

**Quick, easy, and inexpensive agape ideas . . . from The Upper Room Discussion Group . . .**

<b>Rainbow mechanical pencils:</b>	Write this down: "Jesus Loves You!" or "Jesus has signed your heart with his blood."
<b>Mending kits:</b>	"God fixes everything."
<b>Jigsaw Pieces:</b>	Jigsaw puzzle pieces either hot glued to a pin back or a card (You can put a piece of magnet strip on the back of the card for a fridge magnet.): "God put it all together for you." Or "Puzzled? Talk to God." Or "Don't let Jesus be your missing piece!" or "If life is a puzzle, turn to the Lord." Or "Now I know in part, then I shall know fully. 1 Corinthians 13:12."
<b>Notepad:</b>	Little notebooks or note pads. "Write this down: Jesus Loves You!"
<b>Small calendars:</b>	(wallet size are good): "I am with you always. Jesus"
<b>Seed packages:</b>	"Grow in Christ."
<b>Life Savers:</b>	"Jesus is the real life saver!"
<b>Small rulers:</b>	"Measure your life in Christ." Or "Jesus Rules!"
<b>Emory Board:</b>	Emory board or small piece of sand paper on a card: "Jesus can smooth away all our rough edges!"
<b>Nail:</b>	Nail on a card. "Need an eternal fix? Try John 3:16."
<b>Butterfly anything:</b>	"God changes things."
<b>Diaper pin:</b>	"God can change even the worst of things."
<b>Maps or compasses:</b>	"Jesus is the way" or "Lost? Talk to God" or "Need directions? Talk to the Father." Or "Lost? Follow the Son."
<b>Magnifying glass:</b>	"See everything clearly with Christ" or "Let your faith be magnified." Or "If they dusted your Bible for fingerprints, would they find any fresh ones? Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105."
<b>Small bars of soap:</b>	"God can make all things clean."
<b>Emergency rain ponchos:</b>	"When life gives you rain, God gives you rainbows!"
<b>Yo-yos:</b>	"God will be there though all your ups and downs."
<b>Rock:</b>	Write "Jesus is the rock" and draw a cross on the rock.
<b>Duct tape and nail:</b>	Put a small piece of duct tape on a card. Then put a nail through the card as if you were pinning something to it. On card write: "Men fix everything with duct tape. God used his son."
<b>Penny:</b>	Penny hot glued to a card. "Jesus just makes 'cents'"
<b>Runts:</b>	Runts candies in a small bag. "The fruits of the spirit are."
<b>Paper clip chain:</b>	Paper clip chain made of brightly colored paper clips or several brightly colored paper clips hanging on an earring hoop: "Genesis 9:13"
<b>Heart:</b>	Foam heart glued to a card: "Give your heart to Jesus." Or any heart verse.
<b>Candy conversation hearts:</b>	"These go in your tummy. Put Jesus in your heart."
<b>Bears:</b>	Teddy bear stickers or very small (1/2 inch) teddy bears or gummy bears. "God's love bears all."
<b>Erasers:</b>	"Jesus erased all your sins."
<b>Key chain:</b>	"Let Jesus be the key to your life" or "Put God in the driver's seat."

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<b>Shoe horns:</b>	"For a perfect fit every time, try Jesus."
<b>Earplugs:</b>	"For all those times when noise is not so joyful."
<b>Atomic fireballs:</b>	"Get fired up for Christ!"
<b>Smiley face anything:</b>	"Smile. God loves you."
<b>Kites:</b>	Small plastic or balsa wood planes or miniature kites: "Fly high with Christ."
<b>Band aid on card:</b>	"Christ heals all."
<b>Pots:</b>	Small jars or pots made from Play Dough and hardened. "Put yourself in the potter's hands."
<b>Finger traps:</b>	"Submit to Christ and be free." You may want to explain on the card that the finger trap will hold you as long as you struggle and pull.
<b>Hand held fans:</b>	Cut a large heart from card stock or other paper and tape this to a pencil. Print on heart before cutting and taping: "Join the Jesus fan club."
<b>Golf tees taped to a card:</b>	"Jesus will always fit your needs to a tee!"
<b>Airhead candy:</b>	"Don't be an airhead! Listen to Jesus!"
<b>Kool Aid packages:</b>	"Let Jesus be the cool aid in your life."
<b>Hershey kiss(es):</b>	Hershey kiss(es) on a card: "A good night kiss for you. Sleep in peace as God watches over you" or "An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips." Proverbs 24:26 or with 2 kisses "Angel kisses."
<b>Mint:</b>	A mint taped to a card: "Jesus is 'mint' for you."
<b>Sponge:</b>	Small piece of sponge attached to a card: "Soak up God's love."
<b>Chewy Candy:</b>	Gum, caramel, starburst candy, tootsie roll or other chewy candy: "Choose Jesus" or "Choose this day whom you will serve." Joshua 2:4-15
<b>Now and Later candy:</b>	"Jesus Now and Later."
<b>Q-tip:</b>	Q-tip taped to a card: "Open our ears, Lord. We want to hear Jesus."
<b>Small plastic frogs:</b>	"FROG: Fully relying on God."
<b>Gold Fish crackers:</b>	"Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19
<b>Small back scratchers:</b>	"God always has a hand for you!"
<b>Skittles candies:</b>	"Taste the rainbow of God's love."
<b>Equal package:</b>	"Nothing equals Jesus!"
<b>Picture of a cell phone:</b>	Photocopy picture on paper and color with bright colors: "Call on God. Unlimited free anytime access."
<b>Small packages of tissues:</b>	"God will take your tears and make an ocean."
<b>Gold wrapped chocolate coins:</b>	"His love is more precious than gold."
<b>Corks or fishing bobbers:</b>	God's love is unsinkable.

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<b>Small match box-size cars:</b>	"Put God in the driver's seat."
<b>Honey:</b>	Bit of Honey or fast food size honey package: Psalm 19:10
<b>Cream Savers:</b>	You are the cream of the crop. Let Jesus be your Life Savior.
<b>Small pocket size mirrors:</b>	"Let Christ be reflected in you."
<b>Letter openers:</b>	"God opens up a whole new world of possibilities."
<b>Toy watches:</b>	"God has all the time in the world for you." Or "Ecclesiastes 3:1"
<b>Birds:</b>	Small plastic or feather birds (floral section of craft store): "Matthew 10:31"
<b>Toy paratroopers (party favors):</b>	"Let Jesus be your parachute."
<b>Individually wrapped hand wipes:</b>	"Jesus makes all things clean."
<b>Rubber Ducks:</b>	"Life with Christ is just ducky!"
<b>Mini-frisbees or spinning tops:</b>	"I may not always know where I'm going, but the one I'm following does. 'The Lord will guide you always.' Isaiah 58:11"
<b>Whistle:</b>	"Whistle while you work Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men. Colossians 3:23."
<b>Milky Way candy bars:</b>	"He had a universe to choose from, but God chose you."
<b>Baseball trinkets:</b>	"No outs. All safe with Christ" or "Hit a home run with Christ."
<b>Mustard seed:</b>	Mustard seed glued to a piece of cardstock: "A little faith goes a long way. Matthew 17:20."
<b>Snickers</b>	Tape or glue a "fun-size" Snickers bar to a note card and put the words, "Hungry for God, Why Wait..."
<b>Thumbdys</b>	Place your thumb onto an inkpad and place on a note card Draw each thumbprint as a person - be creative! Write "Thumbody Loves You!"
<b>Stick with God</b>	Tape or hot glue a small stick to a note card and write "Stick With God"
<b>Dryer Sheets</b>	Staple a dryer sheet to a note card and write "Cling To Jesus!"
<b>Kleenex</b>	On a travel-size package of Kleenex, write Rev. 21:4 - "God shall wipe every tear from their eyes."
<b>Noisemakers</b>	Attach this message to a noisemaker: Psalm 100:1 - "Make a joyful noise..."
<b>Bag of nuts</b>	To a bag of nuts, write: "Jesus is nuts about you!"
<b>UNO</b>	Write: "DO UNO JESUS?"
<b>Sponge</b>	To a piece of sponge, attach the message: "You made the journey, soak it all in!"
<b>Belly Button Cleaner</b>	To a piece of matchstick, glue a piece of pipe cleaner, rounded. Attach the message: "Just when you think you had everything, a belly button cleaner!" and the verse 2 Cor. 7:1 - "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."
<b>Pixie Sticks</b>	Attach a Pixie Stick (sugar stick) to a note card and write: "God 'picks' you as His beloved."
<b>Candy Cane</b>	Attach a candy cane to a note card and write "By the stripes, we are healed."
<b>Birthday Candles</b>	Attach a birthday candle to a note card and write "Let your light shine..." - Matthew 5:11
<b>Play Doh</b>	To a small Play Doh container, write Isaiah 64:8 - "We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand."

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<b>Prayer Rock</b>	Wrap a small rock in cloth and tie shut. Attach a sheet that says "Jesus 'spoke to them in parable to show that they should keep on praying and never lose heart." - Luke 18:1
<b>Stir it up</b>	Attach a plastic spoon to the message "...let us consider how to stir up one another to love and to good work." Hebrews 10:24
<b>Band-Aid</b>	Attach a Band-Aid to a note cards that says "God Heals all Wounds."
<b>Pencil</b>	Attach a pencil to a note card that reads "Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart." Proverbs 7:3 or "You're all 'write' with God!"
<b>Gummy Worms</b>	Throw some gummy worms into a bag and attach the message "Come follow me, Jesus said, and I will make you fishers of men." or "Let Jesus work His way into your heart."
<b>Washers</b>	Attach a metal washer to a note card and write "Jesus will wash away your sins."
<b>Paper Umbrella</b>	Attach a paper umbrella to a note card and write "His love shelters us from the storm."
<b>Rubber Band</b>	To a rubber band, attach the message "Band together for Christ's Sake."
<b>Hawaiian Lei</b>	Attach the message "Jesus Leid down His life for you" to a Lei.
<b>Missing Piece</b>	Attach a puzzle piece to a note card with the message "Jesus is the missing piece."
<b>Paint Brush</b>	Attach the message "Let Jesus be the artist of your soak" to a small paint brush.
<b>Marble-ous</b>	To a notepad, attach a marble and the message "Jesus is Marble-ous!"
<b>Sugar</b>	Attach a packet of sugar to a note card with the message "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus!"
<b>Warheads</b>	Attach a sour candy or Warhead to a note card with the message "Don't let your love for the Lord grow sour."
<b>Compass</b>	Attach small gift card to compass that says: "God's direction is always true!"
<b>Sunflower Seeds</b>	Attach card to bag of seeds that says: "You are a seed sewn by God. Grow and bloom where you are planted"
<b>Door Hangers</b>	Print on computer "Resting in the Lord" Do Not Disturb and Walk# our group name
<b>Almond Joy</b>	Put on label or attach small gift tag that says: "The JOY of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10