

# Week 9: Jesus Loves the Children



Scripture: Matthew 19:13-15

Memory Verse: Psalm 139:14a - I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Song Tune: *Deep and Wide*

I- am, fearfully (point to self, arms out)  
And- wonderful-ly- made (wave arms in the air)  
I- am, fearfully  
And wonderfully- made

God-- said, in the Psalms (point up, place hands together to form a book)  
139 verse 14  
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Song: Jesus Loves the Little Children *Traditional*

Jesus loves the little children (point up)  
All the children of the world (spread arms wide)  
Red and yellow, black and white (point 4x across body)  
They are precious in His sight (point to eye)  
Jesus loves the little children of the world (point up)

Comprehension Questions:

Who wanted to see Jesus?  
Who tried to stop the children from seeing Jesus?  
Why do you think the men didn't want the children to see Jesus?  
Why did Jesus want to see the children?

Snack Options:

Teddy Grams

Objective:

Jesus loves children.

Books of the Bible  
Song:

Galatians - 2 Thessalonians

Activity and Craft  
Supplies:

- Heart Printable
- Tissue Paper Squares
- Glue

Choose the activities that  
are best for your children  
and situation.



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# Week 9: Activities



## Activity:

**Red Light, Green Light:** Using only the green (go) and red (stop or freeze) concepts of this game, instruct the child to walk toward you when you say “come, come, come” and go backward when you say, “no, no, no.”

## Craft:

**Jesus Loves Me Heart:** Give each child a heart printable. Glue squares of tissue paper on the heart.

## Poem:

**Jesus Loves Me** *(Adapted from LoopKids.org):*

Jesus loves me if I’m small (squat down)  
Jesus loves me if I’m tall (reach for sky)  
No matter what I’ve said or done (shake head no)  
Jesus loves me and everyone (hug, reach out)

## Additional Ideas:

- ABCJLM Ideas: [ABCJesusLovesMe.com/ideas/jesus-loves-the-little-children](http://ABCJesusLovesMe.com/ideas/jesus-loves-the-little-children)

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are available on the  
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# Week 9: Bible Time



## Supplies:

- Bible

## Flannelgraph:

- Water/Sky Board with Land, S4
- Jesus on rock - 4, 194
- Disciples - 20, 21
- Children - 108, 110, 114, 119, 120

← The flannelgraph provides a visual component, but is 100% optional.

Today we are going to talk about one of the most important things that you will hear at church. Jesus loves you. Even if you are little, Jesus loves you because Jesus loves children! Say, "Jesus loves kids!"

But one time in the Bible some people said that Jesus didn't have time for children! These people thought that kids were too little for Jesus to care about. But they were wrong.

Let's look in the book of Mathew to find the true story about Jesus and children. Open your Bible to Matthew, the first book in the New Testament.

One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so Jesus could pray for the children. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering Jesus. That means that the disciples weren't very nice to the parents. The disciples told the parents, "Get these children out of here!"

The disciples thought Jesus was too busy for the children. The disciples thought that Jesus needed to be spending His time healing people and telling people about God's love. Pretend to be a disciple, shake your finger at the parents and say, "Go, go, go."

When Jesus saw what was happening, Jesus was frustrated with His disciples. Show me a frustrated face. Jesus was frustrated because Jesus loves children. Jesus said to the disciples, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." Jesus told the disciples that He loves children and that adults need to slow down and look at Jesus like children do. Pretend to be Jesus, wave to the children, and tell the children, "Come, come, come."

Then Jesus took the children in His arms and placed His hands on their heads and prayed for them. Jesus took time to hug children just like you because Jesus loves you a whole lotta much! Give yourself a hug and say, "Jesus loves me!"

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