

## **A VALENTINE'S STORY**

Saint Valentine is said to have lived in Rome during the third century. That was a long time ago. During this time Rome was ruled by an emperor named Claudius. Many people did not like the ruler.

Claudius was having trouble getting men to serve in his army. He felt many men would not volunteer to join because they did not want to leave their wives and families. He thought that if men were not married, they would join the army. So Claudius passed a new law which did not allow any more marriages. Most people thought this law was cruel. Valentine, who was a minister, did not support the new law.

Even after Emperor Claudius passed the law, he kept performing marriage ceremonies secretly. One night he was caught and thrown in jail and told he would be put to death.

Many young people came to visit Valentine. One was the daughter of the prison guard. On the day of his death Valentine wrote a note to the daughter signed "Love from your Valentine". This was on February 14, 269 A. D.

Some say this started the custom of exchanging love messages on Valentine's Day.

- Now, read the story again and answer these questions.
- a) When did Saint Valentines live?
  - b) Who was the emperor?
  - c) Did people like the emperor?
  - d) What was his new law?
  - e) What did Valentine do?
  - f) What did the emperor do to Valentine?
  - g) What did the note say?

## VALENTINE'S RECIPES

### Jello Hearts

#### Ingredients:

- Red jello (Raspberry or Strawberry flavors)
- Heart shaped cookie cutter

#### Directions:

1. Make hearts with red color jello
2. Prepare the jello according to the jello recipe on the box.
3. Pour into shallow pans. Use a to cut out the hearts when the jello is set.
4. Serve with strawberry ice cream.

### Valentine Sandwiches

#### Ingredients:

- Bread
- Strawberry jam

#### Directions:

1. Make strawberry jam sandwiches and cut them out with a heart shaped cookie cutter.

# VALENTINES CRYPTOGRAM

Fill in the letters that correspond to the numbers below the blanks to solve the secret phrase.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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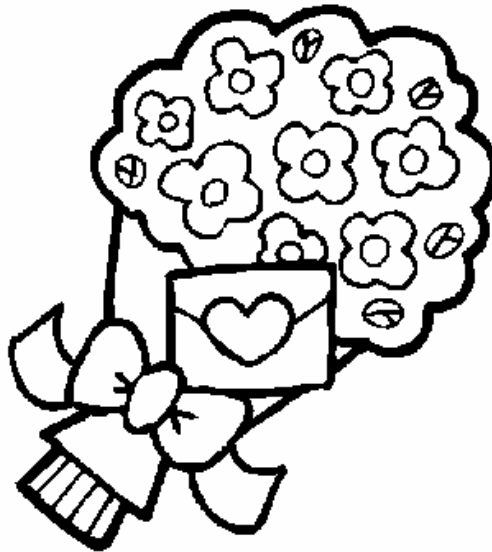
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# Valentine's Day Word Search

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D A O D A U S N S K L S T U T  
P N S C G R M L E I O S G X D  
P O E G O T T N S W W I R X H  
V C L I E L D D U C E K A C F  
F E G Y R Q A C Q A R V O R O  
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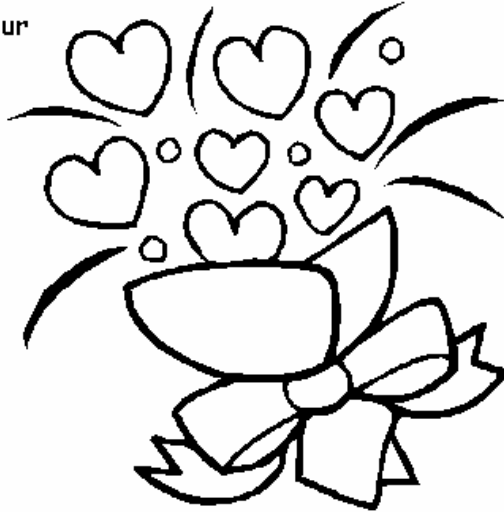
candy  
card  
chocolate  
cuddle  
flowers  
friend  
heart



hugs  
kisses  
love  
roses  
smooch  
snuggle

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

# Valentine's Day Anagram



Hidden Word  
(solve the circled letters):

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a c d r \_\_\_\_\_

e f l o r s w \_\_\_\_\_

d e r \_\_\_\_\_

f g i t \_\_\_\_\_

a c c e h l o o t \_\_\_\_\_

a c d n y \_\_\_\_\_

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