



# GracePoint Gazette

## Games, Games, and More Games

### Game Night at GracePoint!

Please join us for a fun night of board games, food, and wonderful socialization!

On **February 24** you are invited to join us between **5:30 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.** for an exciting night of games. This night is a wonderful opportunity to interact with other families and play with your children.

We will be serving dinner (free will donations accepted).

**What:** GracePoint Game Night

**Where:** GracePoint Gym

**When:** February 24, 2011  
5:30 p.m.— 8:00 p.m.

**Why:** To interact with friends and families from GracePoint

**How:** RSPV to Marie Reynolds at 651-633-7515  
marie.reynolds@gracepoint-church.org  
by Feb. 22 to allow us to order food.

Bring your favorite board games.



Why are board games important for kids to play?

- Social Interaction
- Math Skills
- Oral Language Skills
- Reading Skills

## Heart-Shaped Finger Puppet

### What you'll need:

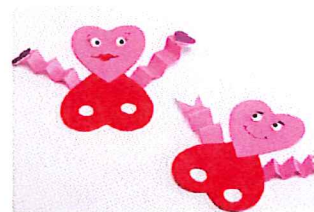
Scissors; Glue;  
Pink, red and white paper

### How to make it:

1. Cut out a three-inch paper heart and a one-inch paper heart from red (or pink) poster board.

2. Make two finger holes in the top of the large heart.
3. Draw a face on the smaller one.
4. Overlap pointed ends of the hearts and glue these together.
5. Accordion-fold strips of paper and glue these to the heart for

6. Place your fingers inside the holes and manipulate the heart puppets.
7. Kids will enjoy working the puppets alone. Make up a story together about this valentine puppet or sing a favorite song.  
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## Children's Ministry

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### Special points of interest:

- ☺ Family Fun!
- ☺ Valentine's Day Crafts
- ☺ Have you hugged your child today?
- ☺ Birthday Celebrations
- ☺ How can we all stay healthy?

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## 22 Ways to Tell Your Child "I Love You"



1. Spend a little time each day playing entirely at your child's direction.
2. Cuddle up under a blanket and watch what she wants to watch on TV.
3. Give a chocolate kiss along with a real one.
4. Exchange nose to nose Eskimo kisses.
5. Find something about your child's appearance to compliment.
6. Find something about your child's music to compliment.
7. Do one of your child's chores for him.
8. Run your fingers through your child's hair.
9. Send an encouraging note with your child's lunch.
10. Cook something together.
11. Talk in the car on the way to school instead of listening to the radio.
12. Give a foot massage.
13. Take a long walk together at your child's pace.
14. Read the funny pages together.
15. Do a jigsaw puzzle together.
16. Use magnetic letters to put loving messages on the fridge.
17. Send your child a card in the mail, with stickers or a treat inside.
18. Stick an encouraging note on your child's mirror as she sleeps.
19. Find a board game you both enjoy and schedule regular tournaments..
20. Develop a secret gesture only the two of you know the meaning of.
21. Take your child out to lunch every now and then just the two of you.
22. Say it, just say it, say it, say it, say it, say it.

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## Happy Birthday!



Josalynn S. 5th  
Evelyn R. 8th  
Tyler O. 12th

Raelyn F. 17th  
Sophie K. 22nd  
Grace G. 23rd

Grace W. 27th  
Allison M. 28th  
Austin M. 28th



## Stained-Glass Heart

### What you'll need:

Waxed Paper;  
Crayon Shavings  
(adults can shave crayons with a scissors or knife);  
Scissors; A few inches of ribbon;  
Iron; Hole Punch

### How to make it:

1. Fold a piece of waxed paper in half. Draw half a heart with the center of the heart at the fold.
2. Open the waxed paper and place it flat on your work surface.
3. Sprinkle/place the crayon

- shavings on the waxed paper. Little ones may sprinkle randomly, while older kids may want to make a pattern with the shavings. A light layer of shavings works best.
4. Cover the waxed paper with an additional piece of waxed paper. Put a paper towel on top of the waxed paper (this will protect your iron), then have an adult iron the two layers of waxed paper together on low heat.
  5. Cut out the heart image

6. Punch a hole near the top of your heart and thread a string through the hole for hanging the heart.
7. Hang it in front of a window so the light can shine through.  
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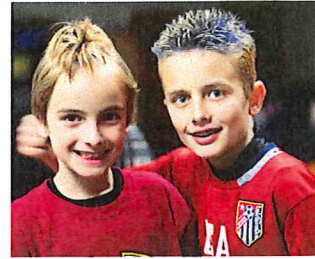


# February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 AWANA 6:30 Pinewood Derby	2	3	4
5 Lily Pad Sunday School Zone 252	6	7	8 AWANA 6:30	9	10	11
12 Lily Pad Sunday School Zone 252	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day! 	15 AWANA 6:30	16	17	18
19 Lily Pad Sunday School Zone 252	20	21	22 AWANA 6:30	23	24 Game Night 5:30—8:00	25
26 Lily Pad Sunday School Zone 252	27	28	29 AWANA 6:30			Boat-A- Rama Coming up on March 7 

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## Illness Policy

To protect your child and others, your child should not be placed in the GracePoint children's ministry area if he/she shows any of the following symptoms:

- Fever higher than 100 (orally) or 99 (auxiliary)
- Nausea, Vomiting and/or Diarrhea
- Any Colored Nasal Discharge
- Sore Throat
- Productive (wet) Cough or Croupy (Barking) Cough
- Questionable Rashes
- Skin Infection - Boils, Ringworm, Etc...
- Eye Infections or Drainage
- Communicable Disease or Infestation (such as Lice)
- Active Chicken Pox
- Measles
- Children should be fever free for 24 hours after a contagious disease before coming into the children's ministry area.

If a child is being treated with antibiotics, he/she should be on the antibiotics at least 24 hours before coming into the children's ministry area.

We want all of our children to remain happy and healthy

