

Family Page



Jesus knows all about the gift of love. He loves you even when you are not thinking about him. He loves you even when you forget his commandments. He loves you with a perfect love. You can learn to love this way too.

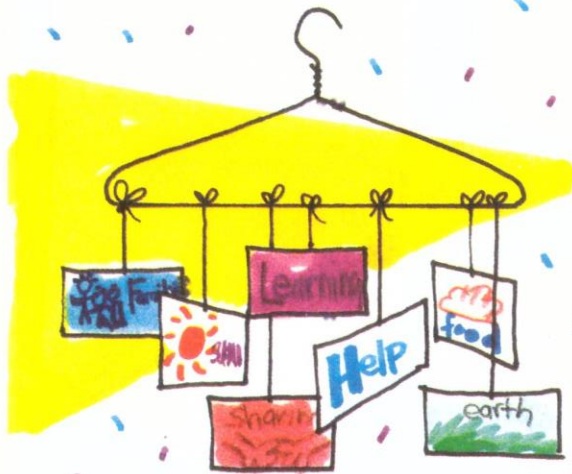
This week, make a "Love Mobile" to hang in a room where the whole family can see it. On small index cards or pieces of paper, write your gifts and God's gifts (for example, sunshine, family, love, food, help, learning, sharing).

Cut out pictures from magazines to represent your love gifts — or you can draw and color your own.

Now make about six or eight cards, putting gift names on one side and drawings on the other.

Punch small holes in the top of the cards and hang them from different lengths of string on a coat hanger (see illustration).

Let your mobile be your reminder of Jesus' message of love.

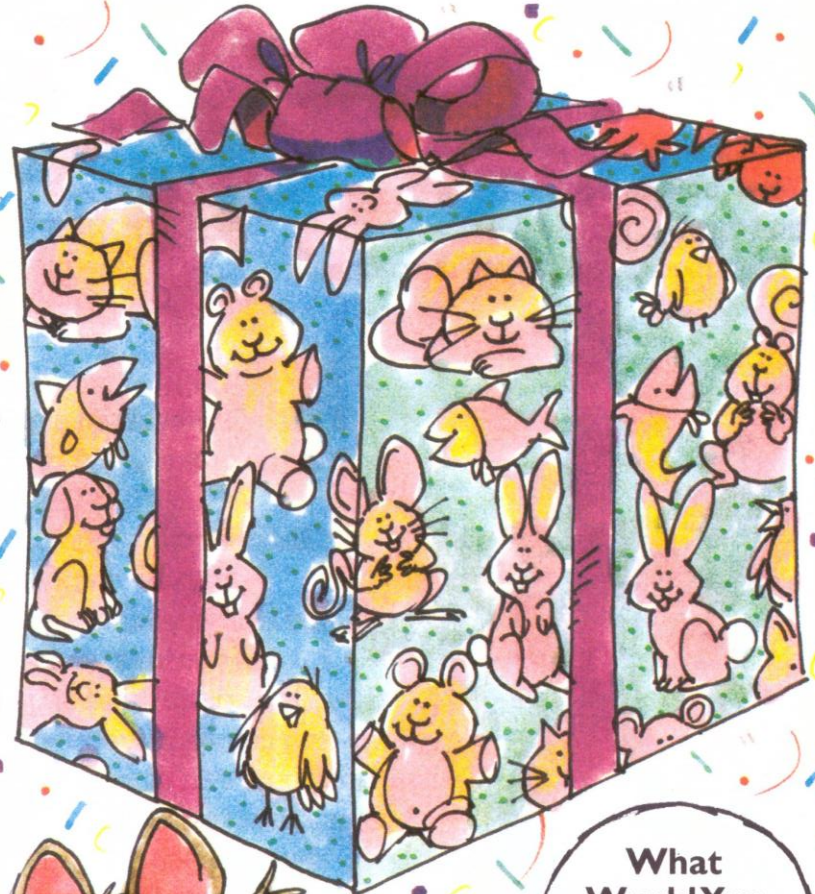


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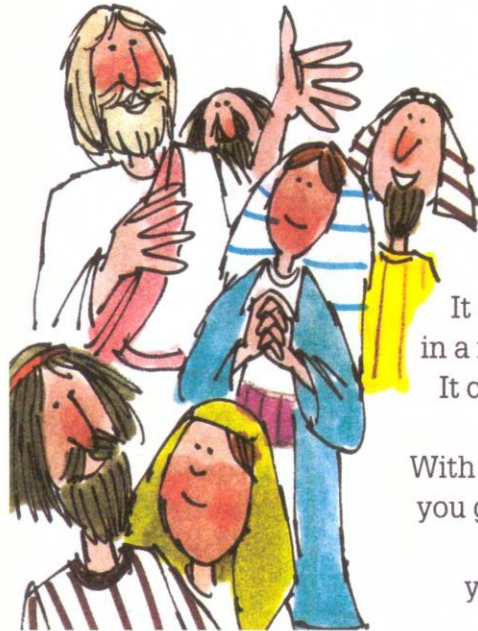
What Would You Like to Find in This Box?





Gift You Can Give and Get

If you received a birthday present all wrapped up in fancy paper, what would you do first? Would you put it on a shelf to look at every day? Would you hide it in a drawer? Of course not! You would tear off the paper and open it right away. What good is a gift if you don't open it?



Jesus tells you about a gift.
It is the greatest gift of all.
It is LOVE!
He said to love the Lord
with all your heart
and to love your neighbor
as you love yourself.
Love is a special kind of gift.
It doesn't come all wrapped up
in a fancy box with a bow on top.
It comes from inside your heart.
You can open it any time.
With just a smile or friendly word,
you give a friend your gift of love.
With just a little prayer,
you give God your gift of love.

Other people give you gifts of love. When Mom plays a game with you, when Dad takes you skating, when you and a friend share a toy, you are receiving gifts of their love. How many gifts of love can you give this week?



Wrap Up Your Love

Inside each gift below, draw a picture or write a few words about a special love-thing you will do this week. On the tags, write the names of people who will receive each gift.

