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Valentine's Day Family Ideas

Ideas to make Valentine's Day something more than chocolates and roses:

- 1) Don't have kids? Offer to babysit for one of the families in the congregation. Allow the parents to have a special date night and plan a night of fun with the children. Bake and frost cookies, make valentine's cards for their parents, go on a heart hunt...hide heart shaped candies around the house for them to find!
- 2) The week before Valentine's Day decorate a shoe box with a slit in the top. Throughout the week each family member can write things they appreciate about each other. On Valentine's Day have a special dinner and read the notes of appreciation.
- 3) Have a family game night. Let everyone pick one game and one snack. Play each game and eat each snack!

✧ *A time of Transitions* ✧ *A time for Opportunity*

My last day as Sunday School Coordinator will be February 7th. It was a hard decision to make because I have been truly had a wonderful experience at St. Pauls. I want to say a huge "thank you" for welcoming me into the congregation, trusting me with your children, and allowing me the freedom to use my creativity. As I reflect my time here I want to share with you some of the strengths I saw in the members of St. Paul's. I could always count on finding a willing adult to help out with Sunday school. The children in the church have build great relationships. The older children take on leadership roles and like to encourage

the younger children. In tough times, people are dedicated to St. Paul's and believe in its vision. The last four years have been a time of huge transitions in my life. I learned that when utilized transition can be a great opportunity for growth. My prayer is that God will use this time of transition for St. Paul's to cultivate and strengthen that vision. I was encouraged by a recent meeting where parents were able to talk about their dreams and ideas about Sunday school and children's ministries at St. Pauls. I see the possibility of great things happening! Thank you again for all your support of me and the children's program! I will miss you all!

What makes Children's Ministries at St. Paul's Special?



Very talented children

Wonderful families and parents who are always willing to help



Great volunteers



Good friends



Lots of smiles

Children who love to get involved



Ice skating parties at the Miller's!



Time to be silly



Amazing creativity