

Dear Parent

Thank you for bringing your child to learn about Jesus. Our theme for the next few weeks is "Jesus Loves Us." Your child will learn of Jesus' love through the following lessons:

- ❖ Jesus Loves Zacchaeus (*Luke 19:1-6*)
- ❖ Jesus Loves the Children (*Mark 10:13-16 and Luke 18:15-17*)
- ❖ Jesus Listens to the Children Praise Him (*Matthew 21:15, 16*)
- ❖ Jesus Loves Me (*a review and reinforcement of the previous three lessons*)

Try the following activities at home with your child. Hopefully you will enjoy them together as you help reinforce the fact that "Jesus loves us." (*Suggestions for conversation to use with your child are in boldface.*) You have such a wonderful opportunity to teach daily about Jesus' love in your home!



- Take a walk and use binoculars to look at different kinds of trees. **What kind of trees would be easy to climb? Zacchaeus climbed a tree to see Jesus.**
- Wash baby dolls. **Jesus held the babies and talked to the children.**
- Listen to praise music together. **Jesus heard the children praising Him in the temple-church. Jesus likes us to praise Him.**
- Draw a hopscotch court. Make 6" squares: one block, two blocks, one block, ending with two blocks. Say, "You—are—my—friends" as your child jumps. Then you hopscotch and have your child say the Bible words.
- Fix a picnic lunch. Sit on a beach towel in a sunny spot in the house if you cannot go outside. **Some families probably packed lunches when they went to see Jesus.**
- Sing to and about Jesus. Use these songs and action rhyme with your child.



Where's a Friend?

(Tune: "Where Is Thumbkin?")

Where's a friend, where's a friend?
Here I am! (*Left thumb.*) Here I am! (*Right thumb.*)
How are you today, friend? (*Left wiggles.*)
Very well, I thank you. (*Right wiggles.*)
Jesus loves *you. (*Left wiggles.*)
Jesus loves *you. (*Right wiggles.*)

*Insert your child's name.



Your child's teacher,

Jesus Said, "You Are My Friends"

(Tune: "London Bridge")



Jesus said, "You are my friends,
Are my friends, are my friends."
Jesus said, "You are my friends.
I love (your child's name)."

Jesus Loves Me So

Reach high, reach low.
Wherever I go—Jesus loves me so. (*Hug self.*)

Sit down, stand up.
I'll always know—Jesus loves me so. (*Hug self.*)
(*Do actions suggested in the rhyme.*)