

# DIY STORYTIME

## THEME: VALENTINE'S DAY

Here are some ideas and activities to try this week with your child. These five practices are designed to help your child develop literacy skills, engage your child, and enhance the bonds between you.



### READ

[The Day it Rained Hearts by Felicia Bond](#)

[Love From the Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle](#)

[There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Rose! by Lucille Colandro](#)

[Click, Clack, Moo : I Love You! by Doreen Cronin](#)

[Pete the Cat: Valentine's Day is Cool by Kimberly and James Dean](#)

[This is Not a Valentine by Carter Higgins](#)

[The Best Thing about Valentines by Eleanor Hudson](#)

[Bananas for You! by Sabrina Moyle](#)

[Love You by Heart by Peter H. Reynolds](#)

[Little Blue Truck's Valentine by Alice Schertle](#)

[Tiny T. Rex and the Perfect Valentine by Jonathan Stutzman](#)

### PLAY

Go on a heart scavenger hunt! Where can you find hearts? Are there more in nature or in a store? Can you make hearts out of materials that you have at home?

### WRITE

Make a valentine for someone you love and give it to them!

### SING

#### **If You Love Someone Song**

(Tune: "If You're Happy and You Know It")

If you love someone and you know it clap your hands...

If you love someone and you know it shout hooray...

If you love someone and you know it blow a kiss...

#### **I Have a Little Heart Song.**

I have a little heart

(place hand over heart)

And it goes thump, thump, thump.

(pat chest three times)

It keeps right on beating when I jump, jump, jump

(jump three times)

I get a special feeling, when I look at you.

(point to child or grown up)

It makes me want to give you a hug or two!

(hug yourself)

### TALK

Talk about people you love. How do you know these people? How can you show them that you love them? What are some ways we can show love to people we don't know? What makes you feel loved?