

Virtual Sunday School Lesson

Jesus Loves Me (Matthew)



Bible Verses (NIV):

Matthew 19: 13-15

Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.' And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

Matthew 22: 34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Activity: All About Love

Theme: Jesus loves us

Supplies: Decorations and food for a party

Lesson:

What better way to wrap up the Sunday School Year than having a party and celebrating that Jesus loves us.

Before we get started, there are a few actions you need to know. When I say 'LOVE' I need you to cross your arms over your chest like your giving yourself a great big hug. When I say 'HEART' I need you to make a heart shape with your hands. When I say 'SOUL' I need you to point both thumbs at your chest. When I say 'MIND' I need you to put your hands on your head. And when I say 'NEIGHBOR' I need you to point at anyone else in the room.

Now let's get started.

The Bible has a lot to say about LOVE. It tells you God LOVES you. It tells you that God wants you to LOVE him. It tells you to LOVE your NEIGHBOR.

There is so much in the Bible about LOVE that some people call it a LOVE letter.

A long time ago when Jesus was on earth, people thought the Bible was just about rules. Do this. Don't do that. Say this. Wear that. Go here. Worship there.

Rule after rule after rule.

There was a little bit about LOVE, but there were so many rules that was all people cared about.

But LOVE was all Jesus cared about. He came here to show each one of us just how much He LOVES us. He LOVES us so much that even died for our sins so we can live with Him forever and always.

There were a whole bunch of people who really liked Jesus' message of LOVE, but there were also a bunch of people who really liked the rules. They thought following the rules was all that mattered, but they forgot that everyone makes mistakes sometimes and disobeys those rules. And then what?!? Is that it? One broken rule and it's all over?

No way! Jesus came so that even when we make mistakes, He can save us. It's such an amazing way to show just how much He LOVES us.

One day the rule followers wanted to know what Jesus thought was the most important one of all. If we could only ever follow one single rule, which one would it be? They expected Jesus to say one of the 10 Commandments; like obeying your parents, or keeping the Sabbath a day only for God. But Jesus had an even better one. The best rule of all, and it's all about LOVE.

Jesus said, "LOVE the Lord your God with all your HEART and with all your SOUL and with all your MIND. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: LOVE your NEIGHBOR as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." – Matthew 22:37-40

Jesus turned all of those rules into just two simple ones. LOVE God. And LOVE others.

When you keep the Sabbath as a day for Jesus, that's a way of loving Him. And when you obey your parents, that's a way of loving them. Every single rule can fit into one of those two. It was so simple.

Now what do you think it means to LOVE God with all your HEART, SOUL, and MIND? It really just means that you LOVE Him completely. So you can't just say you LOVE God, or just put money in the offering, or just listen to the sermon; you need to LOVE God all the time and in every way.

And thankfully, Jesus LOVES us so much that forgives us when we forget to LOVE Him and our NEIGHBORS like we should. Which is great news worth throwing a party, because everyone could use a little more LOVE.

Closing Prayer

Gracious Father, we thank you for loving us so much that you would send your son Jesus to teach us what real love is...
Amen

Thanks to www.ministry-to-children.com

Video: PursueGod Kids: How to Love https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PO9Oo_FB-4

Love seems like a grown-up word for people who are ready to get married. But that's not what love is really about.

Duration: 2:23

Video: Gracelink: Let the Children Come https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPDL_xFCqhw

Children are welcome in God's family

Duration: 5:12

Craft: Heart Crown

Supplies: Crayons/markers, scissors, glue/stapler

Directions:

Color the crown and bands, then cut out. Staple, or glue the bands together to fit the child's head

Craft: Fridge Magnets

Supplies: Crayons/markers, scissors, glue, magnets

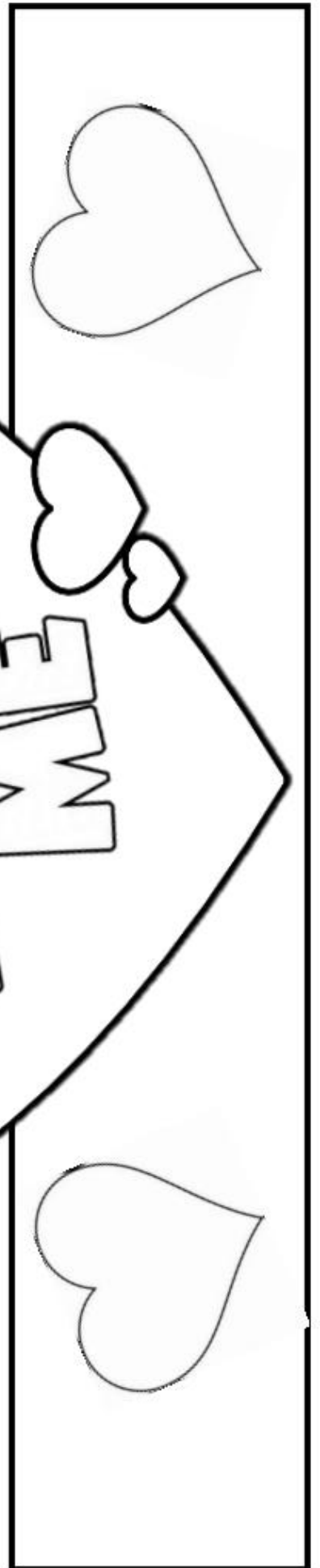
Directions:

Color each child/heart and cut out. Glue magnet to the back and stick on fridge, or any other metallic object.



Jesus Loves Me

Heart Crown







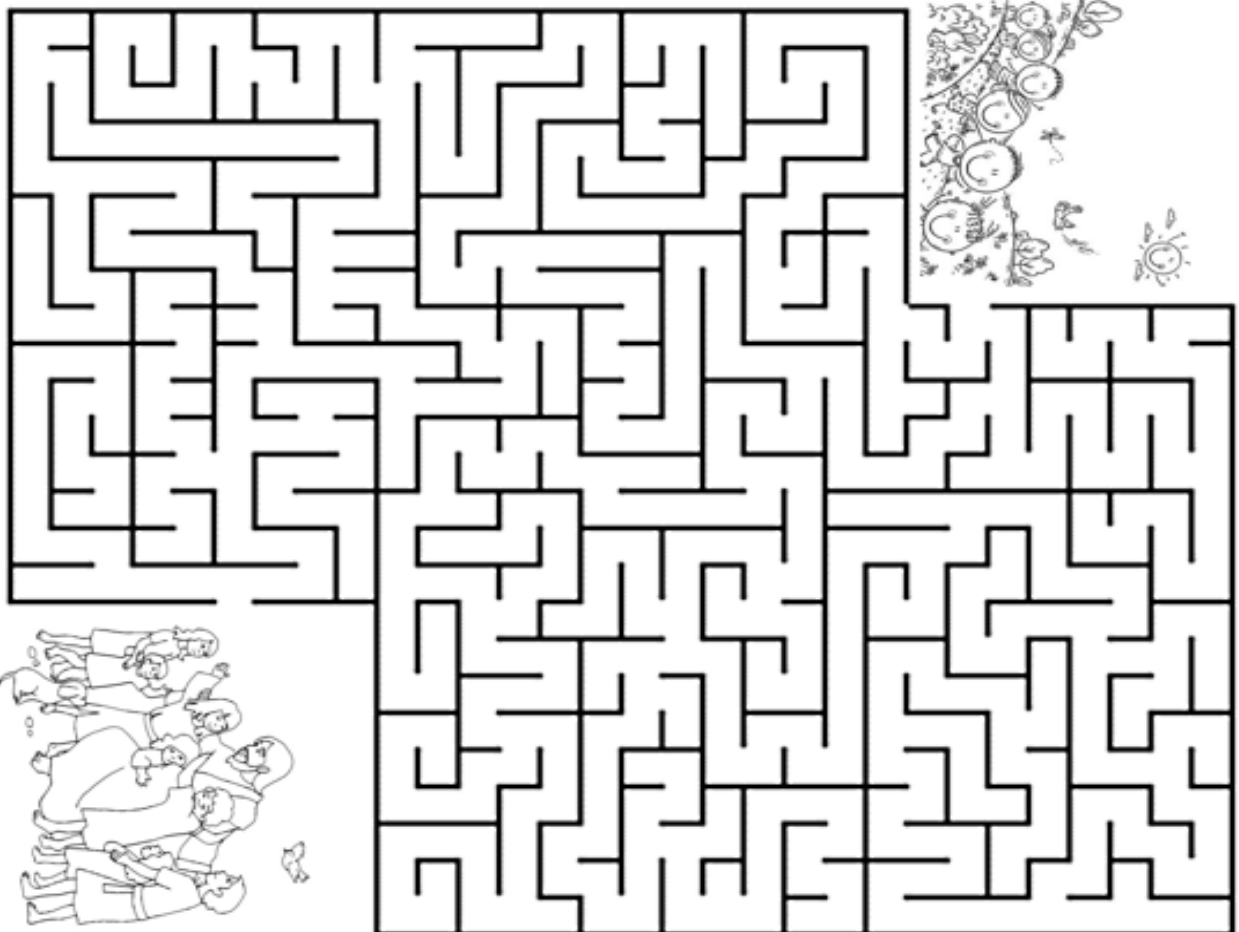
Jesus

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Guide the children to Jesus



Unscramble each of the clue words.
Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number to see what Jesus said about children.

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