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Supplemental
Resources for
the 2022 ELCA
Youth Gathering

Unit 1

This activity works well as an intro to the Romans 8 passage in Session Two after Lauren Daigle's "You Say" (p. 22), or use it however you like!

Artistic Engagement



Explore Art – Boundless Love – Sculptures

- Learn more about Robert Indiana's *Love* (Stop 3) at the **Minneapolis Sculpture Garden**. This sculpture began as a graphic and then became a sculpture. As the brilliance of the design made waves around the world, the sculpture began popping up in many different languages. You can search online to find examples. *Why would a sculpture that simply depicts the word "love" resonate so much across the globe?*
- If you visit the sculpture garden in Minneapolis, take a break at James Turrell's *Sky Peshier* (Stop 6). Peshier is a type of interpretation used by Jewish scholars of ancient scripture. Turrell's

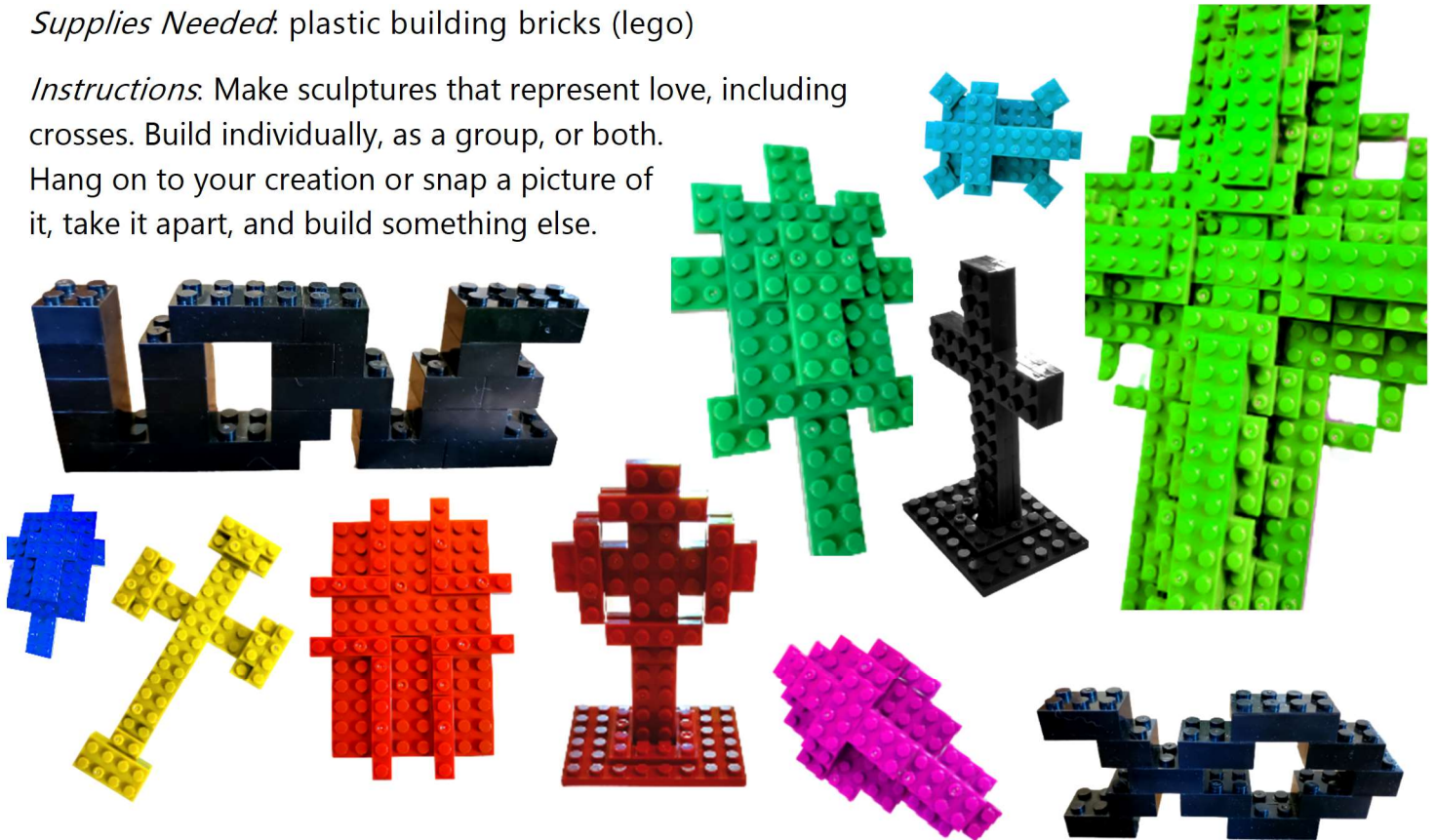
sculpture sits you down in a simple room with a big hole in the ceiling. *How do you interpret the brilliant and original work of art called The Sky, by God, the creator of heaven and earth?*

Make Art – Boundless Love – Building Brick “Love” Sculptures

Represent love through original sculptures.

Supplies Needed: plastic building bricks (lego)

Instructions: Make sculptures that represent love, including crosses. Build individually, as a group, or both. Hang on to your creation or snap a picture of it, take it apart, and build something else.



What do Building Brick Sculptures have to do with Boundless Love?

Robert Indiana's *Love* sculpture has spread as an important symbol all over the world. Your love sculptures probably enjoy the power of symbols as well. The cross is perhaps the most recognized symbol in the world. The "Jesus Fish" is another popular symbol. You or someone in your group might have also made a heart or infinity sign or smiley face. Humans have invented lots of symbols for love and connected many symbols to the idea of love. When you really think about it, there are probably endless ways to represent love. In Romans 8:38-39, Paul talks about the impossibility of stopping God's love. I hope that leads you to also think about the infinite possibility of God's love. Just look at Jesus. He loved by healing people, listening to their struggles, crying with them, laughing with them, feeding them when they were hungry, noticing them when nobody else seemed to care, standing up for them, giving them hope, telling them how much they're loved, radically reimagining the world for them so that love is the center of daily life, and dying for them on the cross. All those "them"s and "their"s include you too. Building bricks are a great tool for creating and thinking with infinite possibilities. Have fun and make your love boundless.