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Religious Education Lesson Plan Helpers by Laura Grace

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Let the Children Come to Me/Loving Others
Valentine's Day/February 2009

Review:

Questions from last week's lesson.

Vocabulary Words: (Write the bold words on the board and discuss words with class)

Afraid- frightened or scared

Trust- believe in and care for

Different- not like the others

Plan:

1. Read story: "Let the Children Come to Me" and ask questions:

1. Who said to "Let the children come to me"? Jesus.
2. Who does Jesus love? Everyone.

2. Introduce art project: Who does Jesus love?

Jesus Loves Me Plate <http://www.preschooleducation.com/agod.shtml>

Need: Paper plates, markers or crayons, paper punch, and yarn.

Directions: Give each child a paper plate on which you have written the words Jesus Loves at the top. Have each child write their name at the bottom of the

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plate. Then have them draw pictures of themselves above the name and decorate the plate using the crayons or markers (glitter would add that special touch). Punch a hole in the center top of each plate and add a piece of yarn to hang.

3. Introduce movie: How should we treat others?

Movie- Veggie Tales: - Are You My Neighbor? The Gourds Must Be Crazy! (14 min.) and ask questions:

1. Why wouldn't Jr. invite Fernando to his party? Because he was different.
2. What did Jr. learn about people that are different? Being different can be good. It's the inside that counts.
3. Should we make fun of people who are different? No.
4. How should we treat others? We should treat everyone how you would like to be treated.

4. Introduce game: How far can you jump with both feet? Let's find out.

Play game: Do You Measure Up? (Jesus is Love) The Encyclopedia of Bible Games for Children's Ministry by Group Publishing, page 126.

OR

Introduce game: Chair For A Crown

<http://www.kidssundayschool.com/Preschool/Games/1game01.php>

Children play musical chairs for a chance to discover how Jesus loves them. Have the children march around the chairs as you play the song "Jesus Love Me". Give the one who does not find a chair a crown to wear while taking a few moments to tell the other children why they believe Jesus loves them.. This is for building up their self-esteem, in that they are not "losers" because they did not get a chair, but are special because of Jesus' love.

Or

What Do I Do?

<http://www.sundayschoolresources.com/btsermononplain.htm#What%20Do%20I%20Do>

The teacher can read the situations and ask the children what they can do to show the special love Jesus says we should have.

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5. Puzzles & Mazes, Worksheets, etc.

http://www.sermons4kids.com/let_the_children_come_maze.pdf

Maze

6. Introduce snack- How can we say "I love you" to others? Have the children bake cookies and give to someone they love.

Chocolate Dipped Heart Cookies

<http://www.pillsbury.com/recipes/ShowRecipe.aspx?rid=16445>

Sweetheart Cookie Bouquet

<http://www.pillsbury.com/recipes/ShowRecipe.aspx?rid=16398>

Thumbprint Sugar Cookies

<http://www.pillsbury.com/recipes/ShowRecipe.aspx?rid=13854>

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