

CONNECTED HEARTS

MATERIALS:

Colored construction paper (or brightly-colored card stock paper)
Scissors
Markers
Small stickers (optional)
Single hole-punch
Yarn or string



DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes

PREPARATION:

Cut out at least six small to medium-sized hearts for each child (make various sizes out of different colors). Then punch two holes at the top of each heart. Next, cut the yarn into 6-inch pieces.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Allow each child to pick six hearts. Pass out the markers and instruct the children to write their names on one of the hearts and the names of other believing friends/family members on the other hearts. Option: Children may then decorate each heart with the markers or stickers. Lastly, the hearts will be connected side-by-side to one another with the pieces of yarn (making sure the first heart and the last heart are tied together). Each child will have a garland of connected hearts to remind them we should support one another and live boldly for Jesus when we face hard circumstances.

Application:

Almost all the twelve disciples deserted Jesus at His crucifixion. Might they have found strength if they had been willing to “connect” their hearts? We should never forget that we are stronger when we stand together as believers (especially when bad things happen).