



# Twos

March 2014

DATE

Jesus Storybook Bible (pp. 256-263)  
Beginner's Bible (pp. 409-412)

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus loves kids

LESSON TITLE

Kids will learn that you don't have to do anything special to be loved by God.

MAIN POINT

## schedule

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

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

## tips

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

\*Also, we are using the Jesus Storybook Bible, even though Twos typically read from the Beginner's Bible. But feel free to tell the story from both!

## check-in/out

As you check in kids, be sure to ask parents if their kids are potty-trained or are working on it. And so you know - if there is an "accident" we've got some clothes available to send them home in.

## large group heads up

In March, we're going to learn about Jesus and how he taught his disciples that you don't have to do anything special (be the best, nicest, smartest) to earn God's love. In fact, when the disciples tried to shoo-away kids who came to see Jesus, they were told to bring the kids over. Then Jesus explained that we all need to be LIKE kids to experience God. That's because kids inherently know how to receive gifts!



## connect time

No Connect Time for Twos.



## instructions

**Goal:** Engage kids in God's Story.

**Why?** We believe they can engage, even at age 2. The things they learn now will be foundational for the future.

**Tip:** If you have time to do both activities all of March, go for it. The more you can engage kids, the better!

## small group

- March 1-2, 2014
- March 8-9, 2014

Today we're going to color a picture of a present to remember the awesome gift of God's love for us. And hey, do we need to do anything special to get that gift? NO!

Supplies needed:

**Coloring sheet** of a present, **crayons**

- March 15-16, 2014
- March 22-23, 2014
- March 29-30, 2014

Today we're going to pretend we're getting a gift. Do you have to do anything special to get a gift? No! You just have to take the gift. Oh - and say thank you! So as each one of you get the present - let's say, "Thanks God for giving me your love!"

Supplies needed:

**Wrapped present** (empty box)

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## special notes

You know how we always use "The Beginner's Bible" for all of our stories? Well, we're "shaking it up" for March and will be switching to The Jesus Storybook Bible version of the story.

(If you want to read the Beginner's Bible version too though, you can find it on pg. 409-412.)

## presenter tips

- Try to have the kids sit down at the tables for the story - no toys or snacks! Enlist those new volunteers in helping redirect kids who are getting up from the table.
- Feel free to pause, use voice inflections or voices - remember being animated helps them listen!

## script

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!

We've learned how much God loves us - remember the birds and flowers? How God loves us even MORE than those beautiful things? Today we're going to learn how Jesus loves kids - just like us!

Read: "The Friend of little children" in **The Jesus Storybook Bible**, pages 256-263. (You can stop in the middle of page 260 before the questions all start.)

Wow - isn't that great? Jesus loves kids just like you. He wanted to hang out with kids rather than hear big people argue!

### QUESTIONS -

If you had been there - Would you have had to line up quietly to see Jesus? NO!  
Do you think Jesus would ask you if you'd been good before he gave you a hug? NO!  
Would you have to be super-good to see him? NO!  
Would you have to be dressed up to see Jesus? NO!  
Would Jesus be too busy to see little kids? NO!

Let's say thank you to God. "Dear God, We love knowing that Jesus wanted to be around kids like us. Thanks for loving us SO much. Amen."



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# PREP needs



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## connect time supplies

No Connect Time

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## small group supplies

March 1-2 AND March 8-9

- Coloring sheet of a present, crayons

room since they may rip them!

March 15-16 AND March 22-23 AND March 29-30

- A wrapped present (empty shoebox size or smaller) ... probably need a couple per

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## large group supplies

Jesus Storybook Bible (p. 256-263)

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## a/v needs

Working CD player and any Kids' Club CD

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## connect questions

Do we have to do anything special to be loved by God? No!

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## parent page

We learned that Jesus' friends all thought they had to do something to make themselves extra special to Jesus (like be the nicest). But Jesus told them: God's love is a gift and it's free, you don't have to do anything special to get that present. When kids came to visit, the friends told them that Jesus was too busy. But he wasn't! Jesus wanted to spend time with kids and said, "Bring them to me!"