

# Love Is a Funny Thing

## Idea Exchange

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Here's what I know about **love** after  
30 years of teaching Sunday school,  
25 years of marriage to Bob, and  
22 years of being a mom:

1. I can earn a lot of money and win a lot of prizes, but they're worthless without **love**.
2. I can get my Master's Degree (we'll see) but it's worthless to me if I don't have any **love** in my life.
3. I can give generously and burn out in church work, but if I haven't **loved** the people, I have nothing.
4. People who **love** me are patient with me. I am gentle with the students that I **love**. I make sure they succeed.
5. I am easier to **love** when I am not abrupt or angry. I don't want my **loved** ones to keep count of the times that I am abrupt or angry.
6. I want truth, not evil, for my **loved** ones and myself.
7. If I **love** you I'll trust you, protect you, and stay right with you.
8. My **love** might waiver on a bad day, but God's **love** never fails.
9. I don't fully understand **love**. I'm a beginner after 47 years.
10. I'm working on my faith, hope, and **love**. But mostly, I'm working on **love**. **That's why I teach Sunday school.**

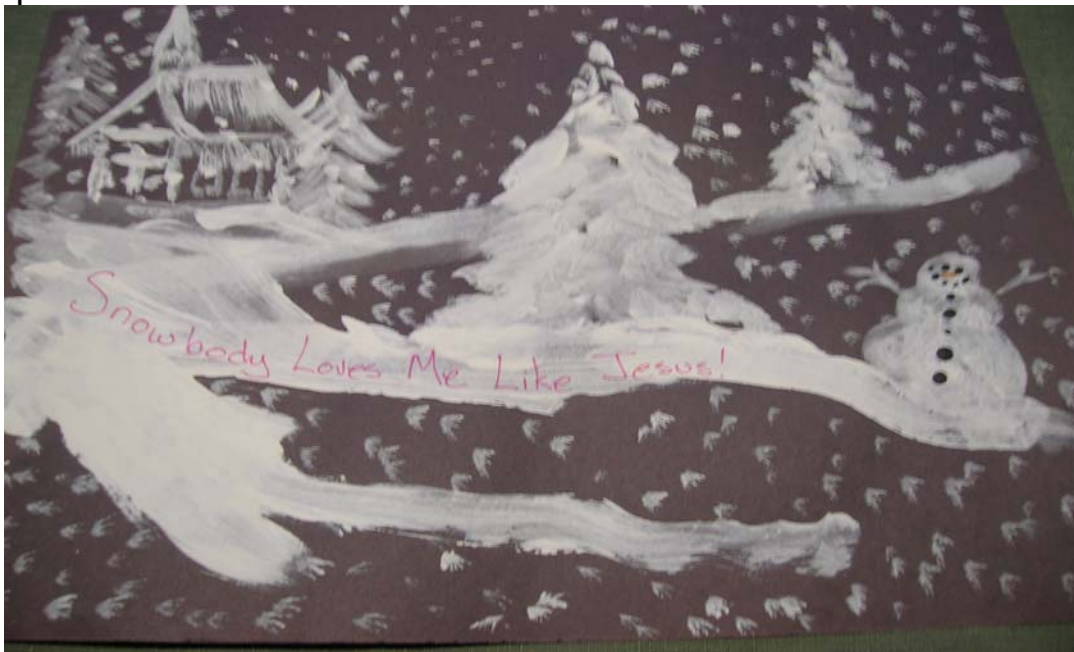
I Corinthians 13  
(the Ann Frake translation)

# Snowbody Loves Me Like Jesus!

This craft is easy. It's nice if you live in a snowy place and nicer if you don't, because it gives every child a chance to be part of a great snow scene.

You'll need:

- construction paper in a darker color
- white tempera paint
- paint brushes



Let each child create a snow scene. Show them how to make triangle trees, a swooping line from side to side for a hill, a snow man, a snow house, or a snow covered church. Everyone uses white paint to create his or her snowscape.

When the scene is complete, show younger children how to lightly touch their brushes in dots of snow all over the picture.

Older kids make sophisticated pictures, and you might want to supply an old toothbrush for speckling their pictures **IN THE SINK!**

Finally, supply each child with the caption: "Snowbody Loves Me Like Jesus!" Or write it in with a red marker.

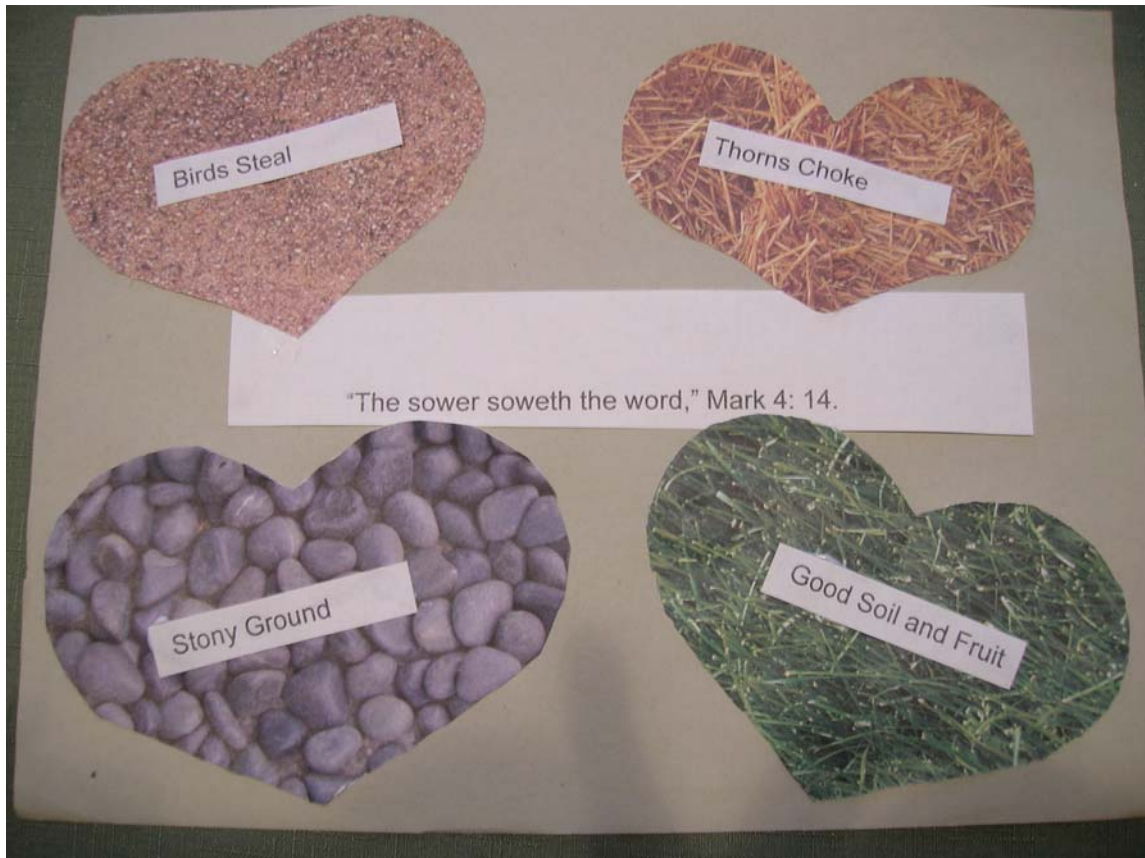
Middle school and high school classes could do this same project with the caption, "Lord, wash me and I shall be whiter than snow."



This is the view from my Ohio kitchen this morning.

**Scrapbooker's Note:**

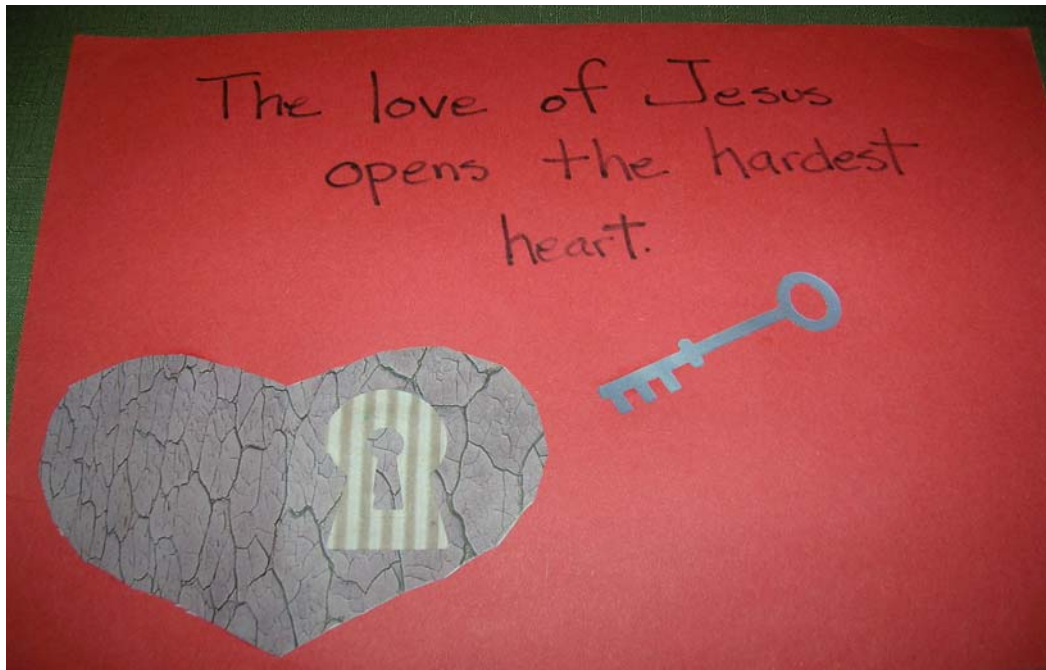
Ever buy a stack that has a few ugly sheets in it? Here's a project we did with ugly paper that turned out beautiful!



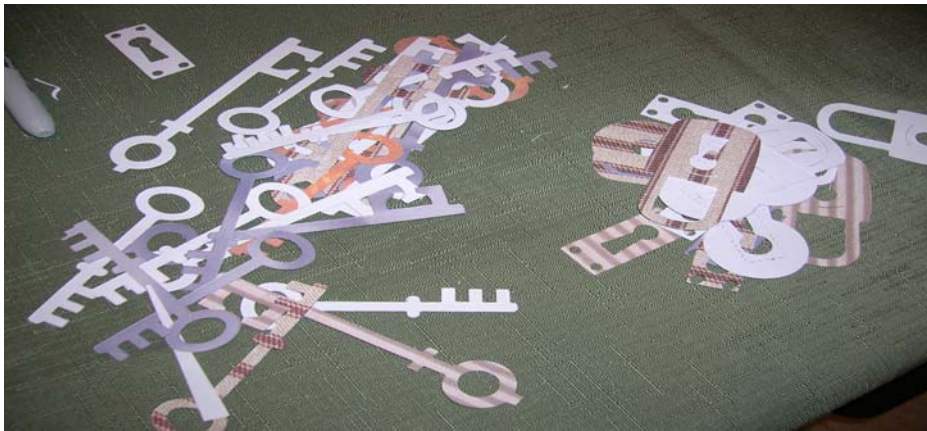


**For this next project** I took my stack of scrapbook pages that no one wanted to use (ever) to the local library. I asked for permission to use the die-cut machine. This is not an unusual request. Some libraries share their die-cuts and machines with teachers, scrapbookers, and kids.

I took my time and looked at all the die-cuts and started experimenting with the ugly paper. I really liked the lock and key patterns. The hearts in all the projects on this Idea Exchange were cut free hand. I got six hearts from each sheet of paper.



I can also imagine a game and an art project that requires matching a patterned "lock" with an exact "key." Who holds the key to your heart?  
Jesus!



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bought these great treats at a bake sale. Heart-shaped Rice Krispie treats made me smile. I'm going to take big square treats to Sunday school and give my class little cookie cutters to make their own shapes.

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