

Find the Hidden Hearts

Purpose: The purpose of this material is to help children practice visual discrimination, counting and language skills.

Preparation:

Just print out the Valentine's Day scene on the next page and you are ready to go! If desired, print out a copy for each child plus one to use as a learning center material.

Use:

Show the children the picture and invite them to share their thoughts. Ask open-ended questions such as, "What do you think is happening in this picture?" or "What do you like best about Valentine's Day?" These types of questions help children build expressive language skills. Then, challenge the children to find all of the hearts in the scene. As they find each one, count out loud with the children. How many hearts can they find? They can also compare and contrast the hearts. How are they the same? How are they different?

Alternate Use: Print out a copy of this scene and mount to heavyweight paper. Cut into pieces...like a puzzle. The children can then put the scene back together.

