

## Valentine's Latin Poem

**Goal:** Kids will use their Latin language skills to create a poem that is a blessing to a friend or family member, and to the Lord.

**Objective:** Students will review noun and adjective agreement in creating this poem. This is a great follow up activity for chapters 11 – 12 in LFC, A and chapters 3 – 5, LFC, C that both focus on adjectives.

**Materials needed:** construction paper, scissors, markers, glue, notebook paper, Latin - English Dictionary (if desired to access additional vocabulary).

**Preparation (before class):** Photocopy heart images onto various colors of construction paper. Prepare a list of additional persons and adjectives for the poem (see list below for suggestions). Teachers may wish to have a Latin-English Dictionary available to look up additional words.

### **Teacher Instructions (in class):**

1. Each student should compose a rough draft of poem on a sheet of notebook paper.
2. Poem should consist of: 2 nouns, 4 adjectives, and 3 verbs.
3. Words are used as follows: noun A (person to whom poem is addressed), 2 adjectives describing noun A, 3 verbs describing noun A, 2 adjectives describing noun B, noun B (student writing poem). See sample below
4. Teacher must check rough draft, making sure that proper agreement is exercised between nouns, adjectives, and verbs.
5. Once rough draft is approved, student may choose construction paper with hearts for final draft.
6. Student should write poem centered on heart, and then decorate as they desire.

### **Sample Poem:**

Mater  
bona, cara  
amat, curat, cantat  
bona, grata

## Filia

(student may wish to use their own name or a Latin name)

### Vocabulary:

Students should be encouraged to use vocabulary they have learned, but due to limitations may wish to also use some of the following for family members.

father – *pater*

mother – *māter*

son – *filius*

daughter – *filia*

brother – *frāter*

sister – *soror*

grandmother – *avia*

grandfather – *avus*

grandchild – *nepös, nepötis, m./f.*

maternal aunt – *matertera* (*mater* + *alter*)

maternal uncle – *avunculus*

paternal aunt – *amita*

paternal uncle – *patruus*

cousin – *cönsobrinus* or *cönsobrīna*

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