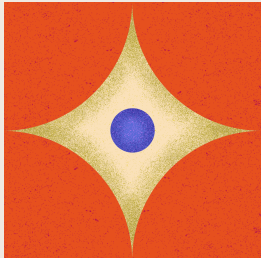


ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

Celebrating the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus with children is a beautiful way to teach them about Christ's boundless love. Explore with the kids in your life the ideas below to help them understand more about Jesus and his heart which is full of mercy and constant care for all of us.

WHERE DID WE LEARN ABOUT THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS?



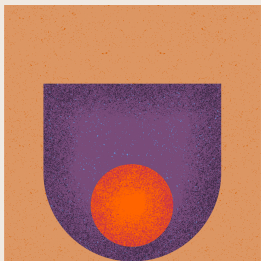
Some people did not treat Margaret Mary Alacoque nicely because she was seen as slow and clumsy. However, she was also known to be humble, honest, patient, and kind. When Margaret was in her mid-20's, Jesus revealed his love to her, his Sacred Heart. He also shared with her the images of his Sacred Heart. Several people did not believe Jesus did this. However, over time many people came to believe. When he was Pope, Gregory 16th approved the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

JESUS



The next time you are at MSH, peek at the other side of our church from Mary. There is a statue with Jesus' Sacred heart. Our Church is named after the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There are symbols of a pierced heart and a flame above Jesus' heart. Each one showing us how much and how intensely Jesus loves us. He loves us so much he is willing to do anything that will help us remain true. The best way we can treat one another is to love like Jesus loves.

MEAL-TIME FUN

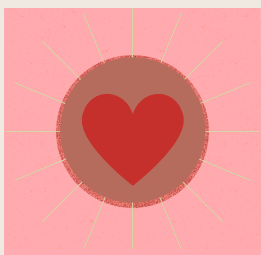


Incorporate heart-shaped snacks and meals:

- Heart-shaped strawberries- Slice strawberries into the shape of a heart and drizzle them with chocolate to look like a crown of thorns. Add peaches arranged like flames coming from the top of the heart to represent Christ's burning love.
- Heart-shaped marshmallows- roasted over a fire to represent the Sacred Heart
- Sacred Heart Pizza- Shape your dough into a heart, top it with red sauce and "symbolic" toppings like red peppers or pepperoni (the blood and love of Christ), yellow peppers for the flame, and olives or herbs for the crown of thorns and cross at the top.

SYMBOLS OF THE SACRED HEART & A SIMPLE PRAYER FOR KIDS

Enjoy this video clip which explains in kid-friendly terms the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART

Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus, I put my trust in you! I love you and I believe in you. Thank you for loving and believing in me, too. Amen.

PAPER BAG PUPPET CRAFT:

Have some fun by making these adorable paper bag puppets of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary.

