

Somebody Loves You

Family Rituals and Traditions of
Sending & Receiving *Love*






Welcome Families!

- Plan for the Evening
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 - Children's Story
 - Rituals and Traditions of *Love*
 - A Rose By Any Other Name
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 - Closing Devotion







Family Share Time


Materials

-  family love letter form
-  envelope
-  markers and pens

Activity

-  Write the last name (s) of your family under the heart at the top of the page.
-  Write the first names of your family members down the left-hand side of the page.
-  Have every family member write one loving thing about every other family member next to his/her name on your family love letter (take dictation for younger kids).
-  In one month this letter will be mailed to you from the Chapel

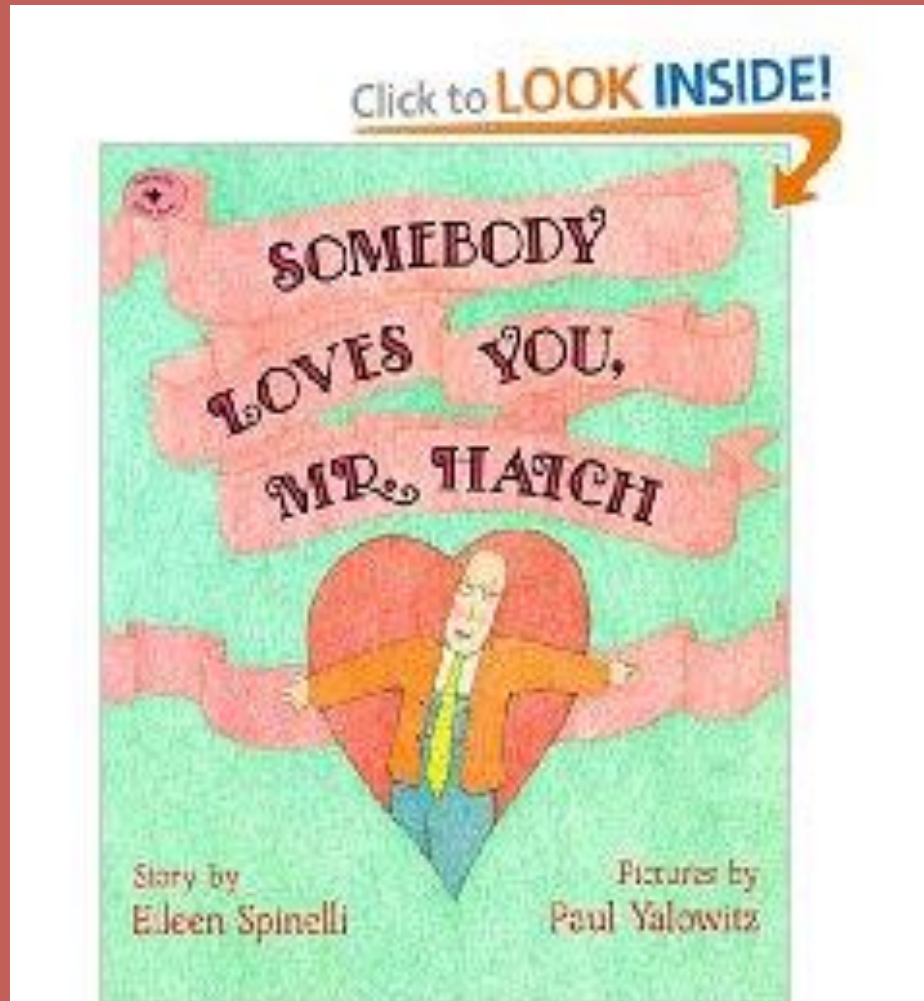
Invitation to Share

-  While some family members are writing, other family may discuss the following question, “What is your favorite thing to do together as a whole family?”



Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch

- story by Eileen Spinelli
- pictures by Paul Yalowitz



Why have sending and receiving rituals and traditions?

- Bring order and joy to the day
- Ease transitions
- Teach the value of each individual family member
- Can be matched to the temperament of each family member or become a shared experience.







Rituals and traditions of sending and receiving love

- Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another! *1 John 4:11*
- Valentine's Day Love for All p. 213-216
- Hello and Good-bye Rituals p. 50-54
 - School – daily wishes p. 52
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A Rose by Any Other Name

Here's What You Need to Make Tissue Paper Flowers

-  Pastel colored tissue paper
-  Chenille stem
-  Scissors
-  Ruler

Here's How to Make Tissue Paper Flowers:

-  1. Cut tissue paper into 5" x 7" rectangles. If you want a multi-colored flower, cut rectangles from different colored tissue paper.
-  2. Stack 4-6 tissue paper rectangles. Either 4-6 of the same color or different colors.
-  3. Fold the tissue paper from the long side like an accordion or fan.
-  4. Wrap one end of the chenille stem around the middle of the accordion pleated tissue paper.
-  5. Carefully separate each layer by gently pulling towards the middle of the flower.




Family Love Feast

- Share in Prayer
- Choose and Send a
Family Food Finder
to the Buffet Table
- Make, Eat, Enjoy
 - *There are options available for people allergic to peanut butter!*
- Choose and Send a
Clean Up Captain
to put trash in the can



Share in Prayer

 *For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.
We give you thanks. Amen.*



Family Food Finder

- Go to the buffet table.
 - Bring an adult with you if you are under 8.
- Pick up a tray.
- Pick up place settings
- Choose as many items from tonight's menu as you like.
 - *Love Apple Macaroni & Cheese*
 - *Love Knot Dinner Rolls*
 - *Family of Ants on a Log (look for peanut allergy option)*
 - *Pineapple Hugs*
 - *Chocolate Kisses & Cookies*
- Return with your filled tray to your family's table.
- While you are making your Family of Ants on a Log together, servers will come to your table with apple juice and water.
- Eat and enjoy!



Evening Prayer

Opening Sentences

☞ Parents: *Children, let's not just talk about love. Let's practice real love.*

☞ Children: *What does that mean?*

Reading of 1 Corinthians 13:3-7

Closing Sentences

☞ Parents: *We can love because God first loved us.*

☞ Children: *Thank you God!*

☞ All: *Amen.*

