

# WORKSHOP EXTENSION ACTIVITY

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## HEART CANDY BOX

Ages 5-12

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What's your favorite candy to share?

## Who's special to you?

Valentine's Day is an opportunity to show others that you care. Before this Valentine's Day rolls around, choose one special person in your life who you are thankful for. You could select a family member, a classmate, a friend, a coach, or even a teacher! Then follow the instructions below to create a present that is sure to make them feel appreciated.

## Filled to the Brim

### You'll need...

- Your Heart Candy Box
- Pebbles
- Rocks
- Craft Sticks
- Cardboard
- Wood pegs
- Scissors
- Acrylic craft paint set
- Glitter paint (optional)
- Flat foam brush (1-inch)

Pick up the Heart Candy Box and examine it. While it would certainly be easy to just drop a few pieces of candy inside, doesn't the lucky recipient deserve the very best? Your goal should be to fill this box with as much candy as possible before you give it away! But before you fill this box with real candy, take a few minutes to consider just how many treats it can actually hold:

1. Spread the pebbles, rocks, craft sticks, card board and wood pegs out in front of you. Then brainstorm: What kind of candy or other sweets could these materials represent? Try to think of treats that are a similar size as each of these items, as well as candy that you know the recipient of your gift will enjoy. Make it your goal to come up with at least



## Who do you celebrate Valentine's Day with?

one type of candy for each shape, but try not to stop there. Brainstorm as many different kinds as you can!

Cardboard *	Pebbles	Rocks	Craft Sticks	Wood Pegs
Reminds me of... Chocolate bars	Reminds me of...	Reminds me of...	Reminds me of...	Reminds me of...

*\*You can cut or fold the cardboard to be any shape!*

2. Now it's time to use these different materials to figure out how you can fit as much candy as possible into the heart box! To arrive at an answer, first fill the box with as many of the smaller pieces of "candy" as you can. Think about how to pack the "candy" so you can fit as many pieces as possible. Then empty the box, count your pieces and record the numbers here:

\_\_\_\_\_ pieces of \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ pieces of \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of \_\_\_\_\_

3. Next, fill the heart box with as many of the larger pieces of "candy" as possible, thinking carefully about how to pack them so you aren't wasting space. How many of these larger pieces can you fit? Empty the box, count your pieces and record the numbers here:

\_\_\_\_\_ pieces of \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ pieces of \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of \_\_\_\_\_



## Candy Plan

Finally, think about the size and shape of the “candy” as well as the numbers you recorded above. If you wanted to fit as much candy in this box as possible, while still giving a variety of different shapes and sizes, what combinations could you try? Test a few different variations and then record your results below.

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ total pieces

or

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ total pieces

or

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ total pieces

Before you make your final decision, consider the recipient’s likes and dislikes. Does s/he prefer one kind of treat over another? Put a star next to the candy plan above that you know they will like best!

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## Make your heart box gift-ready

Now that you know what’s going inside your box, it’s time to get your box ready to gift!

1. Use the paint and foam brush to paint the inside and outside of the box with a design you know your recipient will love.
2. Allow the first coat of paint to dry, and then paint a second coat to make sure the wood doesn’t peek through.
3. If you think your recipient would enjoy some sparkles, add the glitter paint once the second coat is dry.
4. While the top coat is drying, it may be nice to write a note that explains why this person is special to you.
5. Last but not least, refer to the candy plan you created and fill your box with real candy this time! You now have a Valentine’s Day gift that is sure to brighten someone’s day.



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