

Nothin' Says Lovin' Like Somethin' from the Oven

"Nothin' says lovin' like somethin' from the oven!" Do you remember that advertising jingle? Maybe you are too young ... it was before your time. But you probably have seen the 'Pillsbury pop and fresh dough boy!' The advertising experts want you to believe that Pillsbury products are just as good as pastries baked fresh from your own oven. You won't even notice the difference in taste ... so why spend all day in the kitchen baking a special surprise for your loved one when you can just go to the store and purchase it from the frozen section. Unwrap it, bake it, and arrange it on a plate... easy and effortless.

Contrary to the world's view of love ... easy and convenient like Pillsbury's jingle "Nothing says lovin' like somethin' from the oven!" Love is not that easy. Open your Bibles to 1 John 3:16. "This is how we know what love is; Jesus Christ laid down his life for us." Jesus showed us what true, passionate, intense love is by surrendering his life for you and for me! He did not take the easy way ... instead he showed us true love.

Before you walk into your child care center and prepare for the arrival of your children take a moment to ponder *your* definition of love. Does your definition reflect Jesus' definition? Read again 1 John 3:16 in another translation "We understand what love is when we realize that Christ gave his life for us. That means we must give our lives for other believers." (bibletools.com) Pray that the Lord's love will shine through you today as you care for His little ones...especially during those unpleasant moments. You can be assured that God has put you where you are, at this very moment to show the children in your care His love ... and that is better than anything the 'Pop and Fresh Dough Boy' can do!

Teacher Activity:

supplies needed:

Paper towel tube
Poster paint red
Cardstock white
Favorite desk frame

1. Cut your cardstock to fit your favorite frame. Lay cardstock on your work area and tape down just barely catching the edges with the tape.
2. Bend the paper towel tube length-wise into the shape of a heart stamp.
3. Pour the red poster paint into shallow dish or on paper plate. Dip the end of the paper towel tube into paint and stamp onto the cardstock. Let dry completely.
4. Write 1 John 3:16 around the dried heart.
5. Frame.

