

**Welcome to the Daisy Flower Garden**  
**Take Action Project Sample Sessions: Love Bugs**

Learning to give to others for the simple act of giving—not for a holiday or a birthday, but just to show someone they are cared for—is a kind and generous service for others. Girls can make love bugs and give them to people they love as kind gestures.

**Session 1**

People Collage—*identify important people in our*

*lives* **Session 2**

Love Bugs—*make "Love Bugs"*

Delivery—*give the "Love Bugs" to important people*

**Session 3**

Spider Web—*think about the experience of giving*

**Session 1: People Collage**

Objective: Girls identify people they care about.

Time Allotment: 45 minutes.

Materials Needed:

- Photographs, magazines or old calendars
- Thick paper or tag board
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Crayons, markers, etc.

Prep Needed:

Gather plenty of photos, magazines, calendars, etc. for girls to choose from. Or, provide drawing materials instead of pictures. Prepare an example if desired.

Activity and Sharing Circle:

1. Ask girls to think about the people they care about. Discuss what "caring" means.
2. Pass out a piece of thick paper or tag board to each girl.
3. Explain that a collage is a collection of pictures pasted onto a piece of paper. Explain that everyone will be making collages of people they care about (pets may be included!).
4. Using photographs, pictures from magazines, etc., girls make collages of the people they care about.
5. Allow time for girls to share their collages with the group.
6. Keep the collages for the next session.

**Session 2: Love Bugs**

Objective: Make Love Bugs for people girls care about. Time Allotment: 35 minutes Materials Needed:

- Plastic spoons
- Plaster of Paris
- Plastic wiggly eyes
- Non toxic paint in assorted colors

- Jewelry pin backings or magnets
- Cotton swabs or paint brushes
- Clear acrylic spray
- Newspaper
- Butter knife
- Optional: silk flowers or small potted plant

**Prep Needed:**

1. Gather necessary materials.
2. Read through Plaster of Paris instructions carefully.
3. Optional: prepare samples of "Love Bugs."

**Creative Activity:**

1. Ask girls to place plastic spoons on newspaper while you and a girl helper mix the Plaster of Paris.
2. Fill the wells of the spoons with plaster and level with butter knife to create a flat surface on top.
3. Let filled spoons stand a minute or two and then press on pin backings (for pins to wear) or magnets (for the fridge).
4. Allow to dry completely.
5. Pop out plaster from spoons by pressing the outer edges of the spoon. With a butter knife, smooth the edges of bug easily.
6. Place bugs on the newspaper for painting. Paint bugs using cotton swabs or brushes.
7. While the finished love bugs are still wet from paint, press on two wiggly eyes and set aside. This can also be done later using glue.
8. When completed, spray with acrylic and let dry.
9. When dry, pins can be put on silk flowers, floral paper of a real flower or wrapped as a gift.
10. Magnetic love bugs can be put in a potted plant or put on the fridge as a surprise gift.

**Session 2: Delivery**

Objective: Girls deliver their love bugs to loved ones.

Time Allotment: 10 minutes

**Discussion:**

During this time, girls should choose who they want to give their Love Bugs to. They can use their people collages to choose.

**Session 3: Spider Web**

Objective: Girls share who they gave their love bugs to and why.

Time Allotment: 30 minutes

Materials: Ball of yarn or string

**Game:**

1. Invite the girls to form a circle.
2. The girl with the ball of yarn starts by calling out the name of the person she gave her Love Bug to and tossing the yarn to another girl. She must keep hold of the end of the string.
3. The girl who catches the ball must call out the name of the person she gave her Love Bug to and toss the ball to another girl while holding onto a piece of the string.
4. The object is to include everyone and create a spider web with the string.
5. When the spider web is complete, ask a girl to tug on the string.
6. Ask how many girls felt the tug and talk about how many people felt good about giving their love bug. Did people who received love bugs feel good? Talk about all those people are now connected and are "caught" in the Girl Scout Love Bug Web.
7. A fun way to untangle the web is to try and go backwards. Girls must try to remember who threw the ball to them and throw it back.

Extra Challenge: Can girls remember the names of everyone's love bug recipients?