

# Holiday Helps

Ideas for Early Childhood Classrooms

December, January, February. Celebrations, wonder, sharing love.  
Make plenty of these Candy Heart Hang-ups to share with family and friends.

## Candy Heart Hang-up

### What You'll Need

- 2 large candy canes (any color or flavor)
- clear tape
- greeting cards or colored card stock
- yarn or ribbon
- glue
- scissors
- pencil
- paper punch

### What You Do

1. Place two candy canes tip to tip to form a heart shape. Tape the candy canes together at the top and bottom tips.
2. Using the front of a greeting card or a sheet of card stock, trace around the outside of the candy heart you have formed. Cut out the traced paper heart.
3. Punch a hole at the top of the paper heart. Thread a piece of yarn or ribbon through the hole and tie the ends together, forming a hanger for the paper heart. If you are using card stock, you can write a message on the heart or decorate the heart with stickers. Then glue the candy cane heart on top of the paper heart, framing the picture.

Help children wrap their Candy Heart Hang-ups in wrapping paper to give to friends and family. Decorate your classroom with colorful Candy Heart Hang-ups too.

### Another Idea!

Parents and grandparents love getting fun frames featuring pictures of their children and grandchildren. Take individual pictures of the children in your classroom. On a cutout paper heart, write: "Jesus loves . . ." Then glue a picture of a child on the paper heart. Let each child make and take home a candy-framed photo.

