

# Toddling Through God's Word: Jesus Loves the Little Children

## "Jesus Loves the Little Children " Popular Hymn

Jesus loves the little children. All the children of the world.  
Red or yellow, black and white. They are precious in His sight.  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

### Activity 1: People Paper Chain (John 3:16)

#### You Need:

- Construction paper
- Crayons or markers
- Scissors

Say: "Jesus loves everyone! Jesus doesn't care what you looked like. Jesus doesn't care if you are smart, dumb, rich, poor, healthy, sick, strong, or weak. Jesus loves everyone!"

1. Help your child fold your construction paper like an accordion. We folded ours three times so that there would be four sections. Keep it folded so that you only see the top section.
2. Draw the outline of a person on the top section. The arms/hands should reach the end of the section, so that it will connect to the next section when you cut outline out. Do the same with the legs/feet. They need to reach the end of the section, so that it will connect to the next section when you cut the outline out.
3. Assist your child in cutting out the outline of the person.
4. Have your child unfold the paper. You should have four people in a chain.



5. Let your child add details to each person. Encourage your child to make each person look different because we all look different.
6. Remind your child that Jesus loves everyone.

### Activity 2: Heart Cookie Cutter Painting (Mark 10:13-16)

#### You Need:

- Construction paper
- Paint
- Heart Cookie Cutter

Say: "People were bringing their children to Jesus. The disciples told the people to go away. Jesus told the children not to go away. Jesus loves children!"

1. Let your child place the cookie cutter heart in the red paint. Use it as a stamp.
2. Have your child cover the construction paper in hearts to symbolize Jesus's love.



### Activity 3: Jesus Toe-tally Loves Me (Mark 10:13-16)

You Need:

- Construction paper
- Paint
- Scissors
- Pen or marker

Say: "Jesus took the children in His arms and blessed them."

1. Help your child cut out a big heart from the construction paper.
2. Let your child make toe prints all over the heart.
3. Once the paint has dried, write "Jesus Toe-tally Loves Me" on the heart. Tell your child what it says.



### Activity 4: Emotion Chart (Mark 10:13-16)

You Need:

- Emotion Chart printable

Say: "Do you remember that people brought their children to Jesus but the disciples told them to go away? How do you think the children felt being told to go away? Do you remember that Jesus told the children to come to Him? Jesus loves children. How do you think the children felt knowing that Jesus loved them? How do you feel knowing Jesus loves you?"

1. Print the Emotion Chart attached at the end of this PDF.
2. Read the section above and use the Emotion Chart to help children identify emotions.

## Activity 5: Sugar Cookie Hearts (Mark 10:13-16)

### You Need:

- Sugar cookie dough (make your own or buy pre-made)
- Heart cookie cutter

Say: "Jesus loves everyone! Jesus doesn't care what you looked like. Jesus doesn't care if you are smart, dumb, rich, poor, healthy, sick, strong, or weak. Jesus loves everyone!"

1. Help your child use the heart cookie cutter to create heart shapes in the sugar cookie dough.
2. Bake the cookies according to the recipe's instructions.
3. Pray with your child and thank Jesus for His love.
4. Let your child enjoy a cookie!



Happy



Sad



Excited



Proud



Scared



Loved



Embarrassed



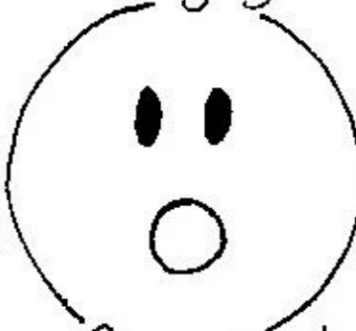
Angry



Nervous



Jealous



Surprised



Sleepy