



# Inspire

## Hope for the World

### Dove Valentine Crafts

Doves are beautiful symbols of love, hope and peace. Here are some craft ideas to offer love and hope to someone for Valentine's Day.



**Dove You Treat Bags.** Here is a great way to show someone you care. You can say "I dove you" with chocolate Dove candies.

<https://newlywedssurvival.com/diy-valentine-spouse-dove-free-printable/>



**Doily Origami Dove.** This would be cute included with a little Valentine's Day gift or treat..

<http://www.origami-instructions.com/origami-dove.html>



**Felt Dove.** This is a simple sewing craft, with a free printable template. Although it says they are Christmas ornaments, they can easily be displayed all year as a reminder of God's love and the hope He offers..

<https://thestitchingscientist.com/2014/07/dove-christmas-ornament-with-free-pattern-christmas-in-july.html>

**Button Bird Craft.** Ok, not necessarily a dove, but here is an easy and cute button bird craft that would make great Valentine's Day cards.

<https://www.craftymorning.com/cute-little-button-birds/>



### INSPIRATIONAL IDEAS from the Territory

**Compton, CA** ladies threw a surprise birthday celebration for the Corps Officer.

**El Centro, CA** held a Luau to invite women to be part of their upcoming new WM group.

**Fairbanks, AK** recently re-started their WM group, and they are calling the group, "Women of Grace—Just Be." They even have a mascot for this season, a BEE.

**Klawock, AK** did a scavenger hunt. Rhyming riddles were created for the ladies to solve, and the clues were hidden around town, and ended with dessert in a local restaurant.

**In Lewiston, ID** the ladies have enjoyed brining their husbands with them to programming. This has opened up a new avenue of ministry to both women, men and the families.

**Longview, WA** started a new weekly Bible study. They have been study the book of Ruth and have had 5-7 ladies attending weekly, five of which are new!

Being newly appointed to **St George, UT** the officer went on a hike to get to know the ladies. They shared in the beautiful scenery of the Red Cliffs and the Desert Garden display.

**Wenatchee, WA** ladies helped the corps get ready for Vacation Bible School. They helped with snacks, crafts, and even participated in the daily skits.

**Wrangell, AK** had some of their women show their skills to the group by beading, nail art and rock art. They are encouraging more women to share their talents or skills with the group.

Commissioner Colleen Riley—Territorial President of Women's Ministries

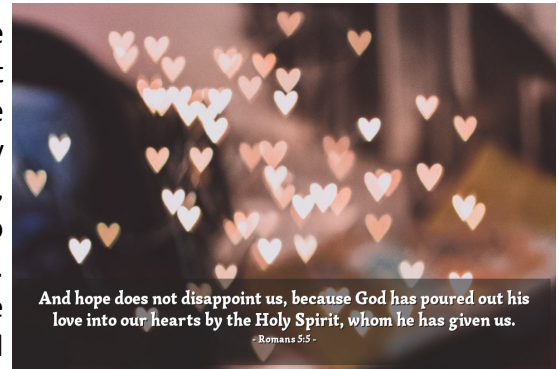
Colonel Donna Igleheart—Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries

Major Beth Desplancke—Territorial Women's Ministries Program Secretary

Be sure to check out our website for more resources: <https://usw-womensministries.org/>

## Hope and Love

February is the month of love; one of my favorite Valentine symbols is the dove. The dove? Not the most obvious symbol for love. Why the dove? Doves are monogamous and mate for life. And they are very affectionate with their mate. This includes giving love nips, grooming them, and cooing to them. Dove couples are also known to clasp their beaks and even bob their heads in unison. They are also very loving and devoted to their chicks. Male doves share in the responsibility of incubating the eggs and feeding the chicks.



The first instance of a dove in the Bible is found in Genesis, in the story of Noah (see Genesis 6-9). God has said that He was going to destroy the world with a flood because of the wickedness and sinfulness. But in His love, He didn't wipe out everyone completely. Out of love and grace, He spared Noah and his family and all the animals in the ark.

The dove is a symbol of hope. Long after the 40 days and 40 nights of rain, the earth was flooded and Noah and his family had nowhere to go—they had to simply stay in the ark. The days passed, and I am sure that Noah and his family thought they would never leave the ark. Finally, the boat perched on dry ground, and eventually they began to see the tops of mountains. At first Noah opened a window and sent out a raven, and then he sent out a dove. The dove returned to Noah in the ark. After another week, he sent out the dove a second time; this time the dove came back with a symbol of hope—a freshly plucked olive leaf. 1 more week, Noah sent out the dove a third time, and this time it did not return. Hope that the earth was again habitable. The Bible tells us that on the first day of the first month of Noah's 601st year of life, the surface of the ground was dry; about a month later the earth was completely dry.

Jump forward to the New Testament and we see the dove again; this time it is at the Baptism of Jesus (see Matthew 3:13-17). John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan River, as He comes up from the water, a voice from heaven (God the Father) speaks and a dove (representing the Holy Spirit) lands on Jesus' shoulder. The dove again is a symbol of hope—through Jesus and the transforming work of the Holy Spirit we can be forgiven of our sin and transformed into new creations in Christ. Paul writes in Romans 5:5, ***Hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.*** Let's look for God's love and hope this month!

### Monthly Bible Trivia Questions—Valentines

If you were asked to pick out people who might have sent valentines during biblical days, who would you pick? Match the person with his or her likely valentine.

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| 1. Jacob (Genesis 29:18)      | a. Isaac   |
| 2. Ruth (Ruth 4:13)           | b. Sarah   |
| 3. Zipporah (Exodus 2:21)     | c. Rachel  |
| 4. Bathsheba (2 Samuel 12:24) | d. Mary    |
| 5. Rebekah (Genesis 24:67)    | e. Boaz    |
| 6. Samson (Judges 16:4)       | f. Delilah |
| 7. Elkanah (1 Samuel 1:8)     | g. Naomi   |
| 8. Abraham (Genesis 17:15)    | h. Hannah  |
| 9. Elimelech (Ruth 1:2)       | i. Moses   |
| 10. Joseph (Matthew 1:24-25)  | j. David   |

Trivia Answers: 1-c; 2-e; 3-i; 4-j; 5-a; 6-f; 7-h; 8-b; 9-g; 10-d