

# YWAC



## Young Women Active for Christ

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### MORE THAN PUPPY LOVE (*devotional*)

#### *Adoption*

Abandoned. Alone. Orphaned. He had no one to care for him. That's when I knew it was time for him to come home. New bedding. Brushes and clippers. Food and water. TOYS! Adorable outfits. Most of all LOTS of L.O.V.E. Yes, after months of preparation it was finally adoption day. One lost little puppy was about to meet his new owner who would nurture and love him beyond capacity. Let's just say I was as happy as a dog with a new bone. After all, a dog is man's best friend, right? I think it's safe to say if my dog Butter had a choice today he wouldn't want to be anywhere other than the Meeks residence. He is rather spoiled. What other owner would bring back a cheeseburger from the closest bistro just for a canine?

#### *Adaption*

Even though I loved him dearly, Butter was far from perfect. This little doll of a pup had a lot to learn about requirements for living with me. No pottying in the house. No whimpering at night. Only eating dog food except for the occasional burger or two. He had become my child. It was time for him to adapt to this type of living.

#### *Better than Butter*

In many ways we are a lot like Butter. We are born into this world as sinners. People who live to please ourselves with the things this world offers us. We wander through life searching for things like popularity, acceptance, self satisfaction, etc to fill this void in our heart. There is no safe place that we can call home. To truly understand love and nurturing is far beyond our mind's capability, but all along there is this one person who is searching to win our heart. He began this search long before this world was ever created.

***"For he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world that we may be holy and unblemished in his sight in love"***  
(Ephesians 1:4 ).

How unbelievably awesome is that? God seeks for the very heart He created and placed in you. He looks beyond your pizza face that you are ashamed to look at. He looks beyond your lion hair you just can't seem to tame. Better yet, He looks beyond your human heart that desires this world. And He chases after you, lavishing you with His love to show you your worth in Him. Have you accepted this unfailing love? Can you call God your "Abba" father? Can He call you His child?

### PUTTING ON THE DOG (*meeting activities*)

Here are some YWAC meeting activities and craft ideas to remind you of our Father's love and our need to follow our Master.

#### *Treats*

Serve hot dogs or make Dogs in the Blanket (<http://www.pillsbury.com/recipes/mini-crescent-dogs/e8abc84e-8a0e-42d6-ae7e-23b677a161ac>) and serve along with Puppy Chow (<http://allrecipes.com/recipe/puppy-chow-i/>).

## New Tricks

Let girls do face painting (full puppy face or just a dog mouth and tongue).

Make handprint puppies( [http://www.freekidscrafts.com/index.php?option=com\\_events&task=view\\_detail&agid=300](http://www.freekidscrafts.com/index.php?option=com_events&task=view_detail&agid=300)).

Make heart dog Valentines for friends or elderly shut-ins (<http://www.dltk-holidays.com/valentines/mdog.htm>)

Or transform a cotton glove into a passel of pups. (<http://www.favecrafts.com/Decorating-Ideas/Dog-Glove-Pet#>).

*Find more dog-related crafts at <http://www.artistshelpingchildren.org/dogs-crafts-ideas-activities.html>*

## Awards

Invite girls to bring a puppy (new stuffed animal) to give to a local shelter for homeless families or a safe haven for abused women and children. Or take to your local hospital for distribution to children who are patients there.



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