

# God's Loving Plans



**Topic:** God's love

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 29:11-13

**Game Overview:** Kids will follow the leader's plans and find missing envelopes.

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**Supplies:** Bible, envelopes, masking tape, scissors, red construction paper  
**Preparation:** Draw a large heart on a sheet of red construction paper. Cut the heart picture into ten large pieces, and place each piece in a separate envelope. Tape half of the envelopes in obvious places, such as on the wall, on top of tables, or on windows. Tape the rest of the envelopes in less obvious places, such as inside cabinet doors or under chair seats.

**G**ather children and say: Special envelopes are hidden around the room. Each envelope has part of a message inside. We're going to hunt for all the envelopes to find out what the message is.

First, let's make a plan to help us find all the envelopes. Ask:

- What are some ways we can get to the envelopes? Children might mention things such as walking, running, hopping, crawling, or tiptoeing.

Say: Some of the envelopes will be easy to find—you can probably see them right now! But other envelopes will be harder to find. You'll need to follow my plan to find them all so we can hear the special message.

Lead children around the room, traveling in the different ways that children have mentioned. You might also have children count their steps, walk around furniture, crawl under a table, move like animals, or walk sideways. Allow a different child to retrieve each envelope and hand it to you.

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After all the envelopes have been found, let children work together to tape the pieces to form the heart. When kids have finished the picture, ask:

- What is God's message to us?
- How does God show his love to you?
- How do you show your love to God?

Read Jeremiah 29:11-13 to the kids, and then say: The Bible tells us God loves us and has good plans for us. If you hadn't followed my plans, you wouldn't have found all the envelopes. If we don't follow God's good plans, we'll miss out on all the great things he may have for us.