

February 24, 2019

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Ephesians 3:18, NIV

Jesus and the Children • *Luke 18:15-16*

Bottom Line: Jesus loves me.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

The extended toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the Bible Truth and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos. The same Bible Truth will be told in four (or five) different ways throughout the month allowing for the repetition toddlers need and crave.

Bible Time

- Act It

Craft Time

- Handprint Heart

Play Time

- Ring Stacker

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Bible Time

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the Bible Truth. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That’s OK. They’re still listening and learning!

What You Need: Preschool Bible

LEADER: “Today’s we’re talking about Jesus and some children just like you. (*Point to children.*) One day, Jesus was talking to a lot of grown-ups. There were mommies and daddies. Oh, let’s pretend to be mommies and daddies. Everybody rock your babies. (*Demonstrate.*) Great job. There were grandfathers and grandmothers and aunts and uncles. There were teachers and doctors and shepherds and farmers—so many people!

“Can you guess who else was there with Jesus? Who was there with Him? (*Pause.*) Yes, there were children! Children just like you. (*Point to the children.*) The children wanted to see Jesus, but when they walked up to Jesus, His friends, the disciples, told them to go away. Oh, that’s sad. Can you make a sad face with me? (*Demonstrate.*) Oh, those are some good sad faces. What did Jesus do when the disciples told the children to go away?

“Well, Jesus looked at His friends and said, ‘Don’t tell the children to go away.’ And then He looked at the children and said, ‘Come to me!’ Everyone say that with me. Wave your hand and say, ‘Come to me.’ (*Demonstrate and do together several times.*) Great job, everyone! Did the children go to Jesus? Yes! Yay! That makes me happy. Everyone show me your happy face. (*Demonstrate.*) Jesus wanted to see the children.

“Jesus wants you (*point to the children*) to go to Him, because Jesus loves you. Jesus loves you A LOT. **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves you.**”

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Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That’s OK. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

What You Need: “Handprint Heart” Activity Page, ink pads, wet wipes

What You Do:

During the Activity: Retell the Bible Truth as you help the children put their handprint in the heart, one at a time.

What You Say:

During the Activity: “Today we heard a about Jesus and some children just like you. (*Point to children.*) One day, Jesus was talking to a lot of grown-ups. There were mommies and daddies and grandfathers and grandmothers and aunts and uncles. There were teachers and doctors and shepherds and farmers—so many people!

“Can you guess who else was there with Jesus? Children! Children just like you. (*Point to the children.*) The children wanted to see Jesus, but when they walked up to Jesus, His friends, the disciples, told them to go away. Oh, no! What did Jesus do?

“Well, Jesus looked at His friends and said, ‘Don’t tell the children to go away.’ And then He looked at the children and said, ‘Come to me!’ So the children got to go see Jesus!

“Look at your paper. Who do you see? It’s a heart. I want you to put your handprint in the middle of that heart. Then you can remember that Jesus loves who? Yes, Jesus loves you!

“I love that Jesus asked the children to come to Him. Jesus wants you (*point to the children*) to go to Him, because Jesus loves you. Jesus loves you A LOT. **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves you.**”

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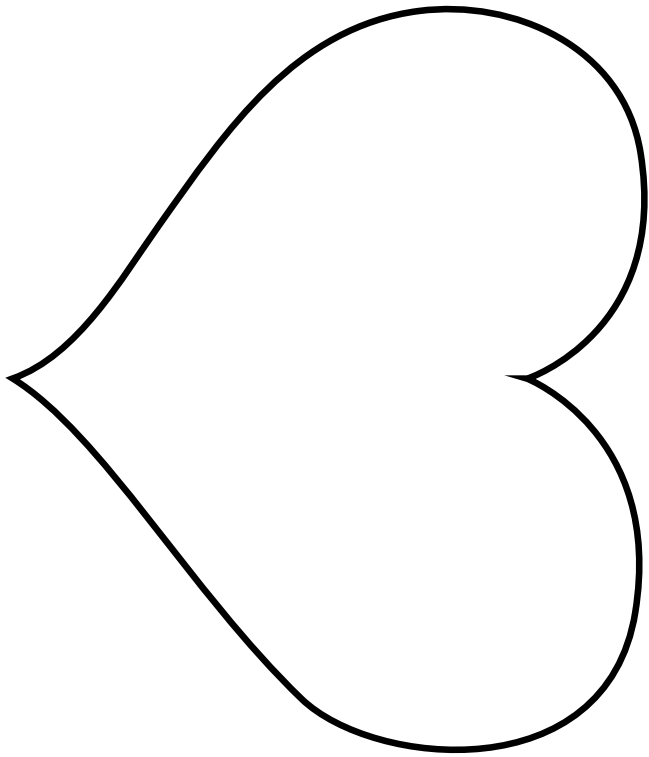
Playtime

Ring of Love

What You Need: Ring stacker

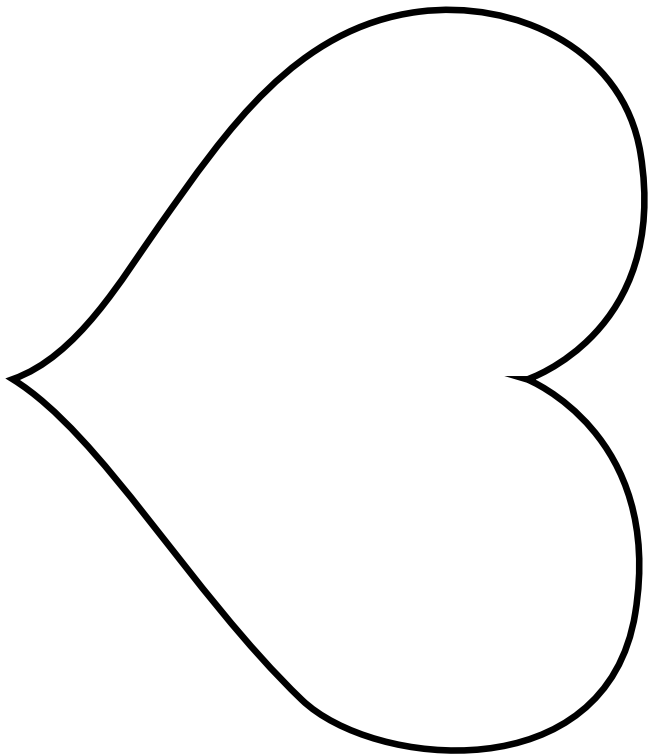
What You Do: Gather a few toddler friends together to play with the ring stacker toy. Each time a child puts on a ring, say, “Jesus loves you.”

What You Say: “Let’s play with this toy together. Can you put a ring on? Jesus loves you. Good job! Jesus loves you. Yeah, Jesus loves you!” (*Clap.*)



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