

Toddling Through God's Word: Jesus Loves Me

"Jesus Loves Me" Popular Hymn:

Jesus loves me this I know. For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong. They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

Activity 1: Jesus Enters Jerusalem on a Donkey (Luke 19:28-44, Matthew 21:1-11)

No materials needed.

Say: "Jesus told two of his disciples to go ask for a colt. The owner of the colt let the disciples bring the colt back to Jesus. Jesus rode the donkey into a city. People praised Jesus as He entered! They said Jesus was king, and Jesus is king!"

1. Praise Jesus by singing and shouting Jesus is king!
2. Ask your child what else they could say to praise Jesus. If your child has trouble with this, you could suggest saying, "I love you, Jesus." Or "You are the best, Jesus!"

Activity 2: Jesus Prayed in the Garden (Matthew 26:36-46)

You Need:

- Jesus Praying in the Garden printable
- Crayons or markers
- Green paint

Say: "Jesus was sad. He was upset. So He went to a garden to pray with His disciples, but His disciples kept falling asleep! Jesus kept praying even though His disciples were asleep."

1. Print Jesus Praying in the Garden printable attached at the end of this PDF.
2. Have your child color the picture.
3. Help your child finger paint the leaves on the trees in the garden.



Activity 3: Jesus Loves Us (Matthew 26:47-Matthew 26:56)

You Need:

- White construction paper
- Brown construction paper
- Pink construction paper
- Glue
- Scissors

Say: "Jesus was upset because He knew He was going to die. Jesus died. Jesus died because God loves us."

1. Help your child cut out two rectangle pieces out of the brown construction paper to be the cross.

2. Assist your child in cutting out hearts from the pink paper to represent Jesus's love.

3. Help your child glue the brown rectangle pieces to be a cross on the white construction paper. Also, glue on the hearts.



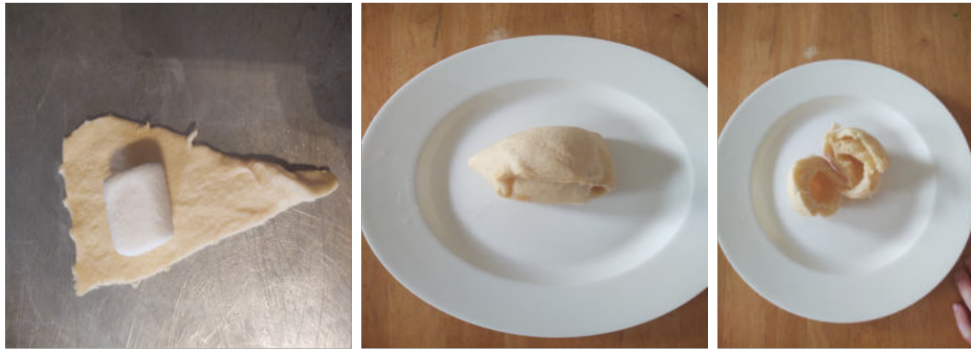
Activity 4: Jesus Is Alive! (Matthew 27:57-Matthew 28:10)

You Need:

- Canned crescent roll dough
- Campfire-size marshmallows

Say: "After Jesus died, He was placed in a tomb with a large stone rolled over the entrance. After 3 days, some of Jesus's friends came to the tomb, but the tomb was empty! Jesus was alive!"

1. Tell your child that the crescent roll is the tomb. The marshmallow is Jesus's body.
2. Place the marshmallow in the center of the crescent roll. Roll the crescent roll over the marshmallow, and pinch the sides of the roll to seal the roll.
3. Bake the crescent roll at the temperature and for the time the instructions say on the can.
4. When the time is finished, tell your child that this represents the three days that Jesus was in the tomb.
5. Let the roll cool. Open, and see that the roll is empty which represents the empty tomb.
6. Enjoy the snack.



Activity 5: Lots of People See Jesus Alive (Luke 24:36-49, 1 Corinthians 15:6)

You Need:

- Paint
- Construction paper
- Pen

Say: "Lots of people saw that Jesus was alive! Jesus ate with His disciples. Jesus told His disciples that He beat death. Because Jesus beat death, we can be forgiven and go to heaven."

1. Paint your child's toes. Let him put lots of toe prints all over the construction paper.

2. Tell your child that each toe represents a person. Jesus appeared to lots of people.
3. If you would like, you may draw faces on each toe print.



Jesus Praying in the Garden Printable

