

Valentine's Day Tea Party

Ideas adapted from lifeisaparty.ca (Dannyelle Nicolle)

Host a Valentine's Day Tea Party for mom's and their children. Keep set-up simple. See picture below for an easy backdrop idea which could be the focal point. (The streamers are hung from a ribbon). Set tables using heart shaped candles and/or other Valentine decorations as centerpieces. Use Valentine napkins and real teacups.



As everyone arrives have a craft station available. Here's a fun craft idea! Provide pre-cuts chains of paper dolls and lots of fun pink and red papers and embellishments to decorate them. Valentine cupcake papers make cute skirts for the dolls. For boys have chains of trains available for decorating. Allow time to finish craft before beginning tea party.



After welcoming everyone begin with serving the snack. Serve tea and pink hot chocolate (the children will love this). You can purchase white hot chocolate from a bulk store and add a little red food coloring.



Serve mini sandwiches. These could include mini BLT's on Ciabatta buns, egg salad on mini croissants and use a heart shaped cookie cutter to make heart shaped jam sandwiches.



Set up a buffet table for the dessert . Cupcakes, shortbread, individual trifles are some ideas. Before enjoying the treats prearrange for someone to sing, share a Valentine's Day devotional, play a table game (quiz) and /or invite children to sing "I'm a little teapot".



Devotional Idea - Create a Valentine Love Banner!

Hang a long ribbon or streamer down a door and invite everyone to place a heart on the ribbon (heart shaped sticky notes would work great!) after they have completed the activity. Check out this link for more information about this idea and activity. http://www1.usw.salvationarmy.org/usw/www_usw_wm.nsf/vw-search/AEE9DB0C4D21436488257B0A0074D4D6?

Another idea is to write a Scripture verse or prayer requests on the hearts.

Thank everyone for coming and close with prayer. You may wish to hand out small Valentine treat bags to take home. Ideas could include pencils for children, candles for the moms and chocolate for everyone!