

## HEART HUNT

Here's a good game for younger kids at a Valentine's Party. Before the group arrives, hide different colored hearts around the room. On a signal, the kids must begin hunting for the hearts. After they have found as many hearts as possible, they may begin trading with each other to try to get the colors that they think are most valuable. Players can trade more than one heart of a certain color for one heart of another color. The values will be unknown to the players until the trading is over. The leader can then announce the values and the players can add up their scores. Sample scoring (you can make up your own):

- Red Hearts: 10 points each. Five or more, add 50 bonus points.
- White Hearts: 25 points each. If you have more than three, subtract 100 from your score.
- Blue Hearts: 1 point each. Ten or more, add 100 points to your score.
- Yellow Hearts: 200 points. (There might be only one of these.)
- Green Hearts: 5 points each. Five or more, add 75 bonus points.

## HEARTS IN HAND

Have the group pair off with one guy and one girl on each team. Place a telephone book or a department store catalog on the floor (any large, thick book will do). Scatter about 50–75 candy hearts all around the book, so that they are within possible reach. As the couple stands on the book, the girl must stoop down, pick up a candy heart, and hand it up to the guy. If they lose their balance and touch the floor, the couple will be disqualified. The couple who picks up the most hearts in sixty seconds wins.

## HIDDEN NAME

Here's a good Valentine's Day mixer that requires a little advance preparation. Give each person a name tag to pin to her shirt and a sheet of paper containing sentences with Valentine themes. In each sentence will be hidden the name of someone present at the event. For example:

Please be *generous* with your love. (Gene)