



# Holiday Helps

## Ideas for Early Childhood Classrooms

Kids love to solve puzzles, so let them create simple puzzle messages they can give to others! Mixed-up Message Magnets provide a fun way to share God's love with others.

### Mixed-up Message Magnets

#### What You'll Need

- pencils
- colored markers
- primary/kindergarten writing paper
- card stock or construction paper
- glue or glue sticks
- scissors
- 1/2" wide adhesive-back magnetic tape
- envelopes
- stickers (optional)

#### What to Do

1. Think of someone to whom you want to send or give a special message. Using a pencil, print a message to the person on lined paper. Trace over the letters with colored markers. You can make each word a different color or just add color to special words in the message.
2. Glue the writing paper to a sheet of cardstock or construction paper. Cut apart individual words or cut the words in short phrases. Attach a piece of magnetic strip to the back of each word or phrase.
3. Decorate an envelope with markers or stickers and write on the envelope the name of the person who will receive your puzzle message. Put the puzzle pieces in the envelope. When the gift is received, the person will need to put the words or phrases in correct order so the message can be read. The assembled message can be displayed on a refrigerator door, metal file cabinet, or other metal surface.



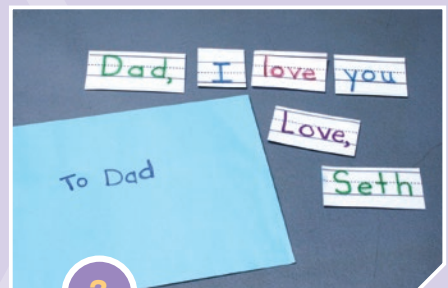
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#### Another Idea!

Letter the words to a Bible verse on lined paper and create Mixed-up Memory Magnets. Randomly place the magnets on a metal cookie sheet or other metal surface in your classroom. Kids will have fun rearranging the magnets to put the words in correct order. Be sure to include the Scripture reference. Provide a Bible so kids can look up the verse and check their work. Kids can print additional Bible verses and make more puzzles for friends to solve.



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