

SNACKS | DAY 5

Bible Story: The Greatest Commandment • Matthew 22:36-40; 1 Corinthians 13

Bottom Line: You can LIVE for God by loving others.

1. HEARTS ALL WAYS, ALWAYS!

OPTION 1: Heart-Shaped Rice Krispies Treats®

What You Need: Rice Krispies Treats; heart cookie cutters or plastic knives; napkins

What You Do:

- Give each child a Rice Krispies Treat.
- Encourage kids to cut out a heart using either a heart-shaped cookie cutter or a plastic knife.

OPTION 2: Heart-Shaped Fruit Kabobs

What You Need: Strawberries, orange slices, grape halves, small cubes of cheese, napkins, small skewers

What You Do:

- Cut off the tops of the strawberries in a V formation, leaving the rest of the strawberry, which now looks like a heart.
- Add two strawberries, two orange slices, four grape halves and two cheese cubes to each skewer.
- Kids can place their fruit kabob on a napkin to enjoy.

OPTION 3: Heart Sugar Cookies

What You Need: Sugar cookie dough or store-bought sugar cookies; heart-shaped cookie cutters; icing; sprinkles; napkins or small paper plates

What You Do:

- Roll out the sugar cookie dough, cut out heart shapes using a cookie cutter, and bake.
- Allow kids to decorate their heart-shaped cookie with the icing and sprinkles.

OR

- Give each child a store-bought sugar cookie and a heart shaped cookie cutter to cut out a heart shape.
- Allow kids to decorate their heart-shaped cookie with the icing and sprinkles.

OPTION 4: Heart-Shaped Jammy Sammies

What You Need: Bread; strawberry jam; heart-shaped sandwich cutters or cookie cutters; small plates

What You Do:

- Prepare the sandwiches ahead of time by spreading the strawberry jam between two slices of bread.
- Encourage kids to use the heart-shaped sandwich or cookie cutters to cut a heart out of the center of their sandwich to enjoy.

OPTION 5: Cheese and Pepperoni Hearts on Crackers

What You Need: Cheese slices; pepperoni slices; small heart-shaped cookie cutters; crackers; small plates or napkins

What You Do:

- Give each child a plate with two slices of cheese, two pepperoni slices, and two crackers.
- Encourage the kids to use the cookie cutter to cut hearts out of the cheese and pepperoni slices, place them on the crackers, and enjoy.

OPTION 6: Heart-Shaped Cupcakes or Muffins

What You Need: Muffin or cupcake batter of your choice; marbles or foil; napkins or small plates; plastic knives, icing, and sprinkles for decorating (optional)

What You Do:

- Ahead of time, prepare the batter and pour it into cupcake liners. Before baking, slide a marble or a tightly rolled piece of foil between the cupcake liner and muffin pan (on the side of the liner, not beneath it). The cupcake/muffin will morph into a heart shape as it bakes.
- Give each child a cupcake or muffin. If providing icing and sprinkles, let them decorate as desired and then enjoy.

What You Say:

"When someone asked Jesus what the greatest commandment is, what was His answer? (*Pause for responses.*) Yes! To love—love God and love others. [Bottom Line] You can LIVE for God by loving others. What if for the rest of the summer and the coming school year, you decided to focus on this ONE thing? What if you chose to love in every situation, in every interaction, at every opportunity? What if love was your first response? I know your faith would grow. And your willingness to love well could show others just how much God loves them, too. Because [Bottom Line] you can LIVE for God by loving others."