

Jesus and the Children

Jesus Loves Me
Lesson 1

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Bible Story Text

Mark 10:13-16

Bible Truth

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Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Preclass Centers

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Bible Story: Bring the Children to Me

Life Application: Jesus Is My Friend

Craft: 'Jesus Knows Me' Card

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.



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Preclass Centers

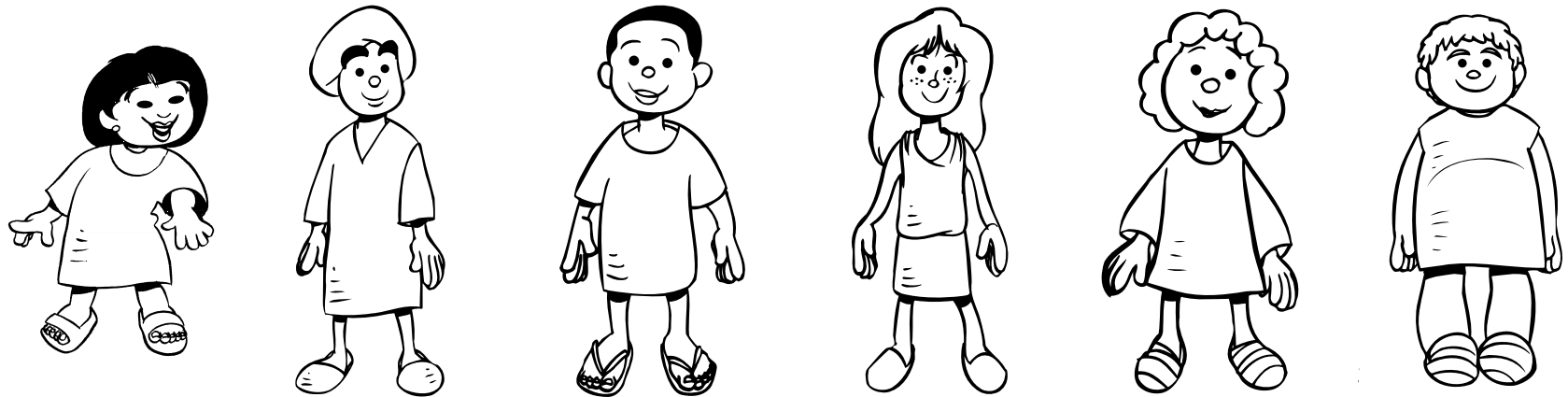
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Instructions

Guide the play in each center reinforcing the unit theme. Refer to the following example for help in directing play and asking relevant questions.

In the Housekeeping Center, ask the children: *Our friend, Jesus, is coming over for dinner. What should we make for him? Let's make something special to show him that we love him.*

Teacher Tips

- You may want to try other centers such as transportation, large motor or manipulative.
- Wear comfortable clothes suitable for sitting on the floor.

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Bring the Children to Me

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Materials

For the teacher:

- scissors
- 6 craft sticks
- poster board
- glue
- markers or crayons

Reproducible Pages:

- Page A, 1 copy for the teacher
- Page B, 1 copy for the teacher

Preparation

1. Color the copies of Reproducible Pages A and B.
2. Glue the copy of Reproducible Page B onto the poster board and then cut out each stick figure.
3. Glue each stick figure onto a craft stick creating stick puppets.

Visiting Jesus

Show the teaching picture. *Do you know who this is? It is Jesus, and these are his helpers. When Jesus came to town, everyone wanted to see him. He loved all the people and told them about God, his father.*

Have the Bible open on your lap. *The Bible says that one day some people heard that Jesus was coming to their town. Do you think they were happy or sad? That's right, they were happy! The mommies and daddies said, "Let's take our children to see Jesus! Let's take all the children so that Jesus can pray for them and touch them!" So many families walked to the place where Jesus was teaching.*

Let's pretend that we are the children going to see Jesus. Give each child a stick puppet. Let's walk, walk, walk to Jesus. Help the children move their stick puppets toward Jesus, pretending to walk. There he is! Let's move closer!

Just when the children got really close to Jesus, his helpers said that they should all go away. They said that Jesus was a busy person and he didn't have time for little children (Mark 10:13). Tell the children to turn their stick puppets around and start walking away

from Jesus. *How do you think the children felt? Happy or sad? How did the mommies and daddies feel? Yes, I think they felt sad, too.*

Then Jesus said, "Wait! Let the little children come to me. I love the children" (Mark 10:14).

The children ran up to Jesus and he hugged them. Tell the children to turn their stick puppets around and bring them back toward Jesus. Now the children were happy! They knew that Jesus was their friend. They knew that he loved them. The Bible says that Jesus said, "You are my friends." Jesus loves children, and he loves you, too. Jesus is your friend.

Sing "Jesus Loves Me" from the Unit 5 Song Sheet.

Save the teaching picture and stick puppets for use in Unit 5 Lesson 2, Bible Story.

Conclusion

Who went to see Jesus in the Bible story? (the children)

What did his helpers say? (Jesus doesn't have time for children.)

Who said, "Wait, let the children come to me. I love the children."? (Jesus)

Who did Jesus say he loved? (the children)

He also said, "You are my friends." Let's say it together. "You are my friends."

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Jesus Is My Friend

The children will learn through a finger play game that Jesus knows and loves each one of them personally.

Bible Truth

"You are my friends."
(John 15:14)

Materials

For the teacher:
Bible

Preparation

Practice the "Finger Play" from the Unit 5 Song Sheet so that you can teach it to the children.

Instructions

1. Hold up your Bible and say to the children: *The Bible says, Jesus made you and he loves you very much. The Bible says, Jesus loves you so much that he knows your name and your birthday and even how many hairs you have on your head! How many hairs do you think you have on your head? Ask each child. We might have thousands, but we really don't know, do we? But Jesus knows!*
2. Say the first line of each verse of the finger play, and then have the children say the rest of the verse with you. Remember to follow the motions as detailed on the Song Sheet.

Bible Truth Activity

Talk to the children about how much Jesus loves each one of them. For example, *Andrew, did you know that the Bible says that Jesus wants to be your friend? Open your Bible and say, Jesus said, "You are my friends." Let's all say that together. "You are my friends." Jesus wants to be our friend, and he wants us to be friends with one another. Let's say it one more time. "You are my friends." We are all friends here. Let's hug one of our friends. Have each child hug a friend.*

Conclusion

End with singing "Jesus Loves Me" from the Unit 5 Song Sheet.

Ask the children, *Who will you tell about Bible class today?*

What will you tell them?

Let's thank God for Jesus and his love. Thank you, God, for sending Jesus. Thank you that he loves children and likes to be with them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Teacher Tips

If time allows, ask the children what other things Jesus might know about them, such as their family members' names, or where they live, etc.



You Are My Friends.



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'Jesus Knows Me' Card

This craft will help the children to observe and record facts about their physical appearance, reinforcing the fact that Jesus knows and loves each of them.

Materials

For each child:

- 1 sheet of construction paper
- crayons
- glue stick

For the teacher:

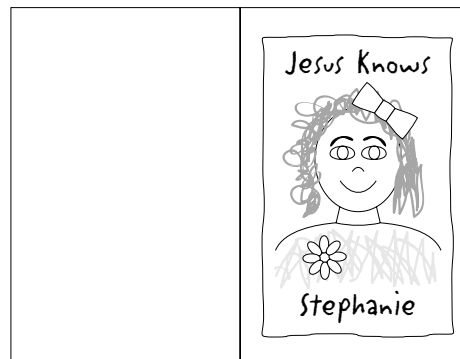
- scissors
- black marker
- a hand mirror

Reproducible Pages:

- Page C, 1 copy for each child

Preparation

1. Fold each piece of construction paper in half to make a "card."
2. Print "Jesus Knows Me" on the front of each folded card. See Figure A.
3. Cut out side A from the copies of Reproducible Page C along the dotted lines.
4. Cut out each of the accessories from side B of the copies of Reproducible Page C.
5. Following the instructions, make a sample model of the card. Be sure to decorate it so it looks like you.



Instructions

1. Show the children your model card, and explain that it looks like you.
2. Give each child a piece of folded construction paper and a copy of side A.
3. Have each child glue the copy to the inside of their cards. See Figure B.
4. Read the words on the cover to the children. Say: *Jesus knows all about us. We are going to find out some things about ourselves, too.*
5. Briefly show the children their faces in the hand mirror. Comment on their eye color, hair color and type of hair (curly, straight, etc.), and shirt or blouse. *Jesus knows that you have brown eyes and curly hair, too!*
6. Let the children choose any accessories to glue onto their picture of themselves.
7. Have the children color their hair, eyes, shirts and accessories on the pictures in their cards.
8. Print the children's names on the bottom of their pictures.

Conclusion

Jesus knows these things about us. Jesus knows all about us and he loves us very much.

Teacher Tips

- Some children may need help in selecting the colors for their hair, eyes, or clothes. Let them do as much as they can on their own.
- You may also want to bring along some real ribbons for the girls' hair or swatches of material for shirts.

Craft

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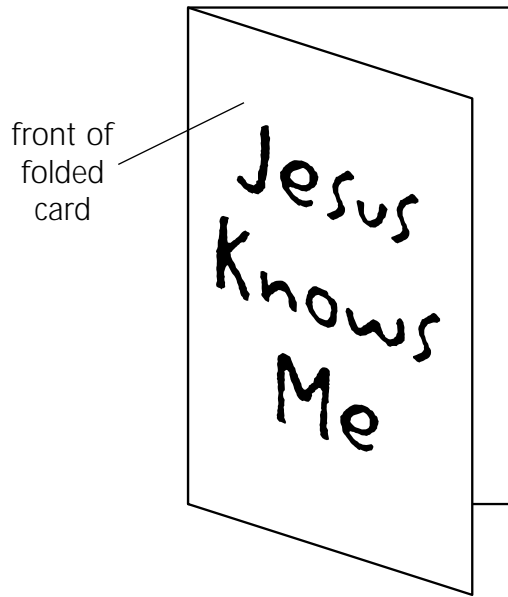


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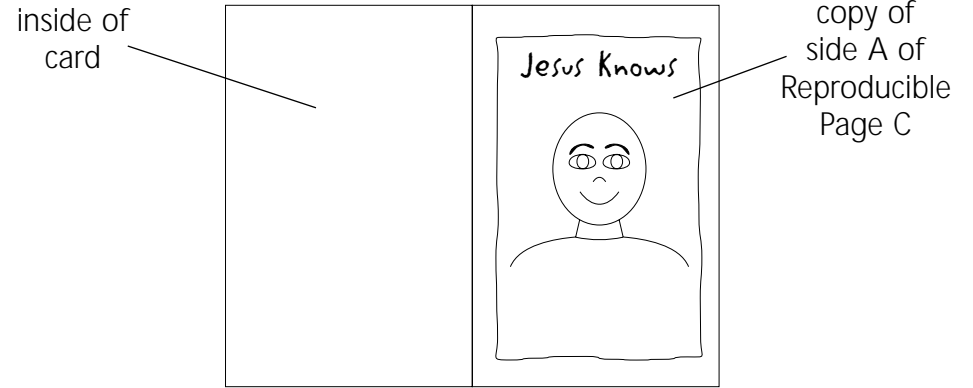


Figure B



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Lesson at
a Glance supplement

2 and 3 Year Olds



Pre
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Life

Application

Jesus Loves the Little Children

The children will learn about Jesus' love for them and children everywhere through singing and viewing pictures.

Bible Truth

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Materials

For the teacher:

- watercolor markers
- 1 sheet of poster board
- glue stick
- clear contact paper or laminate
- scissors

Reproducible Pages:

- Page D, 1 copy for the teacher
- Page E, 1 copy for the teacher

Preparation

1. Color the copies of the Reproducible Pages D and E.
2. Glue each copy to the poster board and then cut out each picture.
3. Cover each picture with clear contact paper or laminate.
4. Familiarize yourself with the following activity and songs.

Instructions

1. Sing "Jesus Loves Me" from the Unit 5 Song Sheet while showing the picture of Jesus with the children.
2. Show the children the picture of the children of the world. Point to each child in the picture and explain that Jesus loves children from each part of the world. Sing the first verse of "Jesus Loves the Little Children" from the Unit 5 Song Sheet.
3. Show the children the picture of Jesus hugging the children.
What's Jesus doing in the picture? That's right, he's hugging the children! Sing the second verse of "Jesus Loves the Little Children."
4. Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" again. Hug each child as you sing.
5. Keep the pictures to use during Unit 5 Lesson 2, Life Application.

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'Jesus' Heart' Necklace

The children will make brightly colored necklaces to remind them that Jesus loves them.

Materials

For each child:

- glue stick

For the teacher:

- 4 different colored sheets of construction paper
- scissors
- utility knife
- tape or stapler (optional)

Reproducible Pages:

- Page F, 1 copy on colored paper for each child

Preparation

1. Cut each piece of construction paper into 16 strips of approximately 1" x 8". Each child will need five sheets of each color.
2. Cut out the hearts from the copies of Reproducible Page F, and then cut slits along the dotted lines.
3. Make a model of the necklace following the instructions.

Instructions

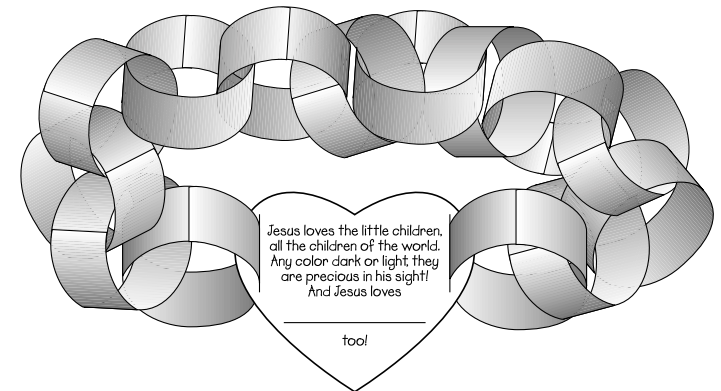
1. Show the model necklace to the children and sing the song "Jesus Loves the Little Children" from the Unit 5 Song Sheet.
2. Give the children each a heart and write their names in the blank space provided.
3. Show the children how to make a paper chain as follows:
 - A. Give each of the children their strips of paper.
 - B. Help them bend a strip of paper into a circle and then glue the ends together. See Figure A.
 - C. Help them attach another "link" by looping another strip through the first paper circle and then gluing the ends of the paper strip together. See Figure B.
 - D. Have the children continue this step of linking and pasting with all but two of their strips.
4. Insert the last two paper strips through the slits in the heart. See Figure C. Loop the strips onto each end of the paper chain and glue them together to complete the necklace.

Conclusion

Have the children put on their necklaces as they leave class. *When you wear your necklace, you can remember how much Jesus loves all the children and that Jesus loves you, too!*

Teacher Tips

- If you have a large class, you may want to start the chains for the children so they have only a few loops to make and add on to the necklaces.
- Tape or a stapler can be used to secure the loops if the children did not put on enough glue.



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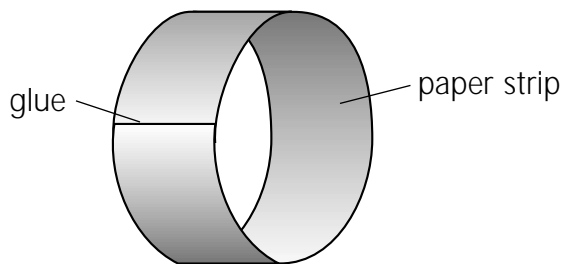


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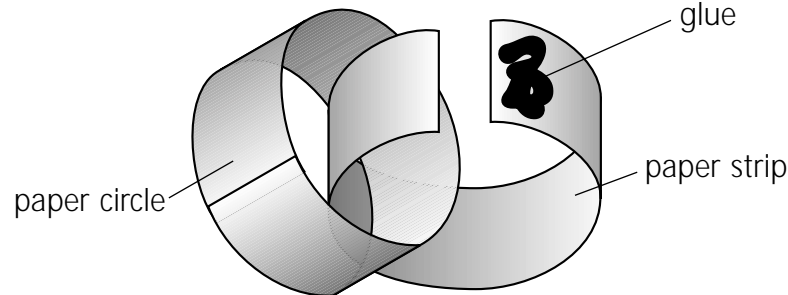


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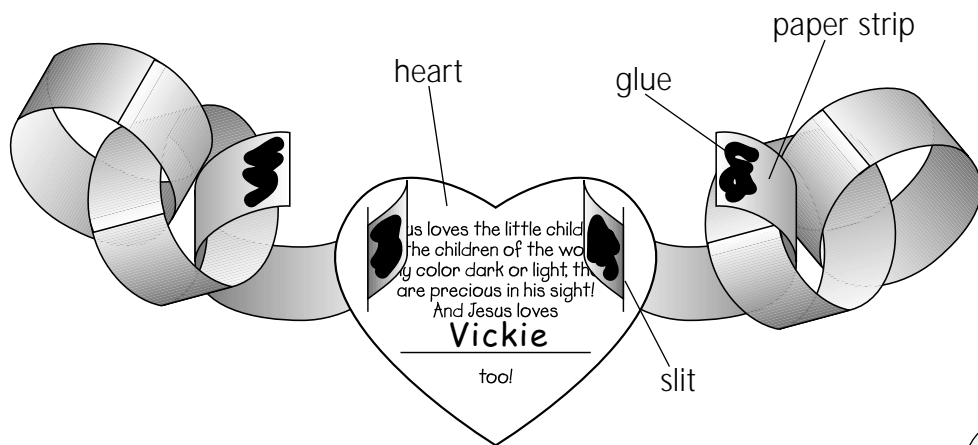
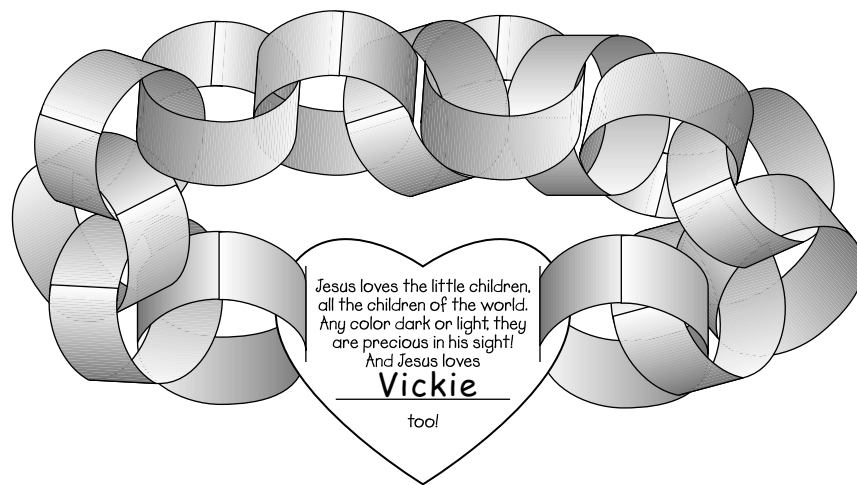


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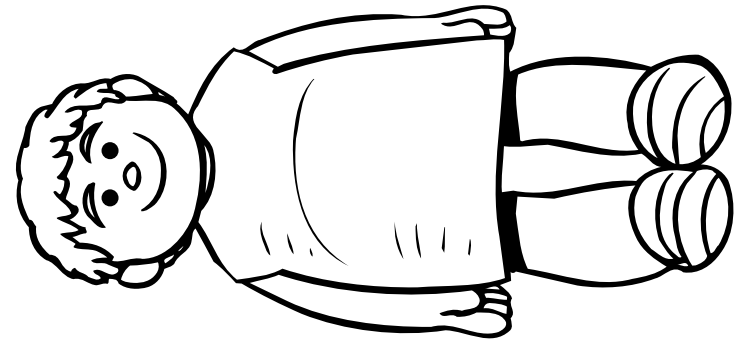
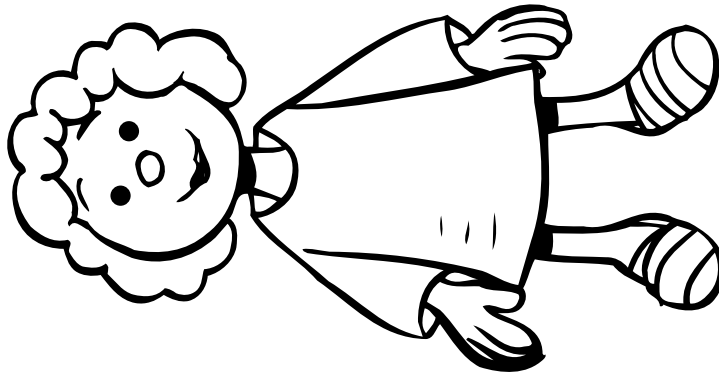
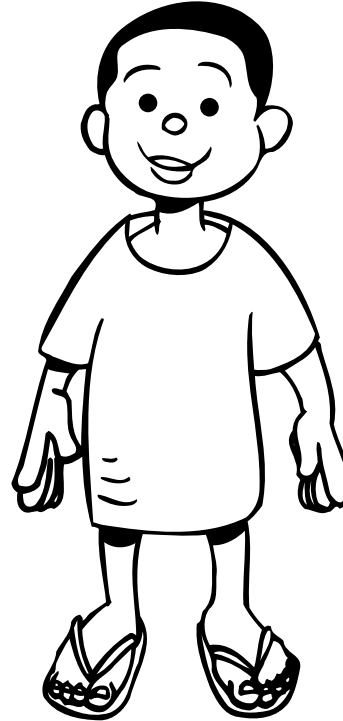
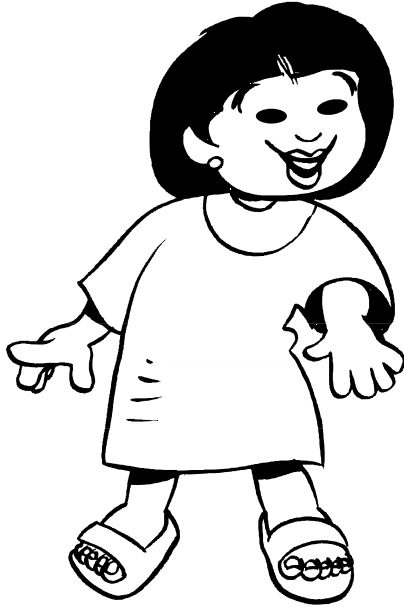
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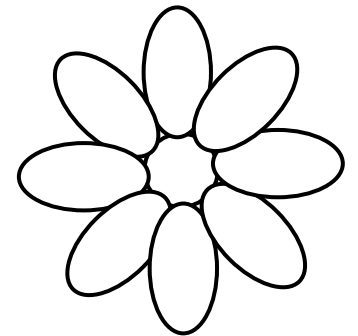
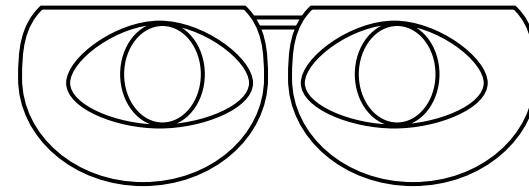
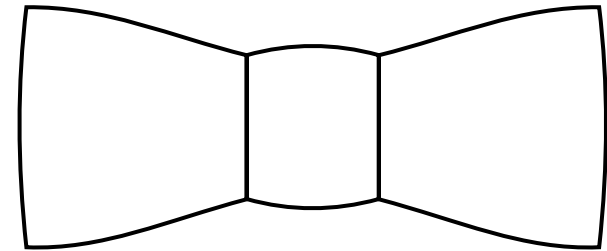
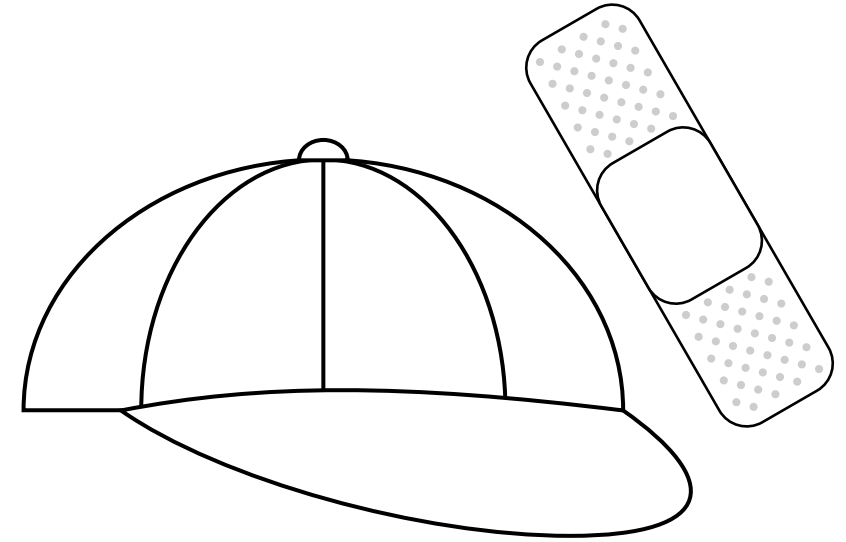
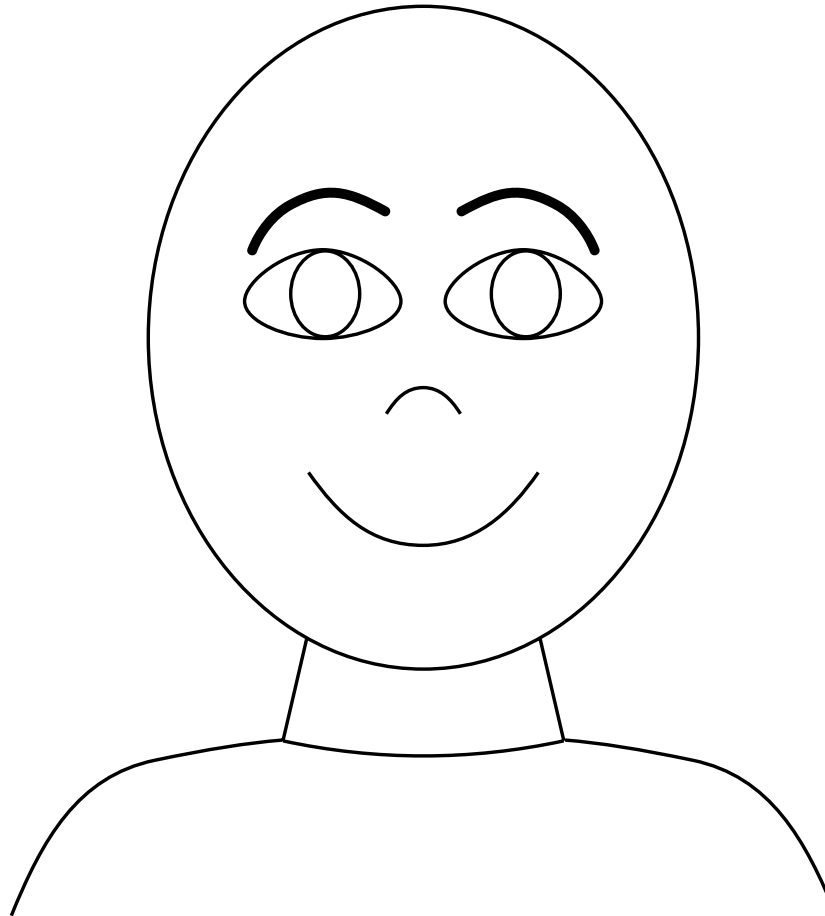
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Side A

Side B





'children of the world' picture

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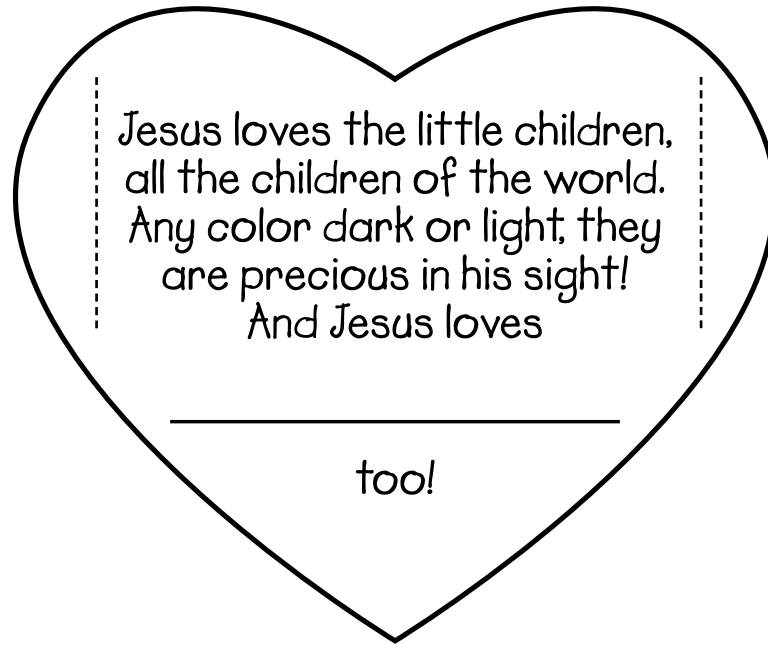
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