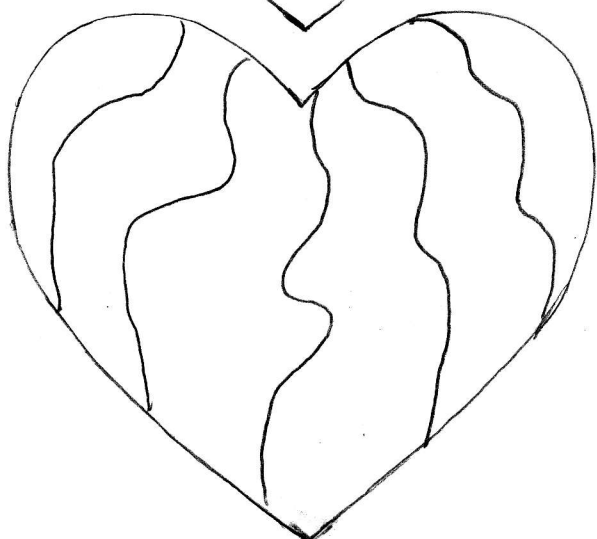
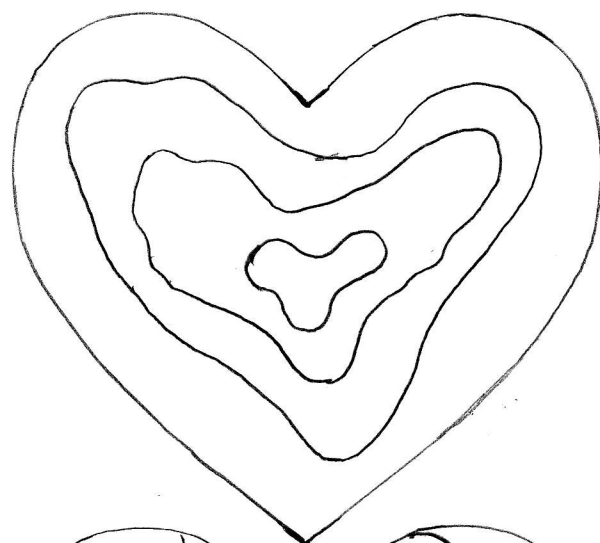
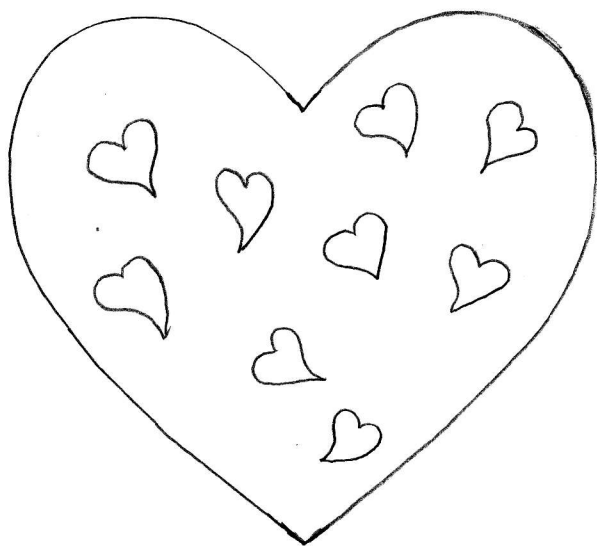


## "LOVE BASKET"

### Supplies Needed:

Standard paper grocery bag (no writing on bottom 6")

Scissors, Ruler, Stapler, Pencil, Permanent Glue Stick

Colored pencils (or felt markers or crayons)

(For "Story of God's Love" – 24" ribbon or yarn)

1. Cut off bag where folded-up part ends when bag is folded flat (usually about 7")
2. Fold top 1" of shortened bag toward outside.
3. Cut 3" strip across entire bottom of piece cut off, to use for handle. Cut off 12" section of the 3" strip and discard.
4. Turn under about 3/4" on each long edge of handle strip. Glue down loose edge with permanent glue stick.
5. With about 2" of ends inside basket on long sides, staple ends to insides of doubled edges.
6. Use pattern to cut six 3/4" x 3 1/8" strips from one end of bag trimmings.
7. Take 2 strips and glue ends together at 90-degree angle. Fold ends alternately over each other to form spring, then unfold.
8. Do the same with the other 2 pairs of strips.
9. At the center of the long side of bag without crease, staple the joined ends of one pair of strips on outside of bag, close to where the handle is stapled. Staple others centered about 2" below top of bag and 2-1/2" from end of bag.
10. On each pair of strips, fold strips alternately again and glue end "flap" down with glue stick, to complete making of spring.
11. Cut out the 3 hearts and color as desired. Trace 3 heart shapes onto bag trimmings and cut out.
12. Glue colored hearts onto hearts from bag paper.
13. Glue ends of springs generously. Stick on hearts.
14. Pad bottom of bag with wadded newspaper or tissue paper or shredded paper.
15. Place gift(s) in basket.

If you decide you should include "The Story of God's Love" with "Happy Valentine's Day" cover, fold story and cover in half together. Cut into fold 1-1/2" from top and bottom. Cut a 24" piece of ribbon or yarn. Insert through slits and tie bow on middle outside edge. Twist bow to be vertical.

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