

Heart Envelope Writing Prompt

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Children choose their favorite.

Students cut out their heart and then fold on the dashed lines to make an envelope.

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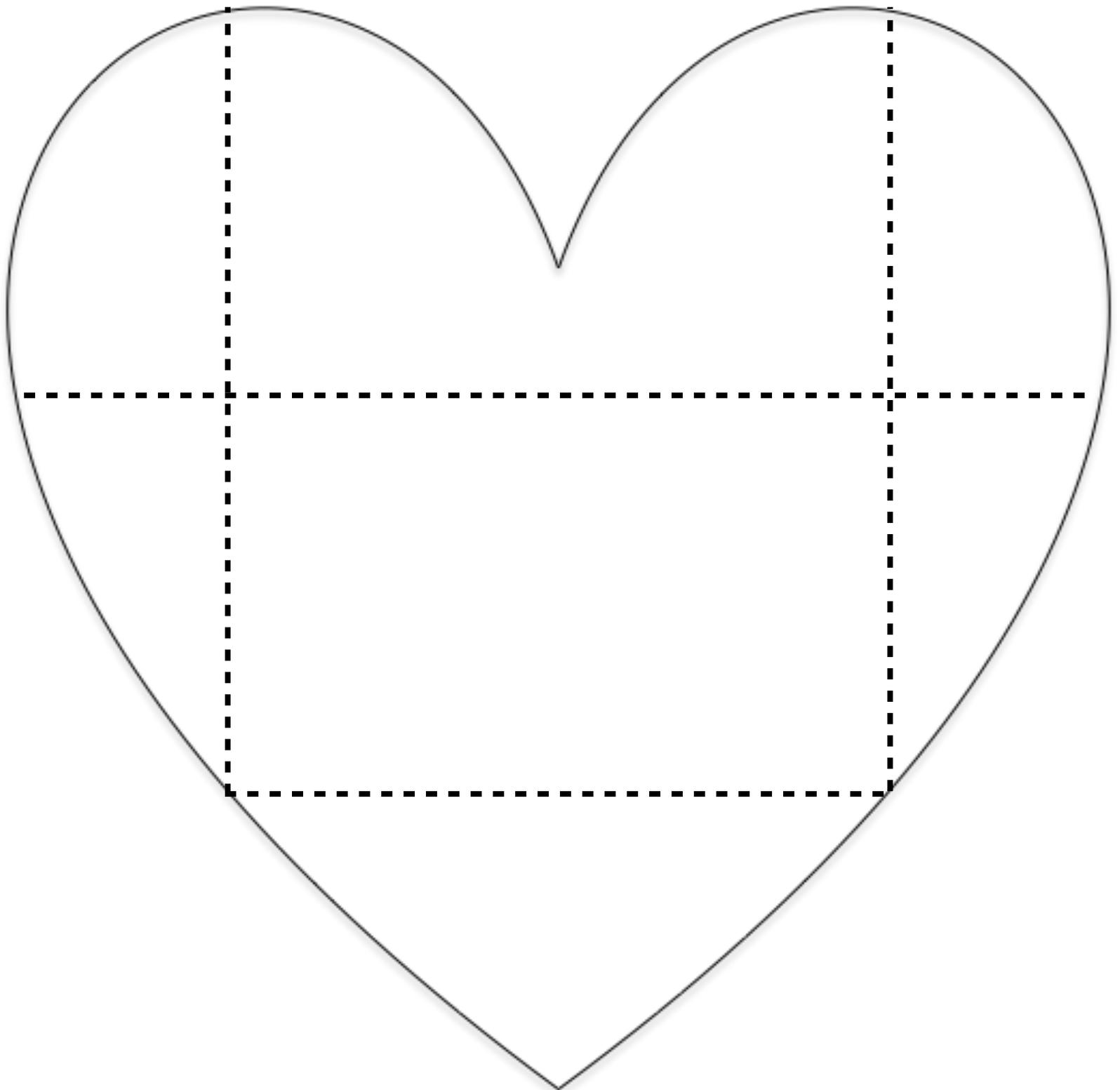
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3. Fold top down.
4. Fold bottom up.

The envelope will be upside down.

Give students a writing prompt or have them write anything they want inside.

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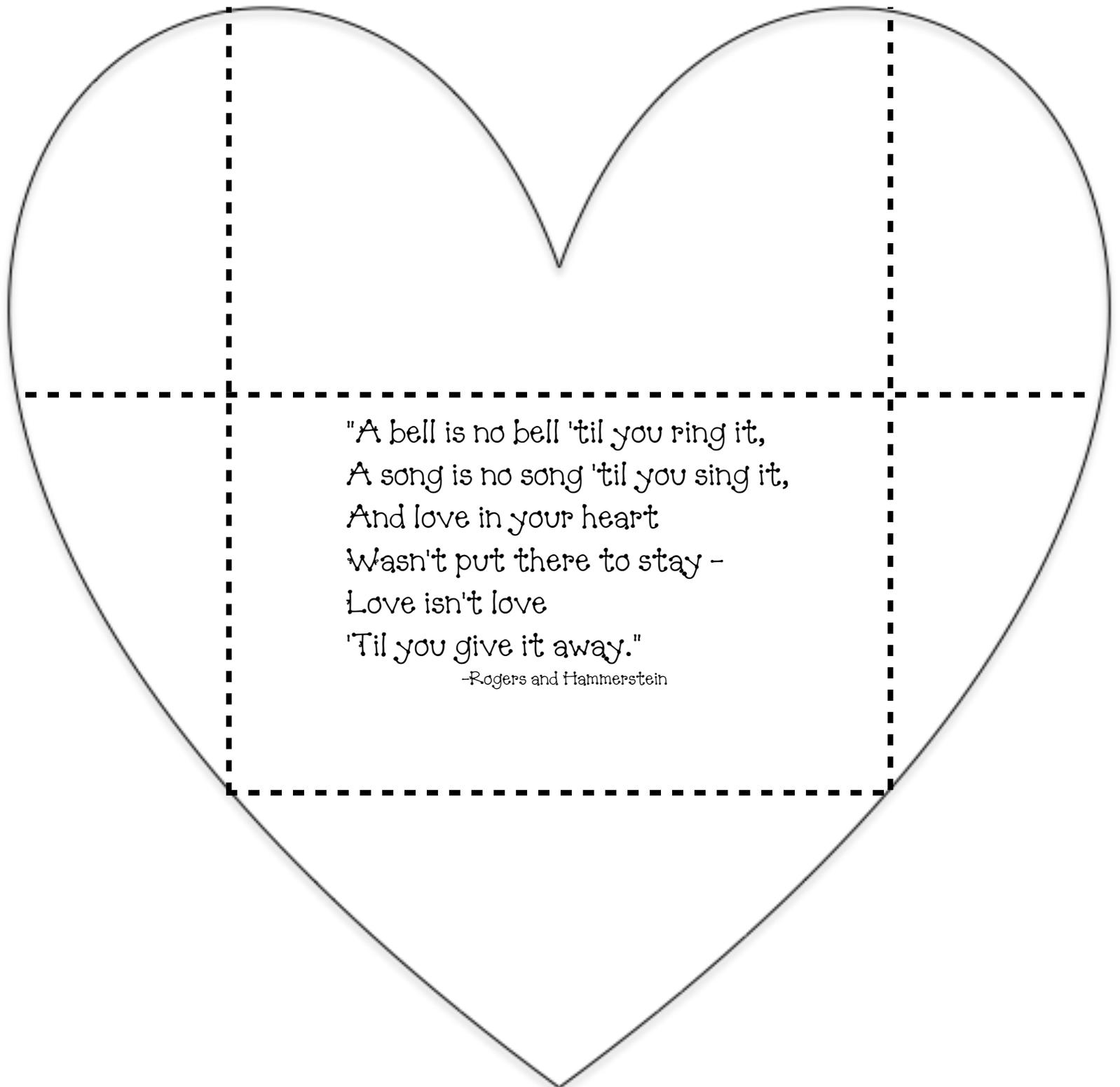
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A Few Poem Ideas to jot inside the folded heart envelope

"A bell is no bell 'til you ring it,
A song is no song 'til you sing it,
And love in your heart
Wasn't put there to stay -
Love isn't love
'Til you give it away."



-Rogers and Hammerstein from the song, *Sixteen Going on Seventeen* in *The Sound Of Music*.

The phrase was also made popular by Michael W. Smith in "*Give it Away*" as well as Reba McEntire in "*Love Isn't Love*"

I made the following short verses up:

Just wanted you to know
I'll love you forever
no matter how big that I grow!

A heart-felt valentine is what I send
To let you know I'm glad that you're my friend.

Everything will be so fine
If you'll be my valentine.

And this one from my Grandma Lydia, who sent it to me as my secret pal.

U R A Q T ("You are a cutie!")

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