

Twos



October 20-21, 2012

DATE

Mark 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17
(pg. 260 in Jesus Storybook Bible)

WHERE TO FIND IT

A Journey Home—Week 3: Jesus Loves the Little Children

LESSON TITLE

Kids are special to Jesus

MAIN POINT

schedule

This is a recommended schedule. You can adjust, but do make time for the lesson and the activity!

15 minutes	Check-in and play time
5 minutes	Clean-up toys
10 minutes	Prayer/sing/snack
5 minutes	Lesson/story time
5 minutes	Song time
10 minutes	Lesson activity/craft
10 minutes	Play and clean-up time

* We have those industrial bubble machines for a reason! Use them to help kids acclimate in the first 5-10 minutes.

tips

Try asking for clean-up help, specifically, "Hey Declan, can you please put the doll away?" You'd be surprised how much they want to help.

check-in/out

As parents pick kids up, make sure to send the mirrors home that the kids made. And give parents some context: tell them that we decorated mirrors so that kids can look at themselves and say, "Jesus loves me!"

large group heads up

Children were super special to Jesus. Do your best to communicate that truth to kids.



instructions

Goal: To help kids understand that Jesus loved spending time with kids

Why? We want them to know that if Jesus loves kids...Jesus loves them!

Tip: If the kids won't all participate in today's activity, don't sweat it. There's a big difference between 24 months and 36 months. We think if there's even one kid capable of grasping Jesus loves them, it's worth teaching that truth!

QUESTIONS

The goal of the activities is to provide experiences to help the kids grasp the main concept of the story. (The main concept for this week is Jesus loves kids!)

ACTIVITY

Hand out the **mirror board** to every kid. Ask every kid to look in the mirror. Remind them that God loves them, just as they are.

Ask them to make a silly face. ...God still loves them! Make a sad face. ...God still loves them! Make a happy face. ...God still loves them!

Then give kids a **heart sticker** to put on their mirror. As they place the sticker on the mirror, ask them to say out loud, "Jesus loves me!"

QUESTIONS

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ACTIVITY

special notes

This story most clearly illustrates how Jesus feels about kids—he thinks they are awesome! Try to make it personal for the kids in your room.

And for today's story, use the **Jesus Storybook Bible** instead of the Beginner's Bible. It gives some extra details that might help kids imagine what it's like to be loved by Jesus.

presenter tips

Make sure you smile--and smile a lot! Seriously, have fun and the kids will have fun. Be friendly and engage them with lots of smiles. Did we forget to mention to smile??

script

Presenter: Hold up the Bible and ask, "Does anyone know what this is?" That's right! It's a Bible. And the Bible is a very special book because God gave it to us. ...And the best part? It's all true!

So today is all about how Jesus feels about kids...like YOU! And guess what? ...Jesus LOVES kids. One day, some kids were talking to him, but Jesus' grown-up friends didn't understand. Let's see what they did...

Read Jesus Storybook Bible pages 260-262 (This starts in the middle of "Friend of Little Children." You begin earlier if you want to, but this is the meat of the story.)

Wow, this is exciting! Jesus played with the kids and LOVED them. And Jesus loves YOU, too! (Show picture on page 263 of Jesus Storybook Bible.) It looks like they are pretty excited. Let's all join hands and dance and sing together like these kids are with Jesus!

(Join hands like in the picture and play "Jesus Loves Me"-- KC Music Volume Three.)

Let's thank Jesus for loving us:

Pray: Hi Jesus! Thanks for loving kids! Thanks for loving me! I love you too! A-MEN!

Sing "Jesus Loves Me" again—or another song together.



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PREP needs



small group supplies

Coloring pages

1 piece of mirror board (5x7 inch square cut in half:

<http://www.discountschoolsupply.com/Product/ProductDetail.aspx?product=16589&keyword=mirror%20board&scategoryid=0&CategorySearch=&Brand=&Price=>)

1 heart sticker per child (OT: IN-12/1885)

large group supplies

Jesus Storybook Bible (mark pg. 260)

a/v needs

Kids' Club Volume Three CD (provided)

special room set-up

None

connect questions

Who does Jesus love?

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Today, we are reading a story that shows us just how much Jesus loves kids. Some people thought Jesus didn't have time to bother with children, but Jesus told them he *always* has time for kids. You can read it together in Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; or Luke 18:15-17. They also are taking home little mirrors with hearts to remember that Jesus loves them personally.