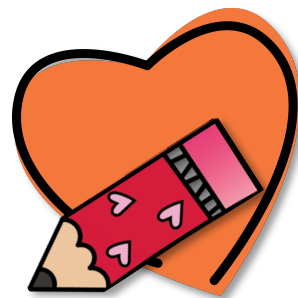


# GTC KIDS



**FEBRUARY 2021**

Hey GTC Kids!

Happy February! February is one of my most favourite months. There are many reasons I love it – and it's not just because I celebrate my birthday this month. February is my favourite month because there is a big focus on loving others and that just makes me happy. I also enjoy celebrating Family Day (February 15<sup>th</sup>). We always try to make it special by playing games, eating yummy snacks, and spending time together.

This month, Pastor Sherri and I are focusing on thanking people in our community. Each week we thank a new group of people and you can help! Every week we will provide practical ways to love and thank others. Your parents can find out more information in our church newsletter or on our Family Connection Facebook page (Family Connection at GTC).

It is easy – and normal – to love people we like. Some of those people are our family and friends. Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:43 that we are to love our enemies. That isn't easy to do! How can you show love to people that are hard to get along with? This month I challenge you to begin to see other's with new eyes. I want you to look for kids who are having a hard time. Maybe they are sitting alone or don't have others to play with. Maybe they are displaying some bad behaviour. How can you love them? Can you sit with them at lunch? Can you ask how their day is going and listen to the answer? Can you play a game with them or hang out at recess? How can you show love to someone who might make it hard to love? Remember that God looks past our outward appearance and he looks at our heart. How can you look past what everyone sees and look at others the way God does? If you're not sure, ask your parents or a trusted adult to help you come up with some ways to love others. Read Matthew 5:43-44 together.

I hope this month is filled with lots of fun, lots of love, and a whole lot of Jesus. Until we see each other, please know that I am praying for you and miss you very much.

Love,  
Pastor Mandi 



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HA! HA! HA!

### Pastor Mandi's Chocolate Chip Cookies:

*I LOVE chocolate chip cookies and this is my favourite recipe. Bake a batch together and enjoy on Family Day!*

- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup butter, melted
- 1 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 cups chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 325 F. Lightly grease cookie sheets or line with parchment paper.

In a large bowl, sift together flour, baking soda and salt. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, cream together melted butter, brown sugar and white sugar until well blended.

Beat in vanilla, egg, and egg yolk until light and creamy.

Mix in sifted ingredients until just blended. Gently fold in chocolate chips.

Drop dough by tablespoons onto cookie sheet. Bake 10-14 minutes. Cool on baking sheet a few minutes before transferring to wire racks to cool completely.

What did one blueberry say to the other blueberry on Valentine's Day?

I love you berry much.

Where do cows go on a Friday night?

To the moo-vies!

Where do snowmen keep their money?

In a snowbank.



## HEY PARENTS!

Have you recently moved or changed your phone number? Do we have your kid's birthdates? I'm doing some updating and I want to make sure I have the correct contact information.

Please send me an email to [mandi@gtsudbury.ca](mailto:mandi@gtsudbury.ca) with the details so I can make sure everything is current.  
Thanks!

## CHALLENGE



**READ:** John 1 John 3:8

**ASK:**

- What does this verse say to do to show our love?
- How can we show our love with our actions?
- Who could you show love this month?

Loving someone is not just an emotion that you feel in your heart. To truly love someone, as the Bible tell us – is to show love with our actions. What does that look like in our lives? Give some examples...and then do them!

**FREEZE  
FRAME**

**"You came near when  
I called out to you.  
You said, 'Do not  
be afraid.'"**

**Lamentations 3:57**