



Grade/Category: 3-5, GO Share Jesus

Title: Jesus Loves Me

Objective: Students will be convinced of the truth of, 'Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.'

Bible Verse: By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us... 1 John 3:16a

Supplies:

1. List of reference verses, included on second page.
2. Bibles
3. Card stock and art supplies (or canvas panels and paint)

Procedures:

1. Sing, or listen to a recording of 'Jesus Loves Me'.
2. Have you read in the Bible that Jesus loves you? We sing those lyrics from the time we are tiny, but does the Bible really say that Jesus loves you?
3. Older children should look up and record the verses. The leader might provide younger students with the verses. A small group of students could divide the list and then share their findings.

Deuteronomy 31:6	John 3:16
Psalms 23:6	John 10:28
Psalms 86:12-13b	John 14:21
Psalms 86:15	Romans 8:38-39
Isaiah 41:10	Galatians 2:20
Isaiah 43:1	Ephesians 3:14, 17-20
Jeremiah 29:11	1 John 3:11
Zephaniah 3:17	1 John 3:16

4. Students respond by creating an art piece that depicts one of the verses, perhaps by painting in a background scene, then writing the verse over the top.
5. Share Psalm 139:13-16

Extensions:

1. Write a love letter that Jesus might send to one of His children, or in particular, to the student.
2. Calculate how many children are in the world right now, emphasizing that Jesus loves each of them.
3. Create a bulletin board or display with photos of the students along with the verses.



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- Be strong and courageous...for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6
- Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23:6
- I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. For great is your steadfast love toward me. Psalm 85: 12-13b
- But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Psalm 86:15
- Fear not for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10
- But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. Isaiah 43:1
- For I know that plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11
- The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exalt over you with loud singing. Zephaniah 3:17
- For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16
- I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. John 10:28
- Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him. John 14:21
- For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39
- I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20
- For this reason I bow my knees before the Father...so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith - that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:14, 17-20
- See what kind of love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. 1 John 3:1
- By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us. 1 John 3:16