart

AT A GLANCE



Bible

1 John 4:19



Topic

God loved me first



Takeaway

Because God loves me, I can love others



3 minutes



Object: a big red paper heart and small paper hearts to colour



Preparation: 5 min



sitting in a circle



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "God loved me first". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

½ min

Opening

Show the big heart. Ask: What does a heart like this stand for? Who do you love very, very much?

1 min

Story

The Bible says: "We love because God first loved us." God loves you – even before you were born, on good days and on bad days. His heart is so big that everyone fits into it.

1 min

Thought

Each child gets a small heart and colours it in brightly. Then think: who would you like to give your heart to? Maybe mum, dad, grandma or a friend.

½ min

Question for all

Who will you give your heart to?



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Prayer to read aloud

Dear God, thank you for loving me so much. Help me to love others too. Amen.



For leaders

- Keep it short: little children listen well for three to four minutes.
- Pass the object around – touching it helps understanding.
- Say the prayer line by line and let the children repeat it.



Section: Object lessons. You will find matching group meetings and more devotions at scouts-cloud.com.