

INSTANT

Bible Lessons

FOR

NURSERY

Just Like Me



REPRODUCIBLE

Introduction

The nursery is a wonderful place to start the Christian education of children. Whether they are infants or older babies, children can learn that Jesus' life was, in many ways, just like their own lives. Post many pictures of Jesus on walls, bulletin boards or under a see-through mat on the floor. Make Jesus the focus of every class time.

The lessons in *Instant Bible Lessons for Nursery: Just Like Me* include Bible stories about events in Jesus' life that also relate the story to a young child's life. Teachers can tell Bible stories, say the memory verse and present activities that will appeal to a variety of nursery-aged children. If your nursery has only babies one week, use the story poster ideas and sing the verse songs many times during class. Older babies will enjoy the crafts and touchable activities. Some of the crafts and games may seem a little old for babies, but the children will enjoy 'helping' as much as they can. In all cases, the teacher can repeat the story and memory verses for great one-on-one activities.

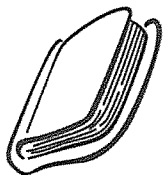
You may send story posters, rhyme pages and many other activities from this book home with parents so they may continue the lesson theme throughout the week.

Get ready to have fun in the nursery!

* How to use This Book *

Each chapter begins with a Bible story which you may read to your class or to a child one-on-one. The questions after each lesson can be used as an opportunity for you to continue telling the story. Ask and answer each question for the children. Encourage older babies to repeat some of the words of the story or memory verse with you.

Every story chapter includes a bulletin board poster with the memory verse and suggestions for using the poster as an activity. All activities are tagged with one of the icons below so you can quickly flip through the chapter and select the projects you need. Simply cut off the teacher instructions on the pages and duplicate.



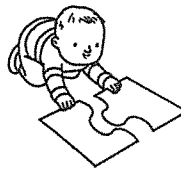
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bulletin board



easy craft



puzzle



read to me



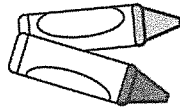
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JESUS LOVED GOD'S HOUSE, JUST LIKE ME

Memory Verse

Let us go to the house of the Lord. ~Psalm 122:1



Story to Share

Mary and Joseph took Jesus on a long trip to God's house in Jerusalem. When they started on the trip home Mary and Joseph didn't know Jesus wasn't with them. After a while they began to look for Jesus. He was just a boy. Where could he be?

They traveled back to Jerusalem asking everyone they saw, "Have you seen a boy named Jesus?"

Finally, they went into God's house in Jerusalem. There was Jesus! Jesus was sitting among the teachers and leaders of God's house.

"We were worried about you," Mary said.

Jesus answered, "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

You come to God's house to learn about God, too. Jesus loved God's house, just like you!

~Based on Luke 2:41-51



Story Review

1. Where did Mary and Joseph take Jesus? Mary and Joseph took Jesus to God's house.
2. Where was Jesus when Mary and Joseph couldn't find Him? Jesus was in God's house.
3. What did Jesus say to Mary? Jesus said, "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"



Parent Corner

1. **Feeding time sharing.** At feeding time show your baby the story poster. Tell the story while your baby looks at the poster. Ask and answer the discussion questions on the page. Repeat the story, memory verse or lesson theme several times while feeding your child.
2. When you take the baby to church say, **Jesus loved God's house, just like you.**
3. Use building blocks to play together. Pretend to build a church. Say, **This is God's house. We love to go to God's house. Our memory verse says, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."**



Bulletin Board

what you Need

- pattern on page 21
- clear adhesive-backed plastic
- card stock
- craft foam (optional)

what To Do

1. Depending on how you want to use the poster (see ideas below), enlarge, reduce or simply copy page 21 to fit your bulletin board space.
2. To make a take-home paper, duplicate the story page to the back of story poster.
3. To use the poster as an in-class activity, duplicate the pattern to card stock (or craft foam). Cut the page into two or three simple puzzle pieces. Help the children assemble the puzzle.

Story Poster



Poster Pointer

Use a thumb tack to fasten a plastic page protector pocket onto the wall just outside your nursery room door. Each week, slip the story poster inside the pocket so parents will see what their child is learning in church.



Let us go to the house of the Lord.

~Psalm 122:1



Read to Me

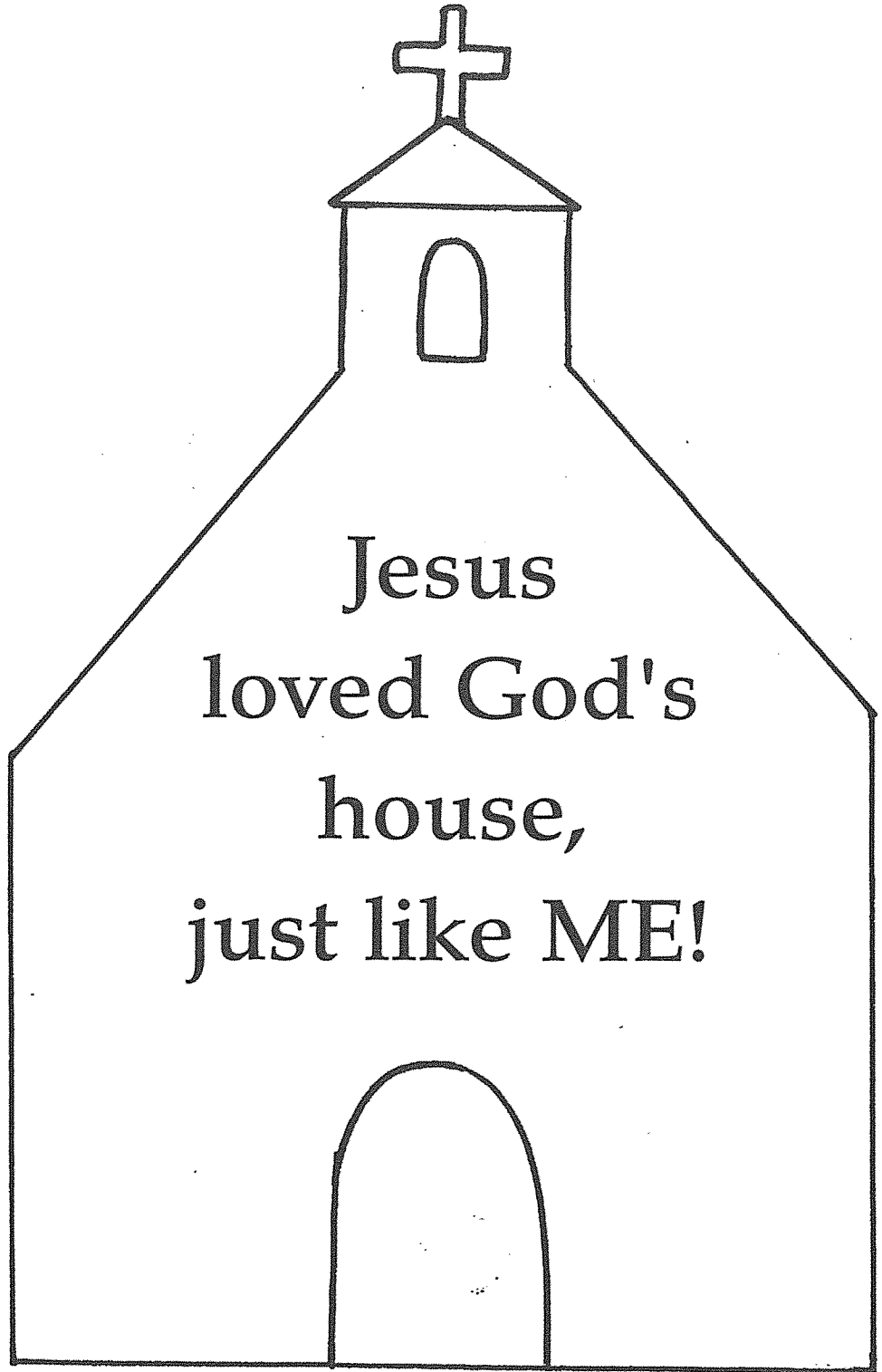
What You Need

- pages 22 and 23 duplicated
- construction paper
- scissors
- glue
- tape

What To Do

1. Before class, cut out the church pattern. Use the pattern to trace 5 church shapes onto construction paper. Cut out the 5 church shapes. Glue the church pattern to one of the construction paper shapes. Cut out the 4 squares from page 23. Glue each square onto a church shape. You will have a total of 5 church-shaped pages.
2. Lay all 5 pages out on a table. Tape the seams together so the pages will fold accordion style into a book.
3. Let the children hold the book. Read the phrases while you help them unfold the book into a long story page.

INSIDE God's House Folding Picture Book



God's House

Jesus went to
God's house



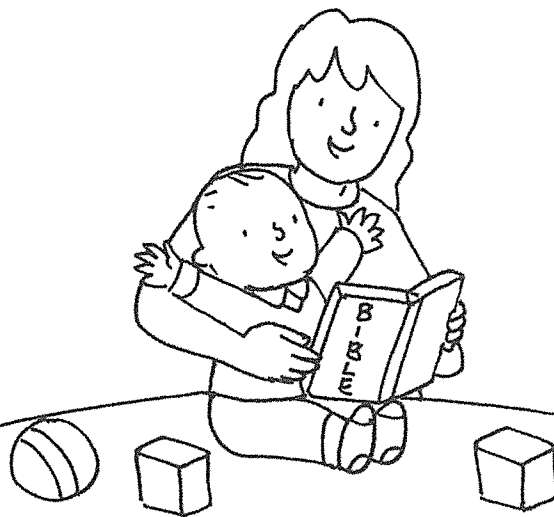
I go to God's
house

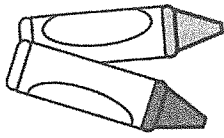


Jesus learned at
God's house



I learn at God's
house





Coloring

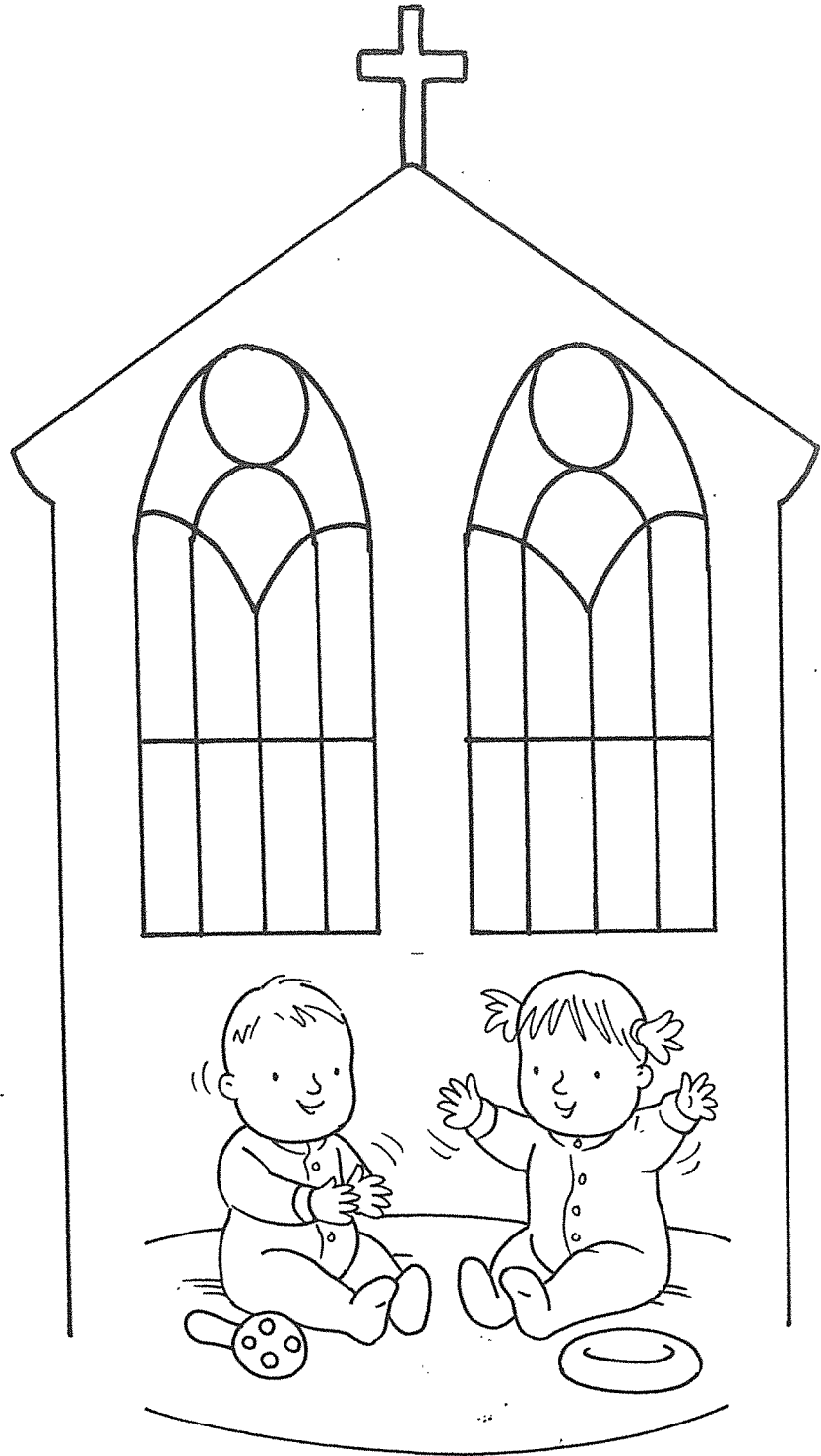
What You Need

- duplicated page
- crayons

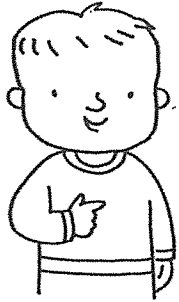
What To Do

1. Show the baby the picture of the church. Say, **This is God's house.** Jesus loved God's house, just like you.
2. Help older babies scribble-color the picture.

House of the Lord Coloring Page

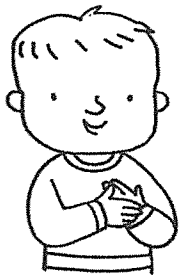


I Love God's House



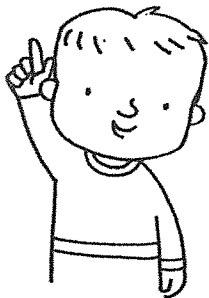
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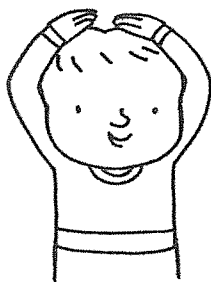
love

[touch heart]



God's

[point upward to God]



house

[form roof over head with hands]



Rhyme

What You Need

- duplicated page

What To Do

1. Say the rhyme.
Try to get some of the older babies to say the rhyme with you.
2. Do the actions, helping the children do them with you.

God's House



Stained Glass Church windows

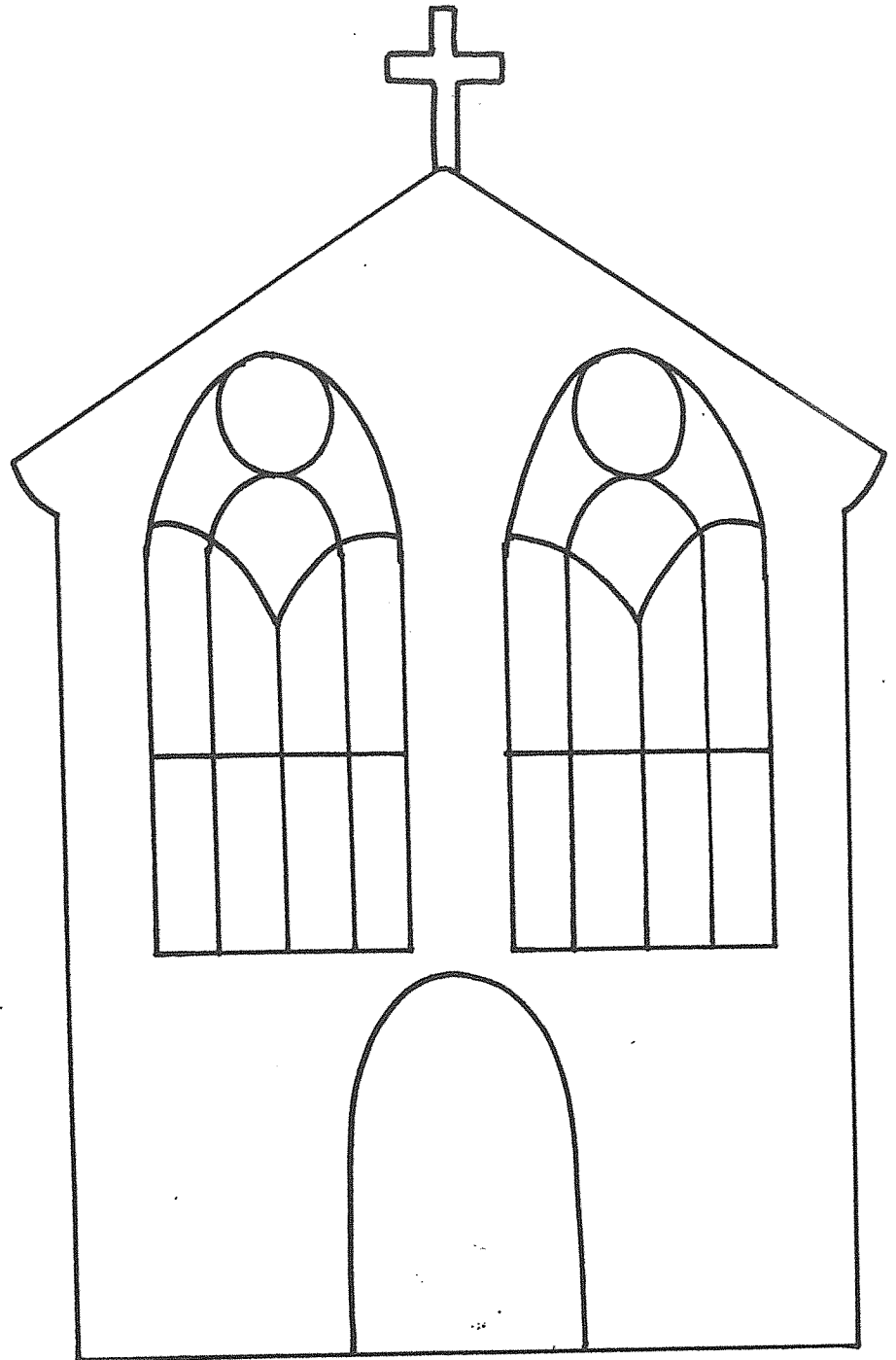
Easy Craft

What You Need

- duplicated page for each child
- transparency sheets
- permanent markers
- scissors
- tape
- crayons
- yarn

What To Do

1. Before class, cut out the church.
2. Cut two pieces of transparency a little bigger than the windows. Trace the stained glass pattern on each transparency piece. Color with multiple colors of permanent markers.
3. Cut out windows from the pattern pages.
4. Tape the transparency windows behind the cut-out windows of picture.
5. Tape a loop of yarn at the top of the picture for a hanger.
6. Say, What pretty windows we have put in our church!



House of the Lord Collage

Let us go to the
house of the
Lord.
Psalm 122:1

Optional

Fill in the letters of the verse with glitter, markers, colored cereals, small sticker dots or other interesting items.



Bulletin Board:

What You Need

- duplicated page
- construction paper
- magazine pictures of various church buildings
- stapler
- markers or glitter and glue (optional)

What To Do

1. Before class, mount several magazine pictures of church buildings onto brightly colored construction paper pieces. Cut out the verse picture from the pattern page and attach it to the top center of a bulletin board. Attach the church pictures to the bulletin board.
2. During class, let the children touch the pictures. Say, **Some churches look the same, and some look different from others. They are all God's house. Jesus loved God's house just like you.**

God's House



Room Decoration

What You Need

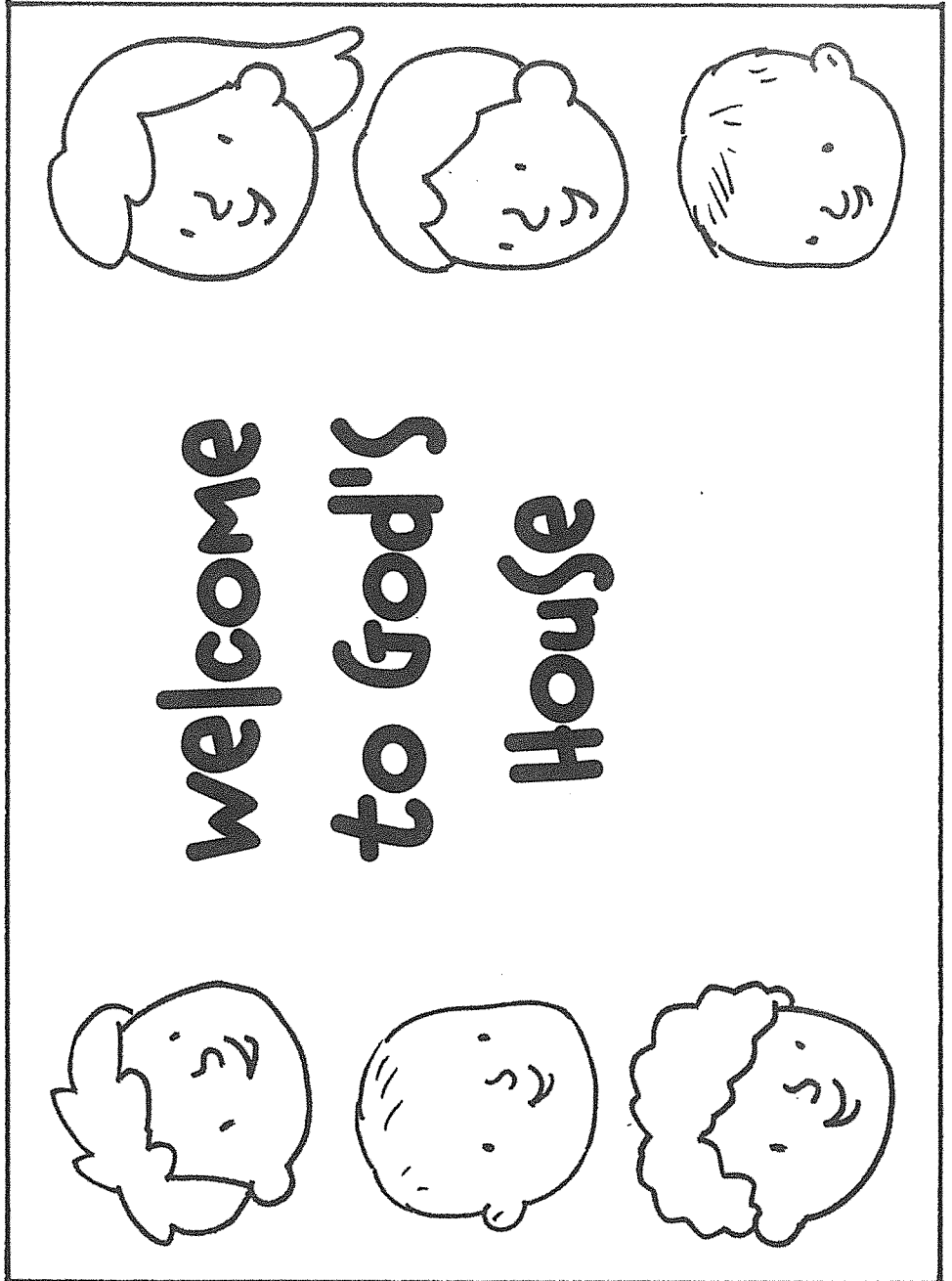
- duplicated page for each welcome sign
- shoebox lid for each welcome sign
- foil or wrapping paper
- scissors
- glue
- thumb tack to hang

What To Do

1. Before class, cover the inside and/or outside of a shoebox lid with foil or wrapping paper. Cut the welcome sign from the pattern page. Glue the welcome sign in the center inside of the shoebox lid.
2. Hang a welcome sign on your nursery room door.
3. You might want to have older babies scribble-color some of the pattern page signs and make several welcome signs to put around the church building. Write on the signs, "From the Nursery Department."

God's House

Welcome Sign



What To Do, continued...

4. Show the babies the sign on your door. Say, We have a sign to tell people "Welcome to God's house." Jesus loved God's house, just like you.

JESUS HAD FRIENDS, JUST LIKE ME

Memory Verse

"Come follow me," Jesus said.

~Matthew 4:19



Story to Share

Jesus needed some helpers so He could go all over and do good work for God. Peter and Andrew were fishing in the sea. "Come follow me," Jesus said. Peter and Andrew left their fishing nets and followed Jesus to be His friends.

Later, Jesus saw James and John. "Come," Jesus said. James and John left their fishing boats and followed Jesus, too.

Peter, Andrew, James and John were Jesus' special friends. Jesus found some other friends to help Him, too.

Jesus had friends, just like you.

~Based on Matthew 4:18-22



Story Review

1. What did Jesus say to Peter and Andrew? Jesus said, "Come, follow me."
2. What did Peter, Andrew, James and John do when Jesus called them? They followed Jesus and became His friends.



Parent Corner

1. **Together coloring time.** Sit at a table and hold your baby. Place the story poster on the table. Help your baby hold a crayon and scribble-color the story poster. Tell the story while the baby is coloring.
2. Play follow the leader with your child. Non-crawling babies can mimic your actions such as waving arms, making a funny face, etc. Say, **Follow me. That's what Jesus said. Jesus had friends just like you do.**
3. Take a snapshot of your child's nursery class. Post the picture on the refrigerator at home. Say often, **Here is Jacob. This is Angela. They are your friends. You have friends just like Jesus did.**



Story Poster

Bulletin Board

what you Need

- pattern on page 31
- clear adhesive-backed plastic
- produce bag/net (onion, potatoes, etc.)

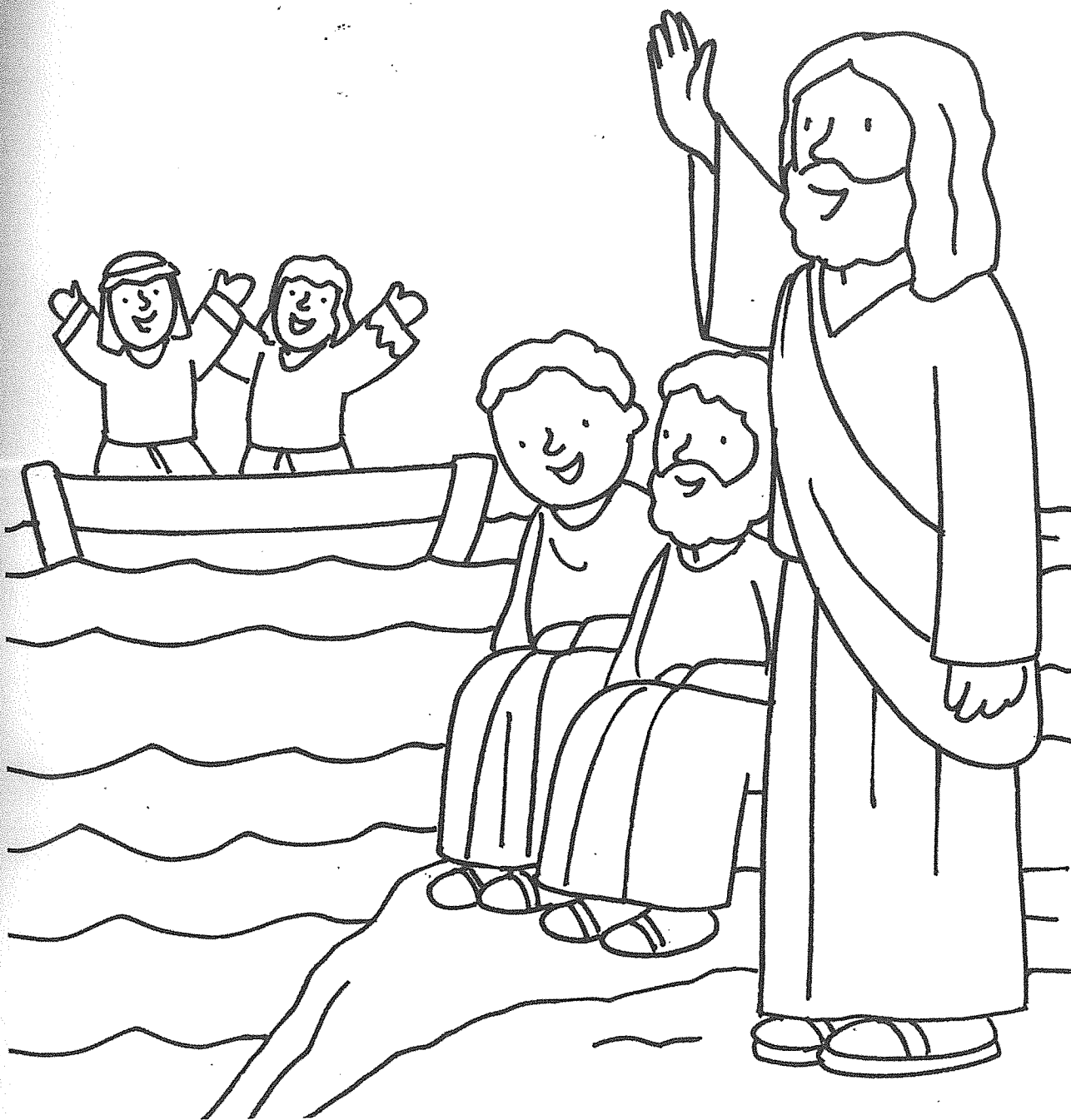
what To Do

1. Depending on how you want to use the poster (see ideas below), enlarge, reduce or simply copy page 31 to fit your bulletin board space.
2. To make a take-home paper, duplicate the story page to the back of story poster.
3. To use the poster as an in-class activity, cut a piece of produce net bag for each child to glue onto the poster.



Poster Pointer

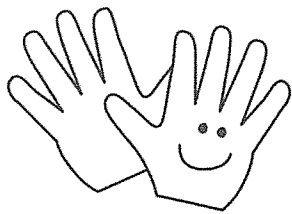
Reduce size of poster picture to about one-half. Cover both sides of poster with clear adhesive-backed plastic. Use scissors to round off sharp corners. Let each child hold a covered story poster while you tell the story.



"Come follow me," Jesus said.

~Matthew 4:19

Lollipop Puppets



Hands On

What You Need

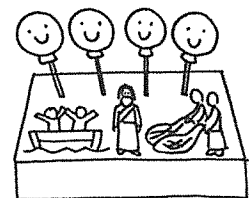
- duplicated page
- empty bank check box
- glue
- 4 wrapped, flat lollipops
- marker

What To Do

1. Before class, cut the rectangle from the pattern page. Glue the rectangle to the top of the check box. Poke the four marked holes. Draw a smiling face on each of the lollipops.
2. Let the children handle the lollipop puppets. Help them put the four puppets in the holes in the scene. Say, Jesus called Peter and Andrew away from their fishing nets. Jesus called James and John away from their fishing boat. They all followed Jesus and became His friends. Jesus had friends just like you do.



finished craft



Friends

Come Follow Me

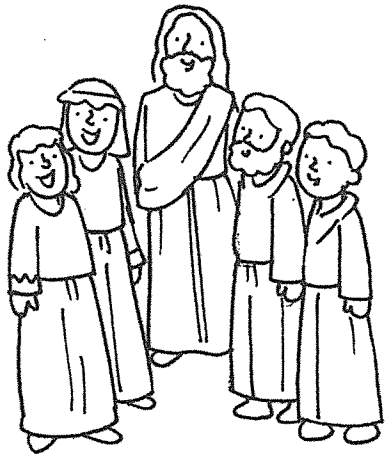
Follow me and be my friend

Be my friend

Be my friend

Follow and be my friend

Jesus said, "Follow me."



(Repeat song and insert child's name.)

Follow me, Allie, and be my friend

Be my friend

Be my friend...



Song

What You Need

- duplicated page
- crayons

What To Do

1. Sing the song, "Come, Follow Me" to the tune of "London Bridge."
2. Repeat the song, inserting a child's name after "follow me."
3. Older babies will enjoy coloring the poster to take home.

Friends



Footprints Plaque

Easy Craft

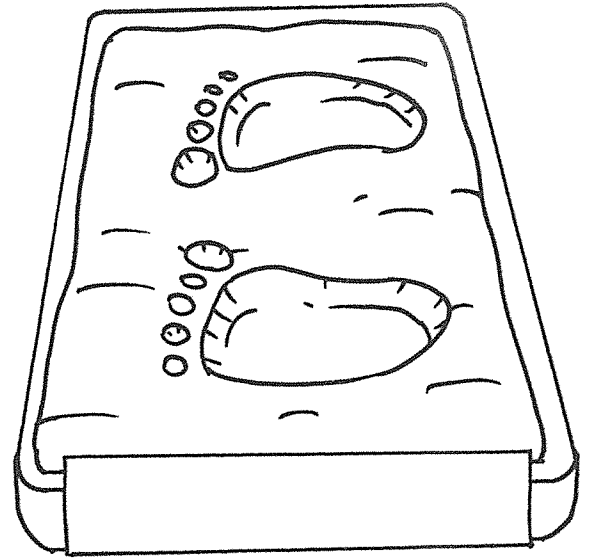
What You Need

- duplicated page
- oval or oblong ice cream carton lids, about 5 x 7 inches
- purchased quick-dry dough or craft clay

What To Do

1. Before class, let parents know what you plan to do, so they may give permission, as this will be a nice keepsake for them. Some may volunteer to help with this project. Cut the verse strip from the page and glue it to the side of the ice cream lids.
2. Place some dough inside the lid and flatten it as much as possible.
3. Press baby's footprint (or both footprints) into the clay or dough.
4. Wash baby's feet and set the craft aside.

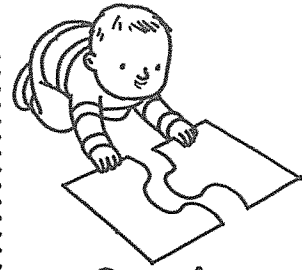
"Come follow me," Jesus said.
Matthew 4:19



What To Do, continued...

5. Before the clay or dough dries use a pencil or toothpick to scratch baby's first name and the date of the footprints.
6. Say to baby, Jesus said, "Come follow me."

Friends Make Me Happy
Picture



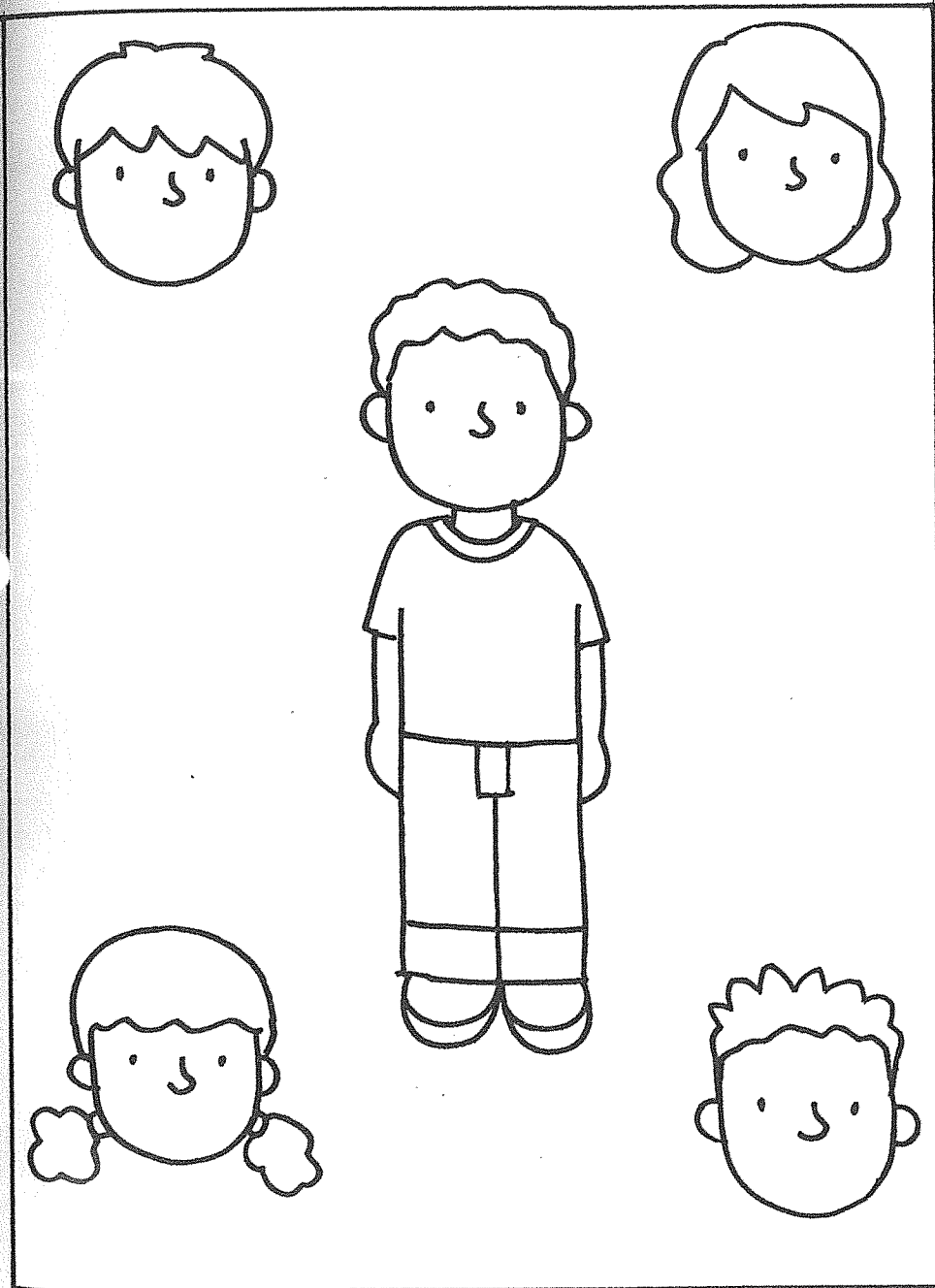
Puzzle

what you Need

- duplicated page
- crayons

what To Do

1. Help the children finish the picture by adding a smile to each "friend's" face.
2. Say, Jesus was happy to make new friends. We are happy to have friends, too.
3. Jesus had friends, just like me.





Hide and Seek Friends

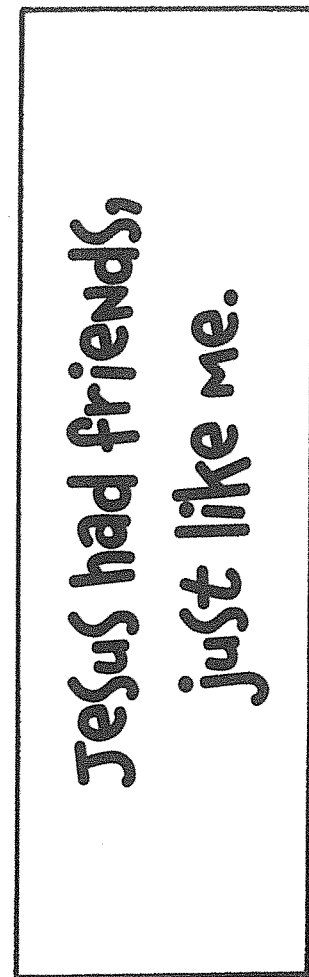
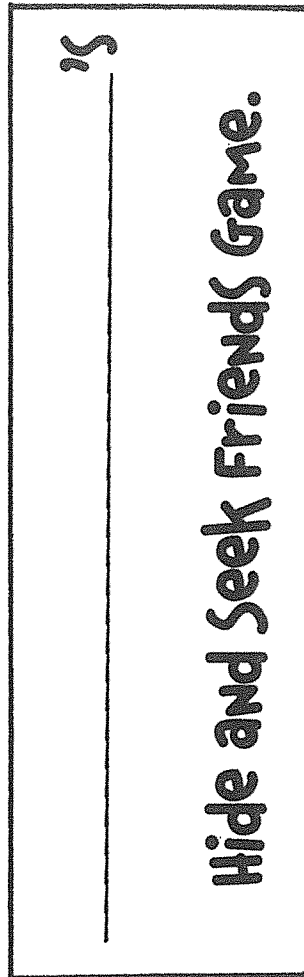
Learning Play

What You Need

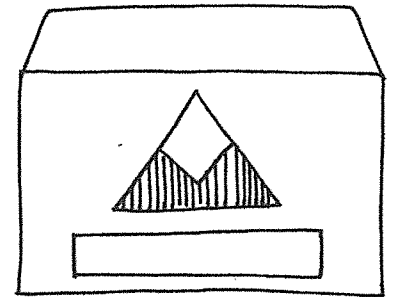
- duplicated page
- instant oatmeal or toaster pastry box
- scissors
- animal cookies or similar
- glue or tape

What To Do

1. Before class, cut the two labels from the pattern page. Glue or tape a label to the front and the back of the box.
2. Cut a shape from the front, back, and each side of the box. Cutouts should be large enough for an animal cookie to fit through.
3. Show the children how to put cookies through the holes. Say, **Emily put a friend in the triangle. Where is Emily's friend? He is hiding in the box. There is Emily's friend. Jesus had friends, just like Emily.**



finished craft



What To Do, continued...

4. Open the top of the box to find the cookies the child has put inside. Use a different set of cookies for each child, in case a child puts cookies in his/her mouth.

JESUS LOVED GOD'S WORD, JUST LIKE ME

Memory Verse

Blessed... are those who hear the Word of God.

~Luke 11:28

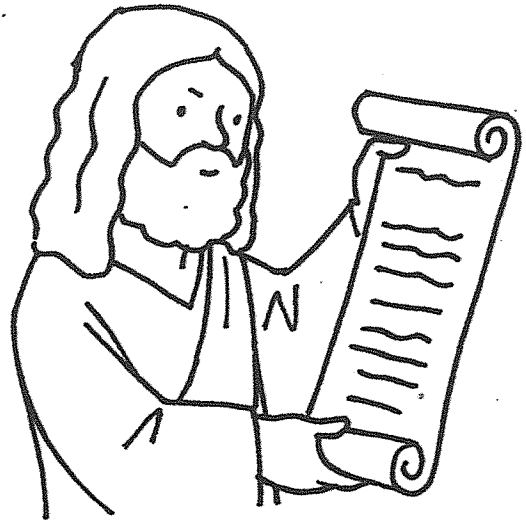


Story to Share

Jesus was getting ready to go teach people about God. First Jesus was baptized. Then the devil tried to get Jesus to do some things that were wrong, just like the devil tries to get us to do things that are wrong.

But Jesus knew all of God's Word. He answered the devil three times with God's Holy Word. Then the devil left and God's angels took care of Jesus.

Jesus loved God's Word, just like you. Isn't it fun to sit and listen to stories from God's Word? That is how we can keep from doing wrong things. We can learn God's Word and give an answer to everyone who tries to get us to do wrong.



~Based on Matthew 4:1-11



Story Review

1. Who tried to get Jesus to do some wrong things? The devil tried to get Jesus to do some wrong things.
2. How did Jesus answer the devil? Jesus answered the devil with God's Word.
3. How can we answer someone who is trying to get us to do something wrong? We can answer with God's Word.



Parent Corner

1. Make use of waiting time. When you are waiting in a doctor's office, a lobby or even a long line at the super market, tell the story to your baby. This will help keep your baby from becoming restless and fussy and will reinforce the Bible truth once again.
2. Open your Bible and read the story directly from the Bible. Instill in your child the difference between cartoon stories and God's true Word.
3. Purchase a children's Bible suitable to your child's age. Use it often to read to your baby.



Story Poster

Bulletin Board

What You Need

- pattern on page 39
- clear adhesive-backed plastic
- black construction paper
- glue

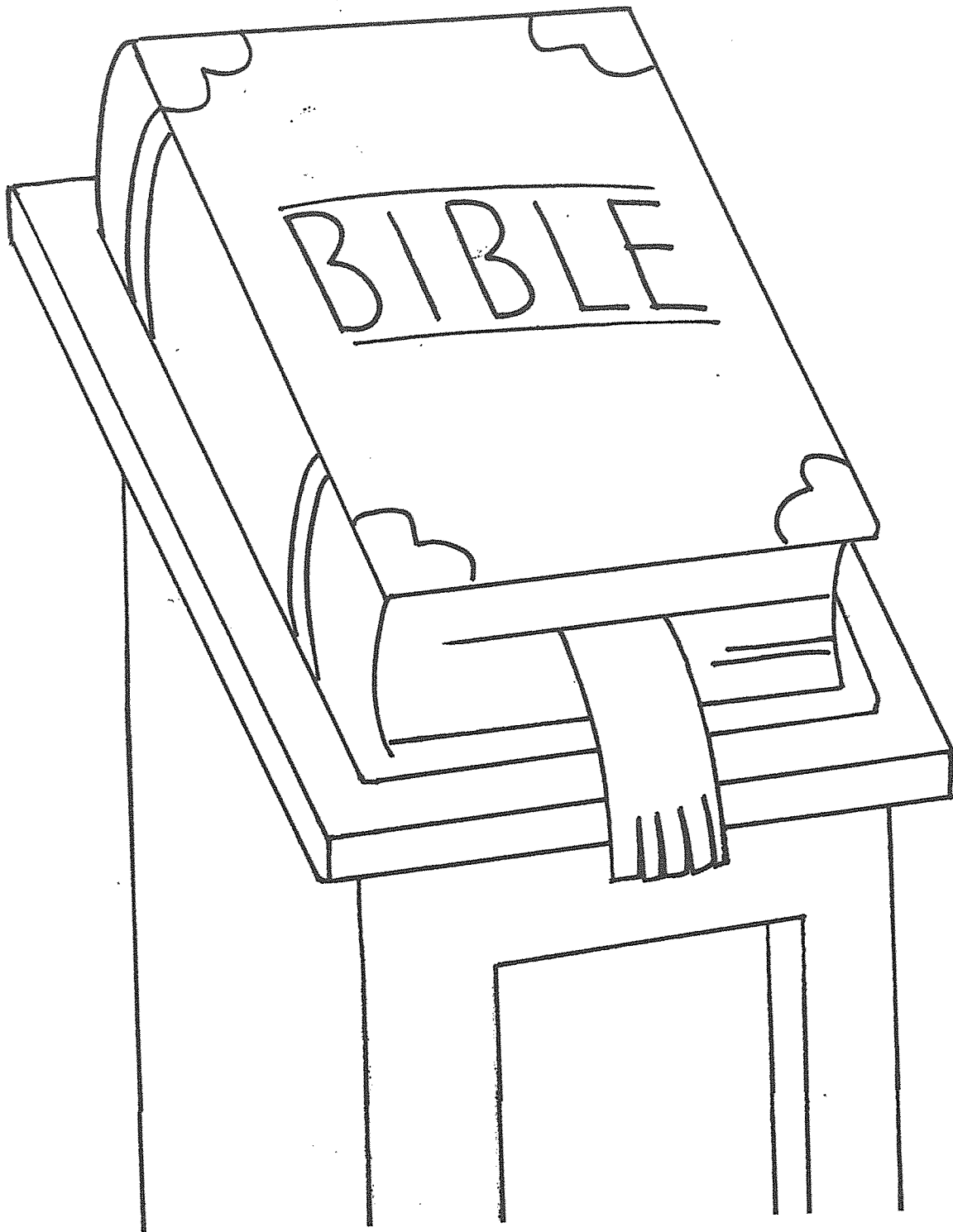
What To Do

1. Depending on how you want to use the poster (see ideas below), enlarge, reduce, or simply copy page 39 to fit your bulletin board space.
2. To make a take-home paper, duplicate the story page to the back of story poster.
3. To use the poster as an in-class activity, let the children glue strips of black construction paper around the edges of the Bible cover.



Poster Pointer

Attach the poster to brightly colored paper. Fasten the poster to the bulletin board. Carry children to the bulletin board several times during class time. Say the memory verse or retell the story while you help the child touch the story poster.



**Blessed... are those who hear
the Word of God.**

~Luke 11:28



Bible Bookmark

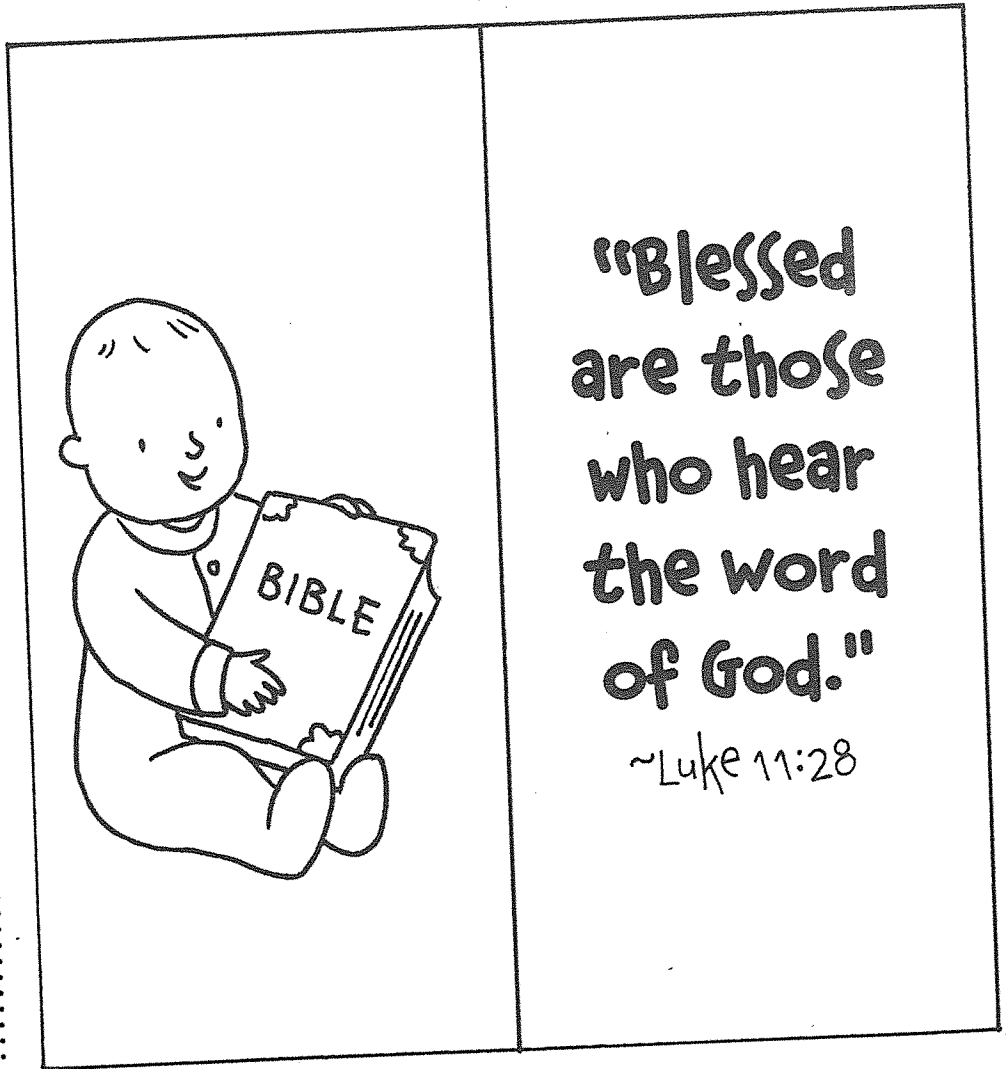
Easy Craft

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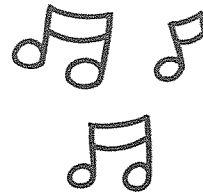
- duplicated page
- tape
- crayons

What To Do

1. Before class, cut the bookmark from the pattern page.
2. Help children fold the bookmarks in half. Tape the seams.
3. Older children will enjoy coloring the bookmark.
4. Place a sample bookmark in your Bible to show children what they are for. Send a bookmark home with each child.
5. If you have extra time, have the children help make bookmarks to give to members of another class.



My Bible Song



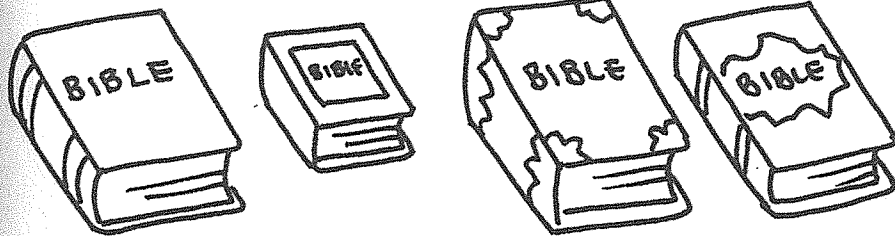
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What To Do

1. Sing the song, "My Bible," to the tune of "Jesus Loves Me."
2. Let the children hold a Bible or the story poster while you help them sing the song again.

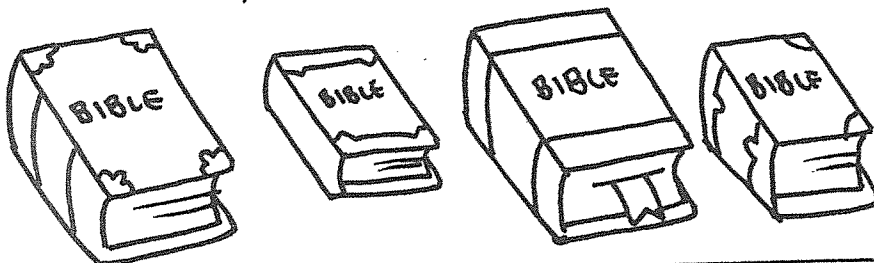


My Bible

My Bible is God's word.
My Bible tells about my Lord.
It has great stories, yes indeed.
Won't you read my Bible to me?

[chorus]

Listen to God's word,
Listen to God's word,
Listen to God's word,
My Bible is God's word.



God's word



Rhyme

what you Need

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what To Do

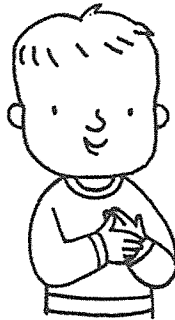
1. Say the rhyme, using the simple actions.
2. Help children do the actions with you.

God's word Action Rhyme



Jesus Loved God's Word.

[point to God]



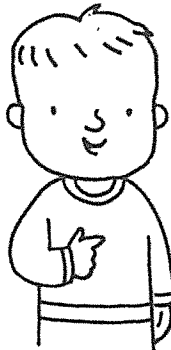
He knew it by heart.

[put hands on heart]



I Love God's Word, too.

[make praying hands]

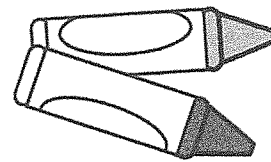
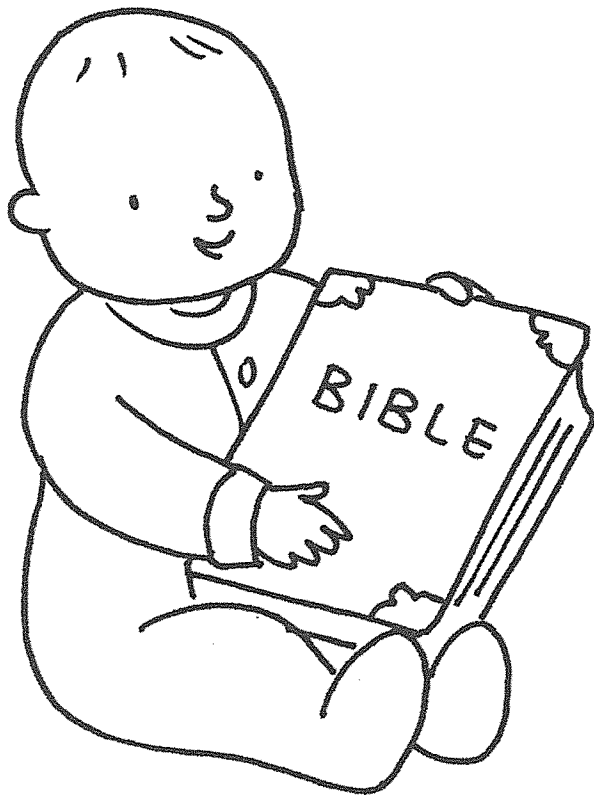


I'll keep it in my own heart.

[point at self]

I Love God's word Coloring Book

I Love
God's Word



Coloring

what you Need

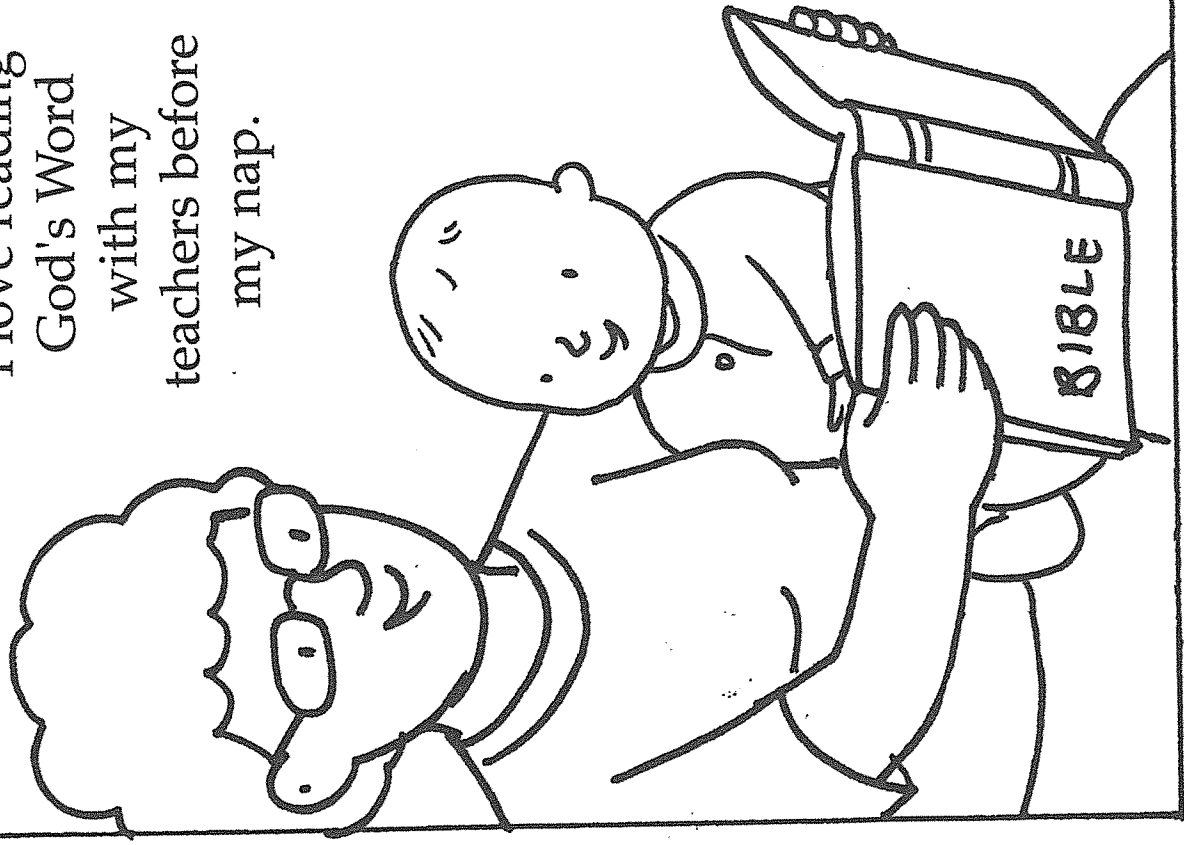
- pages 43 and 44, duplicated
- stapler
- crayons (two or three in a bag to take home with coloring book)

what To Do

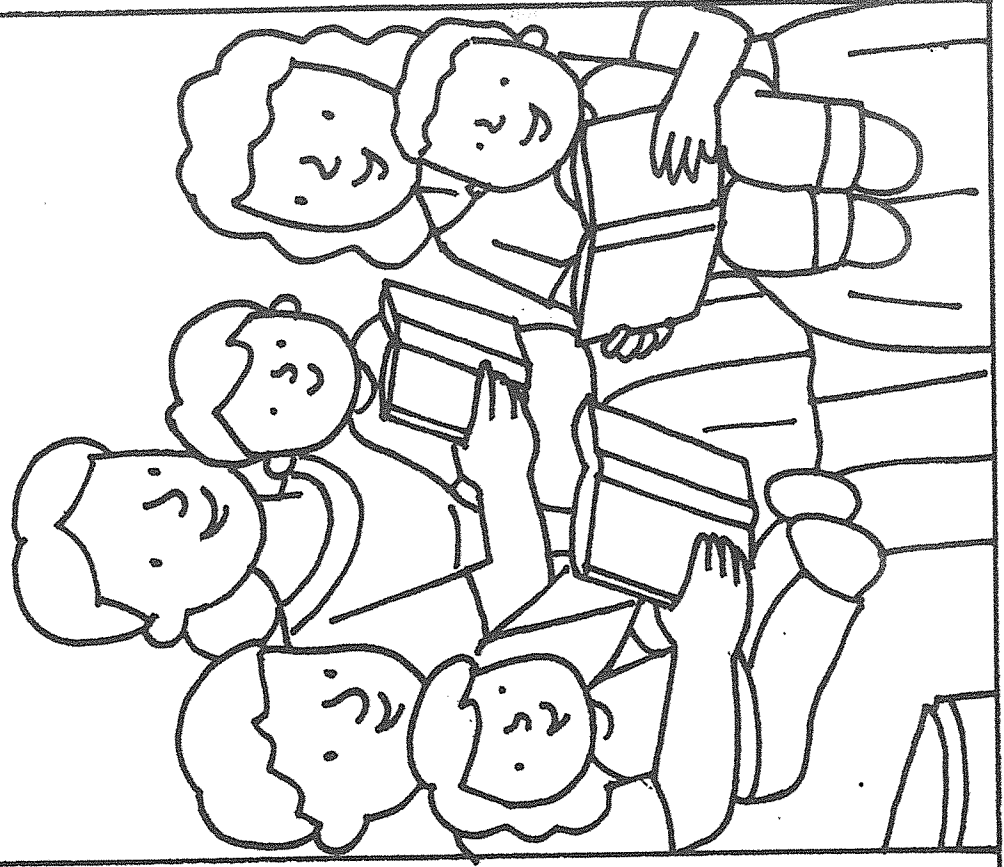
1. Before class, cut out pages.
2. Staple pages together so they form a book.
3. Let children scribble-color the page while you say, **I love reading God's Word with my teacher. I love reading God's Word at church. I love God's Word all the time!**
4. Send the coloring book home with children.

God's word

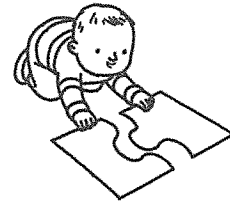
I love reading
God's Word
with my
teachers before
my nap.



I love reading God's Word at
church and with my family.



Hidden Pictures Puzzle



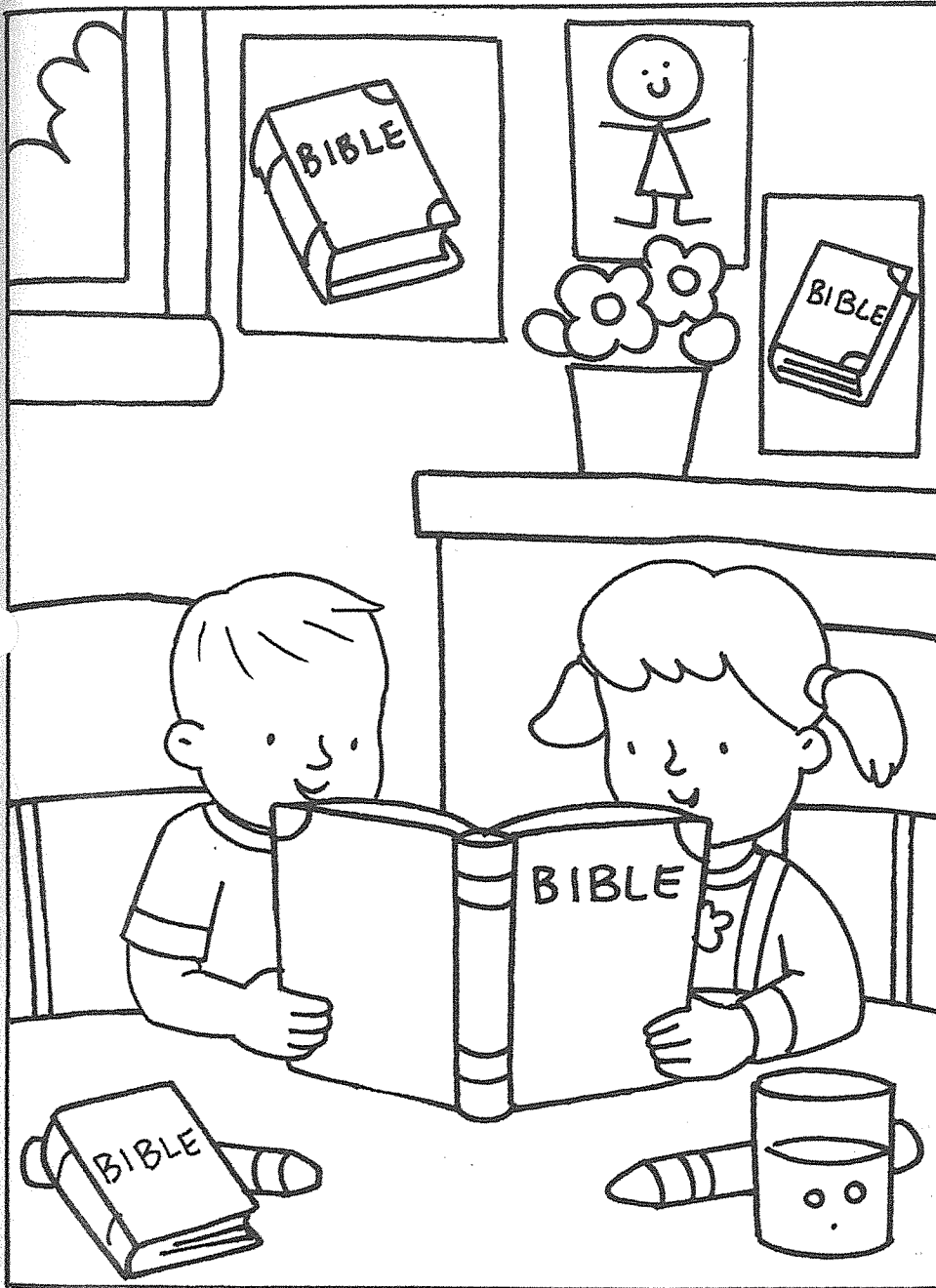
Puzzle

What You Need

- duplicated page
- crayons

What To Do

1. Discuss the picture with the children. Say, The little boy and girl are reading God's Word at Sunday school class. Jesus loved God's Word, too, just like you.
2. Help the children find 3 hidden Bibles in the picture.

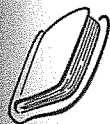


Jesus Liked to Help, Just Like Me

Memory Verse

He thanked [Jesus].

~Luke 17:16



Story to Share

Jesus was traveling to a village to tell people about God. Suddenly, ten men called to Him. They were sick with leprosy.

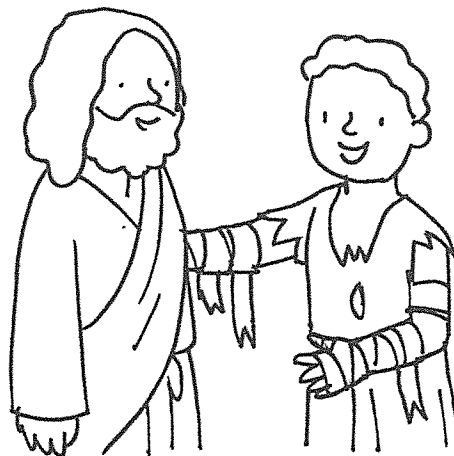
"Jesus!" they called. "Please help us and make us well."

Jesus said, "You will be well. Go and show yourselves to the priest."

The men went away quickly. But one man saw that he was already well. He turned and came back. "Thank you, Jesus!" he said. "Thank you."

Jesus was happy to make the man well. Jesus liked to help people. You can help people, too. There are many ways we can help people.

~Based on Luke 17:11-19



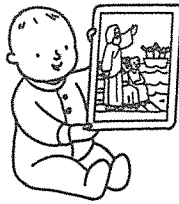
Story Review

1. How many men asked Jesus to make them well? Ten men asked Jesus to make them well.
2. How many men came back to thank Jesus? Only one man came back to thank Jesus.
3. Who else can help people? We can help people in many ways.



Parent Corner

1. **Bedtime storytelling.** Pat your baby's arm or shoulder while telling the Bible story in a soothing voice. Retell the story until your baby falls asleep.
2. Let your baby sit on your lap while you are doing chores. Say, **What a good helper you are. Thank you for helping me.**
3. Take notice when someone in the household does something helpful. Say, **Brother is doing a wonderful job helping pick up toys. Thank you, Brother.**



Bulletin Board

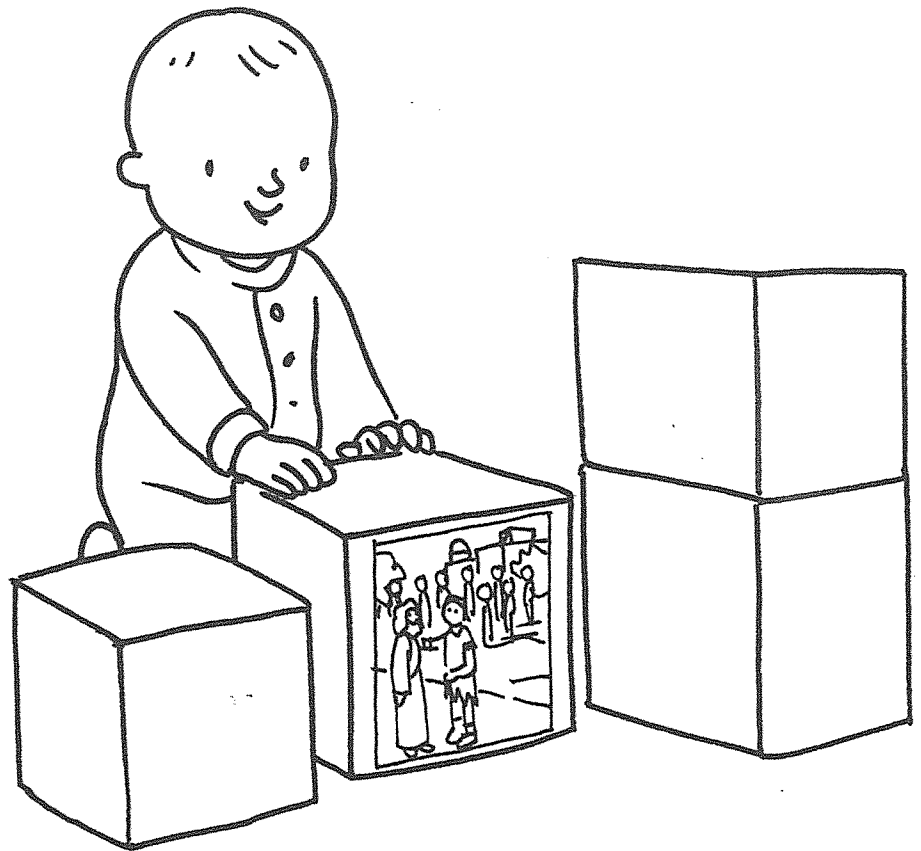
What You Need

- pattern on page 49
- clear adhesive-backed plastic
- bandage strips

What To Do

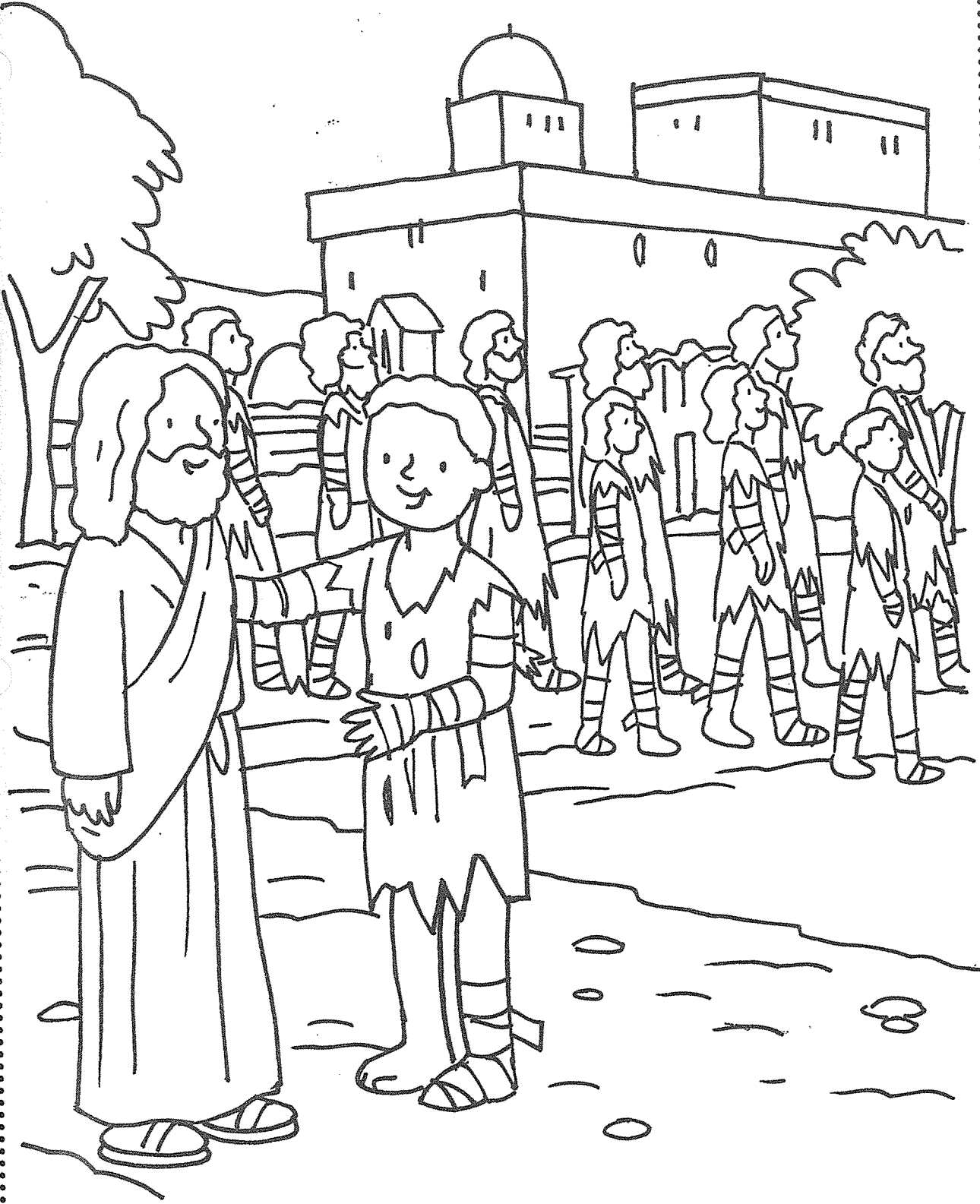
1. Depending on how you want to use the poster (see ideas below), enlarge, reduce or simply copy page 49 to fit your bulletin board space.
2. To make a take-home paper, duplicate the story page to the back of story poster.
3. To use the poster as an in-class activity, help the children stick bandage strips around the edge of the poster to form a frame. Say, **Jesus helped the men be well.**

Story Poster



Poster Pointer

Reduce the size of the poster to fit the sides of plastic baby wipe containers. Glue or securely tape one poster picture to at least one side of each container. Make at least three or four blocks, or make one block with poster pictures from each of the eight stories in this book. Help the children stack the blocks. Point to the poster picture for the current lesson and retell the story or say the memory verse with the children.



He thanked [Jesus].

~Luke 17:16



Puzzle

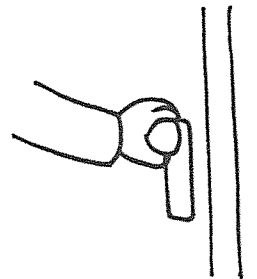
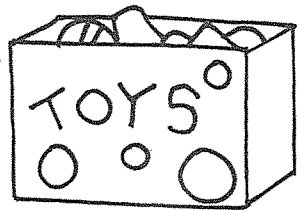
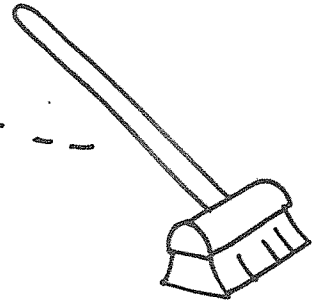
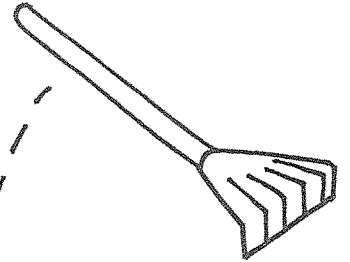
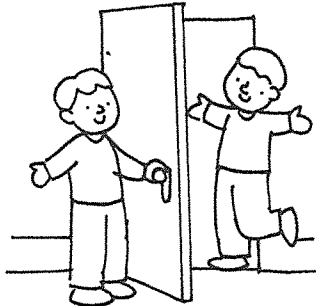
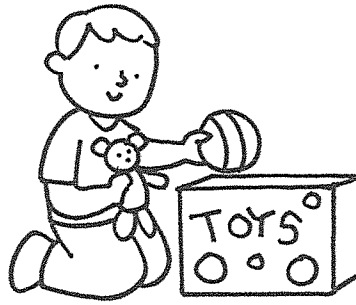
what you Need

- duplicated page
- crayons

what To Do

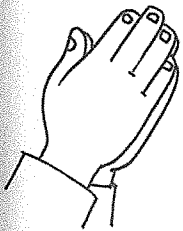
1. Help the children match the boys and girls who are working to the tools they need to complete their helping task.
2. For younger babies, you may want to simply hold their hand and trace the lines while you discuss the helping tasks.
3. For older babies, help them trace the lines from the tools to the children.

what Helpers use



Jesus liked to help others, just like me.

Jesus Helped



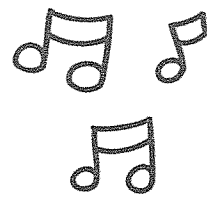
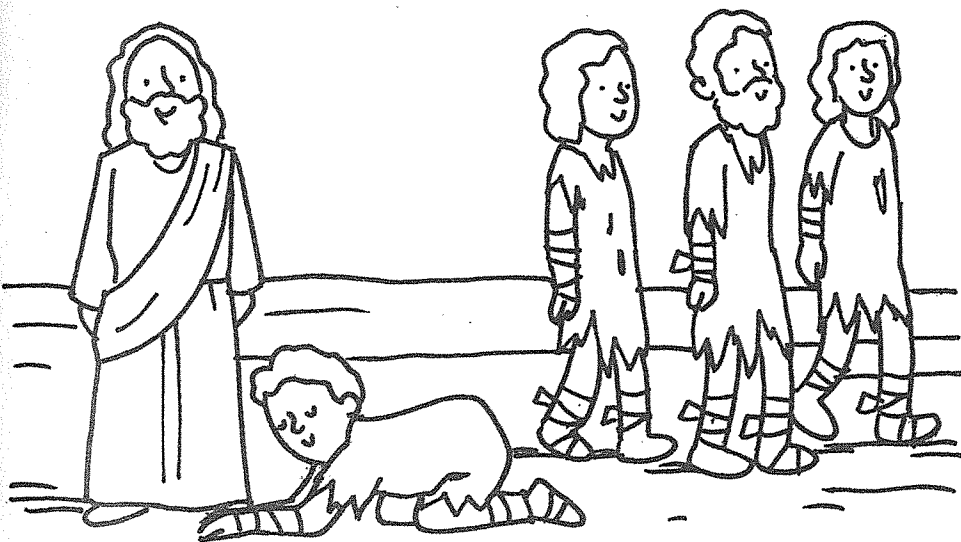
Jesus helped
ten men,



He made them
well again,

But only one came
back to say:

Thanks for helping me!



Song

what you Need

- duplicated page

what To Do

1. Sing the song "Jesus Helped" to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat."
2. Sing the song again, helping children make praying hands on the last line.

Jesus Helped



Story Ball

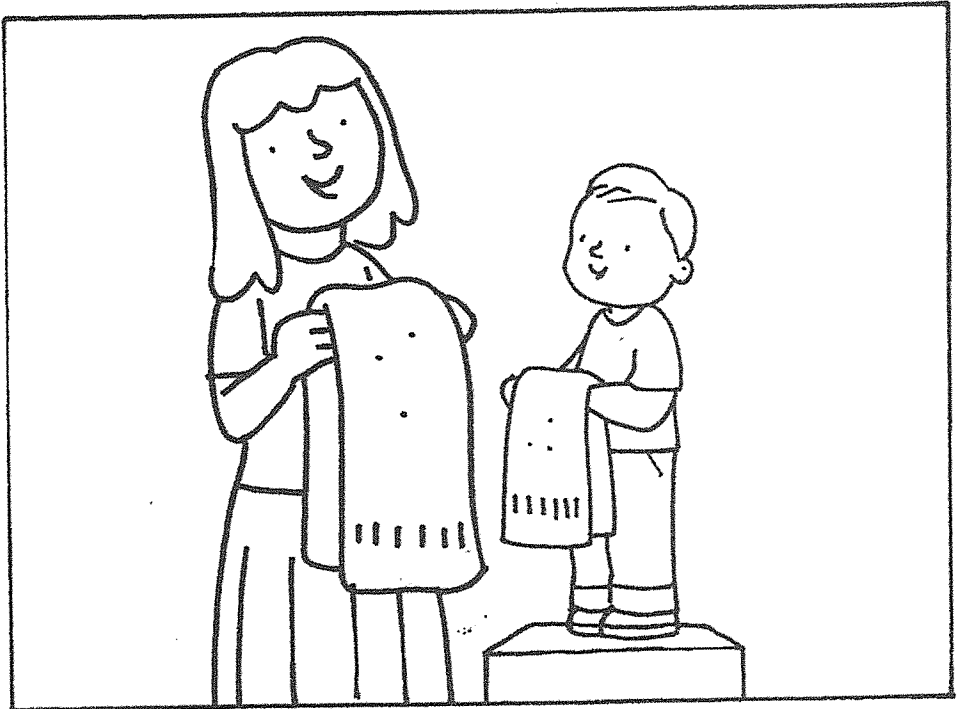
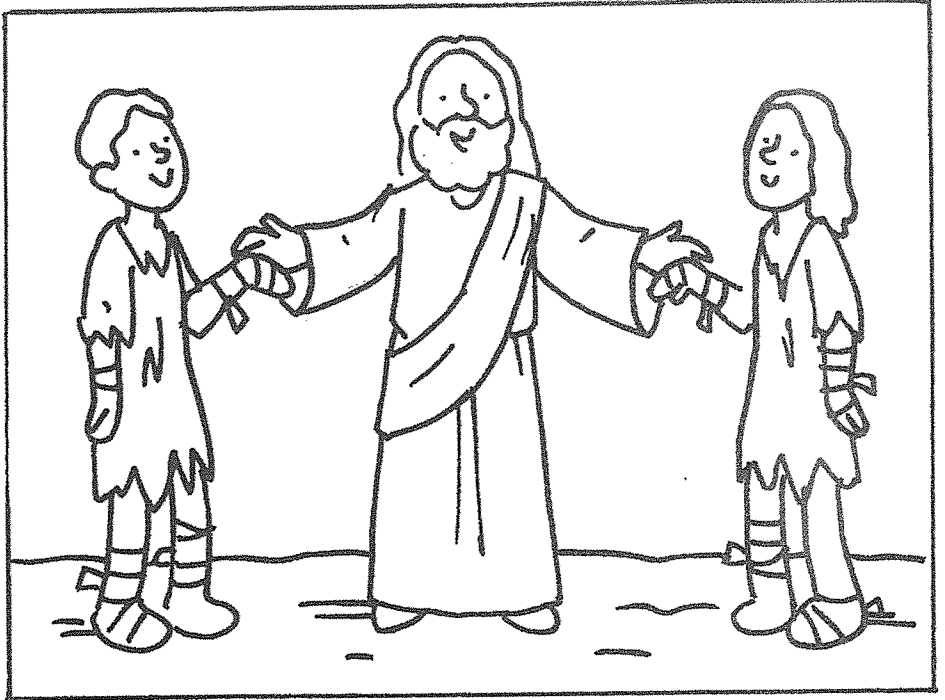
Learning Play

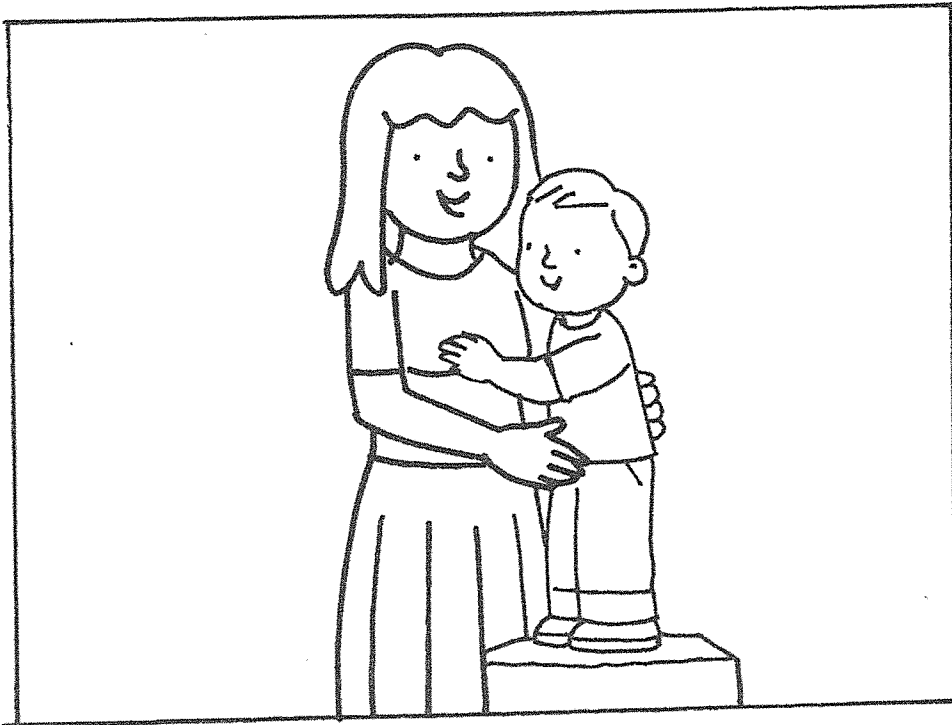
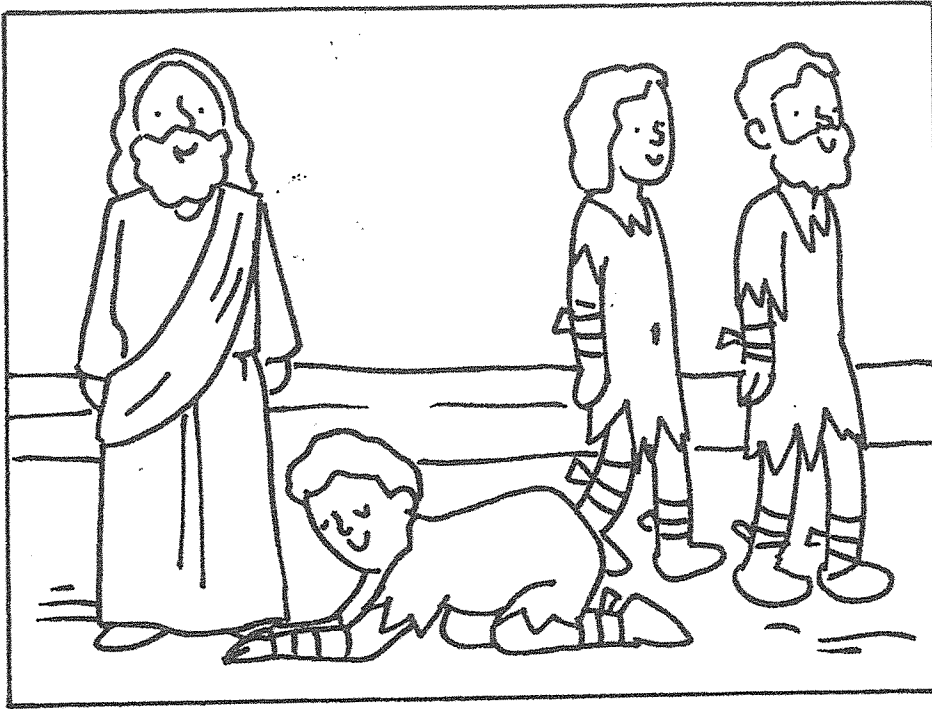
What You Need

- duplicated pages 52 and 53 (two pages)
- beach ball
- tape
- scissors

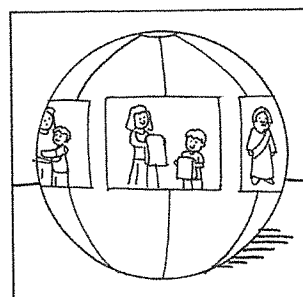
What To Do

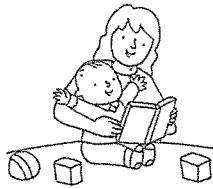
1. Before class, cut out the four scenes from the two pattern pages. Tape the four scenes around the ball.
2. Roll the ball to the children. Let each baby handle the ball. Point to a picture and discuss it.
3. Say, Jesus helped ten men who were sick. One man came back to say, "Thank you." A boy is helping his mom fold towels. Mommy is giving a thank-you hug. Jesus liked to help others, just like you.





finished craft





Read to Me

what you Need

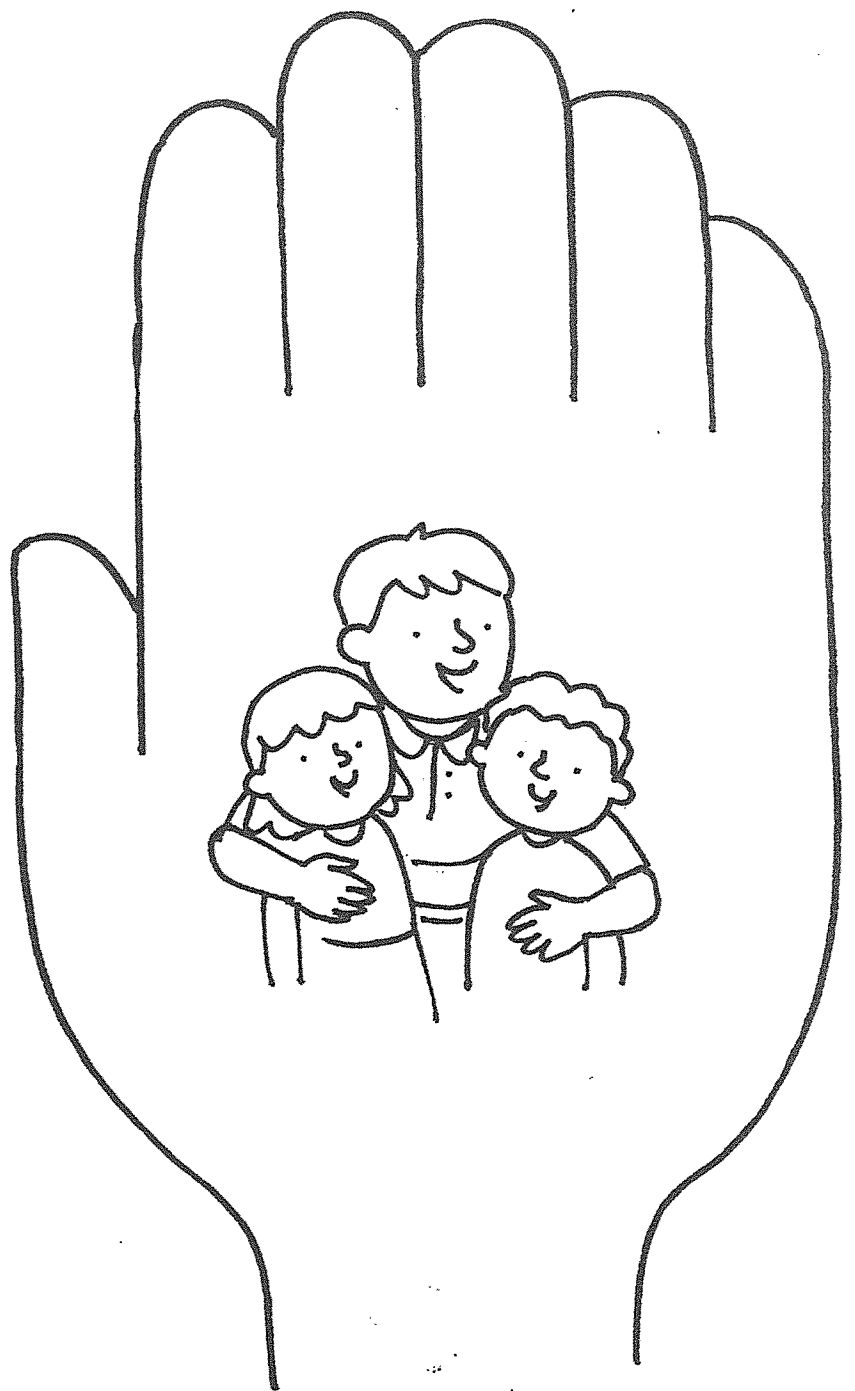
- pages 54, 55 and 56 duplicated to card stock
- scissors
- hole punch
- plastic rings

what To Do

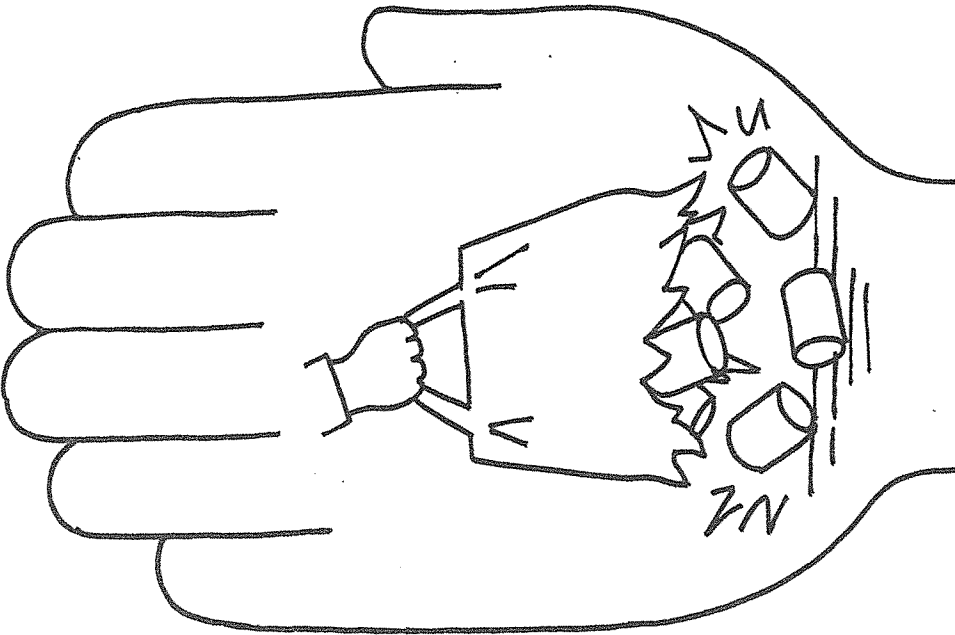
1. Before class, cut out the hand pages and slip them between two sheets of construction paper. Glue the book cover to the front piece of construction paper.
2. Punch 3 holes through all layers of the book at the left edge. Fasten three plastic rings through the holes to hold the book together.
3. Hold each baby on your lap. Turn the pages as you read the book to the children. Babies love repetition and the soothing sound of your voice. This is a good one-on-one activity for teachers and children.

Jesus Helped

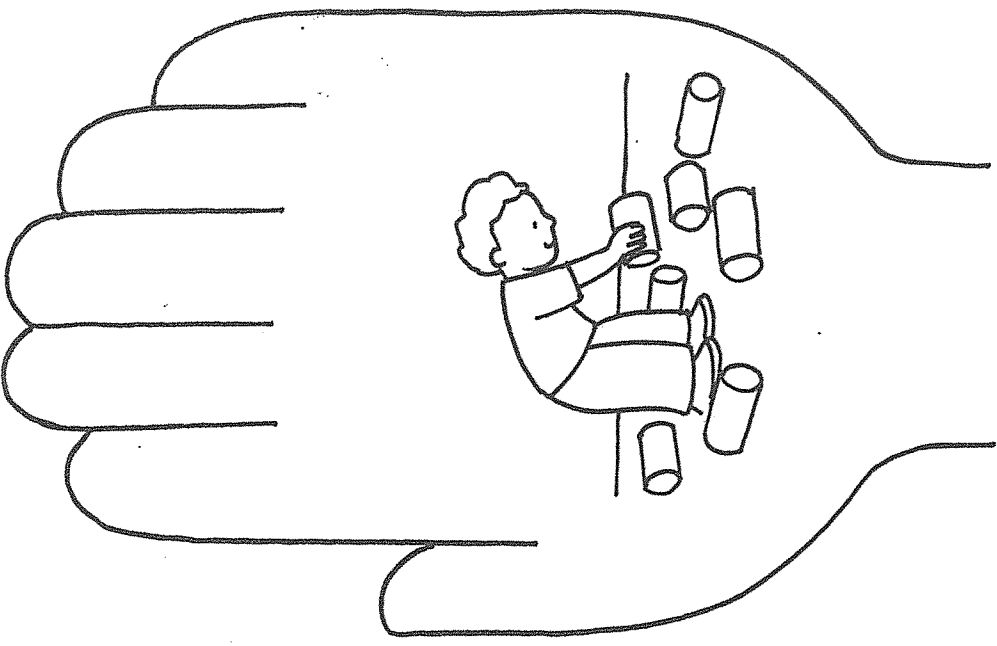
* Hand-Shape Book *



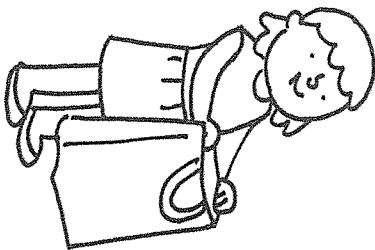
Daddy Gets Some Help



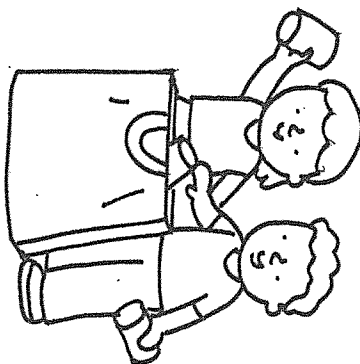
Daddy put a grocery bag on the counter. A can rolled out from a hole in the bag and fell to the floor. BANG! "There's a hole in the bag. I dropped cans all over the hall. Who can help me pick them up?"



"I can!" Trevor ran to the hall. There were lots of cans on the floor.



"I can help, too," Sophia said. "Here's a new grocery bag. We can put all the cans in this." Sophia and Trevor picked up all the cans for Daddy.



"What a great job you both did," Daddy said. "I'll carry this heavy bag to the kitchen. Then, I'll give you each a great big thank-you hug!"

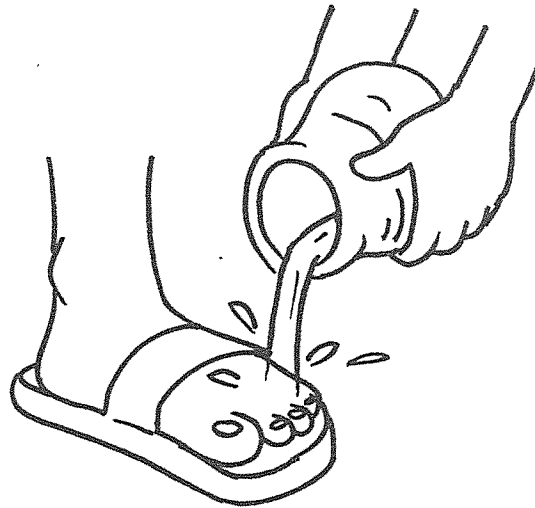
JESUS LOVES OTHERS, JUST LIKE ME

Memory Verse

Love one another.

~JOHN 13:34

Story to Share



Jesus and His friends were gathered together, just like your family gets together, to eat dinner. But before the meal was served, Jesus did something His friends thought was very odd. Jesus bent down and began to wash the feet of His friends.

"What are you doing?" Peter asked. "You are our Lord. Why are you washing our feet?"

Jesus answered, "I am being an example. I am showing you how to show love to others. You can do many things to show love to others."

Jesus loved others and wanted to show us how to love others, too. We don't usually wash each others' smelly feet, do we? But Jesus wanted us to know that we should do anything we can to show love to others.

Jesus loved others, and still loves them! Just like you.

~Based on JOHN 13:1-17

Story Review

1. What did Jesus do for His friends? Jesus washed His friends' feet.
2. Why did Jesus wash His friends' feet? Jesus wanted to show us that we should do anything we can to show love to others.



Parent Corner

1. *In the car.* Tell the Bible story while riding in the car. Say or sing the memory verse or story theme in a fun way. Any tune will be entertaining for the baby.
2. While you're changing your baby's diaper, it is a great time to discuss how important it is that we do things for others.
3. Help your baby show love for someone by placing cookies in a bag and allowing your baby to give them to someone you know.



Bulletin Board

What You Need

- pattern on page 59
- clear adhesive-backed plastic
- felt or fabric scraps

What To Do

1. Depending on how you want to use the poster (see ideas below and at left), enlarge, reduce or simply copy page 59 to fit your bulletin board space.
2. To use the poster as an in-class activity, glue a felt or fabric scrap to Jesus' waist, long enough that he could use it to dry Peter's feet. Also, you may want to let the children add some heart stickers to the poster to indicate loving one another.

Story Poster



Poster Pointer

Make easy take-home bags by taping a story poster to a paper grocery bag for each child. Be sure to write the child's name on the bag.



Love one another.

~John 13:34



Room Decoration

What you Need

- page duplicated to transparency sheets
- scissors
- fishing line
- tape
- red permanent markers

What To Do

1. Before class, cut the hearts from the transparency sheets. Tape a length of fishing line to each heart. Hang the hearts in windows or close to a light fixture.
2. Let the babies see and touch the sun catchers. Say, **Jesus loved others, just like you.**

Love Others Sun Catchers

**LOVE ONE
ANOTHER**
John 13:34

Love One Another Song



Song

What You Need

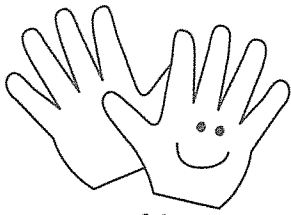
- duplicated page

What To Do

1. Sing the song to the tune of "Wheels on the Bus."
2. Encourage older babies to sing the song with you.
3. Add an action by touching your heart every time you say the word "love."

Jesus said to love one another,
love one another,
love one another,
Jesus said to love one another.
Love everyone.

LoveS



HANDS ON

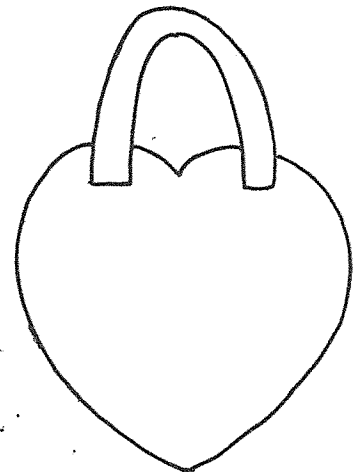
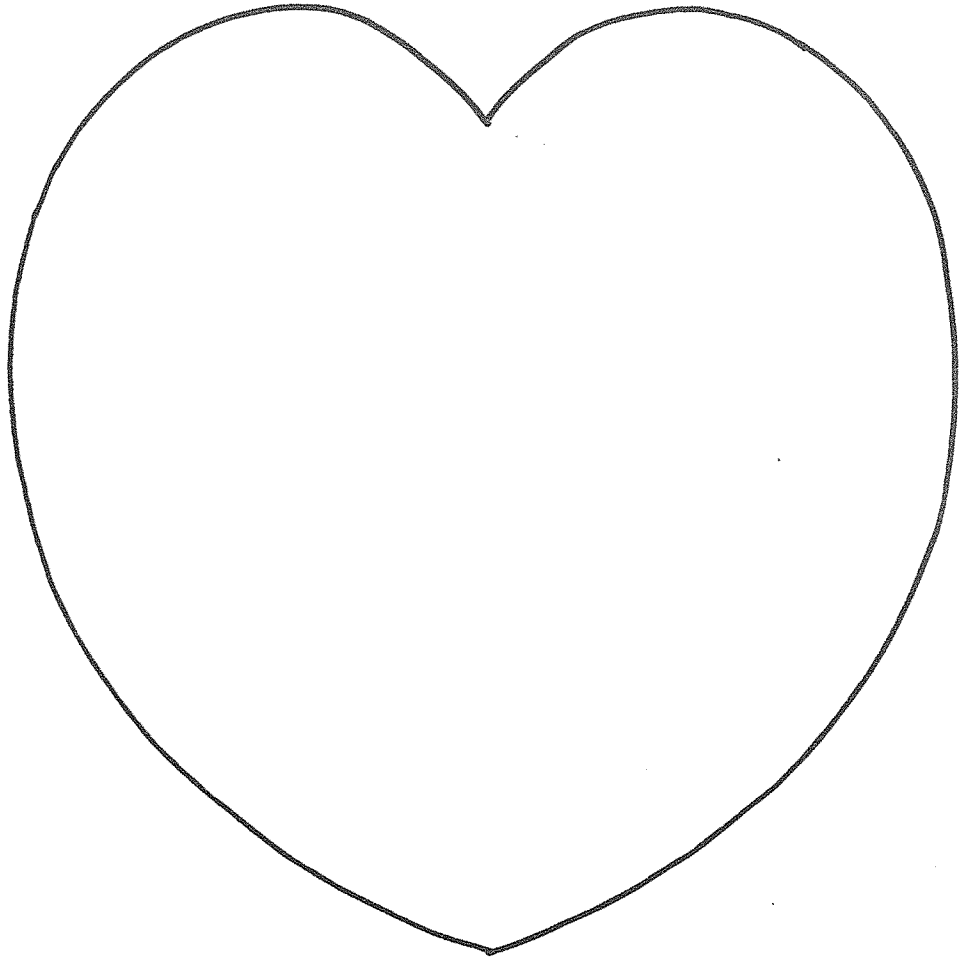
what you Need

- duplicated page
- felt
- cotton for stuffing
- glue

what To Do

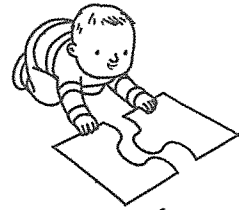
1. Before class, use the pattern on the page to cut out two hearts from felt for each child.
2. Cut a $\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 inch strip of felt for a handle.
3. Glue the two hearts together, leaving a small space to stuff the heart.
4. Glue the handle to the top of the heart. Stuff cotton inside the heart. Glue the remainder of the edge closed.
5. Let babies play with the hearts. Say, **God wants us to love one another. Jesus loved others just like you.**

Soft Heart Rattles



finished craft

Love One Another Puzzle



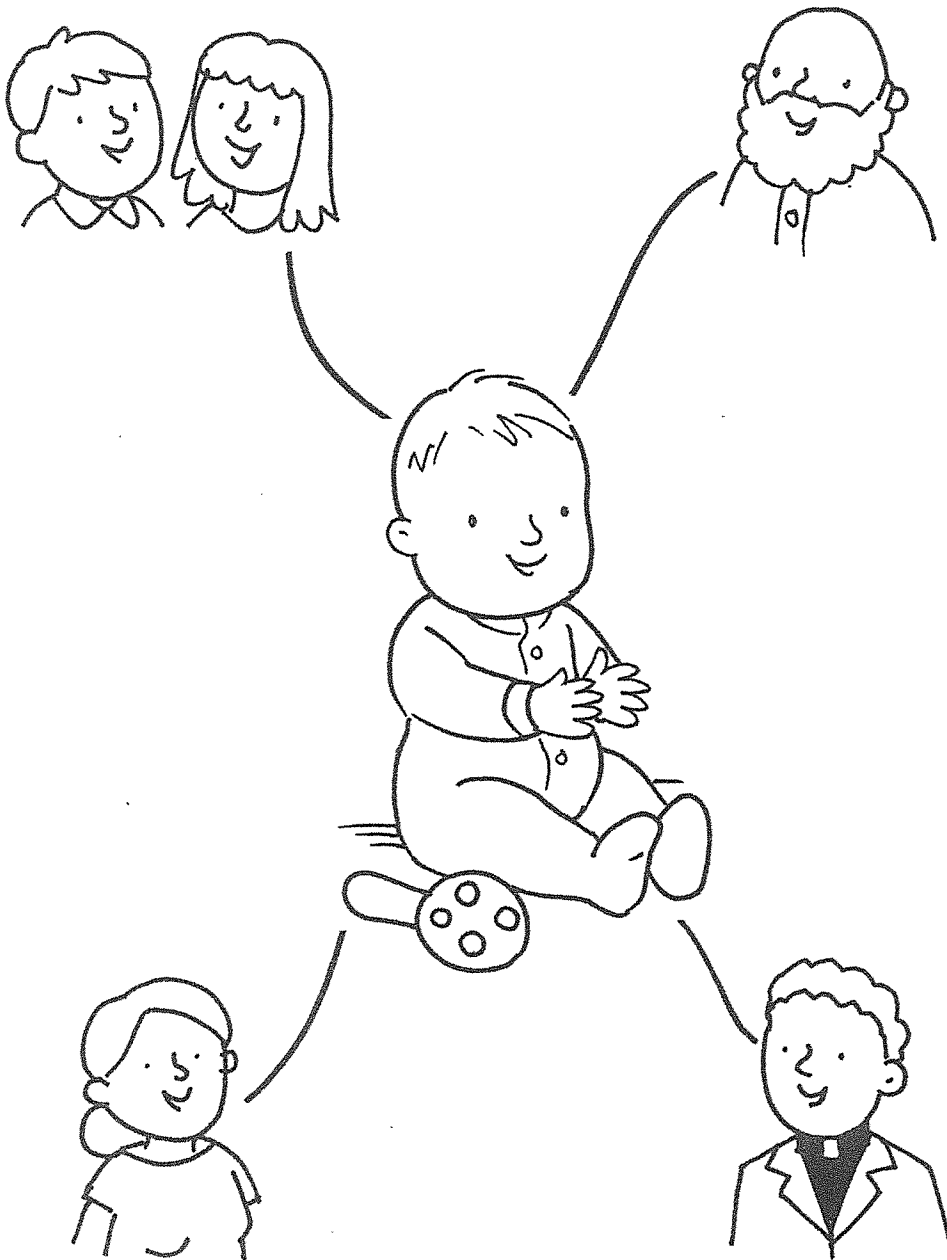
Puzzle

What You Need

- duplicated page
- crayons

What To Do

1. Help the children hold a crayon and trace the lines from the child to someone he/she can show love to. Say, Let's trace this line and see who we can show love to. It's Grandpa! We can show love to Grandpa. Now let's try another line.
2. Older babies may enjoy coloring the pictures. With younger babies, you may want to hold their hand and help them trace the line without using a crayon.
3. The children will enjoy the active play and the conversation with you as teacher.



Loves



Rhyme

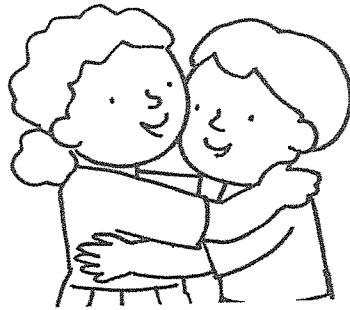
what you Need

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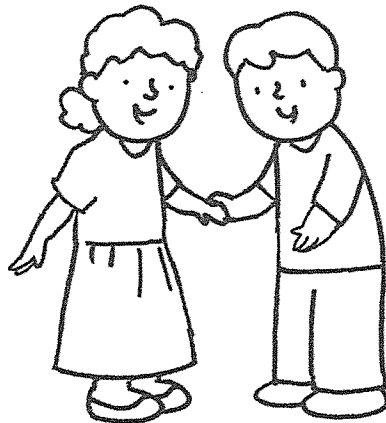
what To Do

1. Do the actions while you say the rhyme with the children.
2. Get the children involved in doing the actions. Make it as fun as you can, either in a one-on-one situation or with a group of little children.

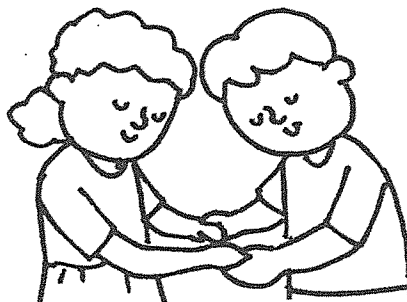
Show My Love Action Rhyme



I show my love
by giving a hug.
[hug self or another child]
I love you.

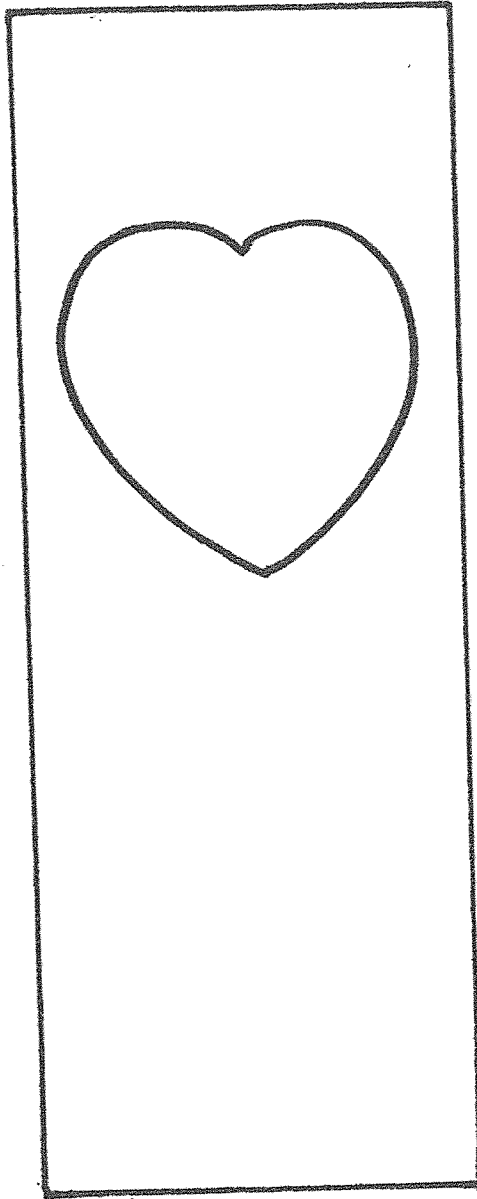


I show my love
by helping a friend.
*[clasp hands together
or hold hands with a friend]*
I love you.



I show my love
by praying for you.
[bow heads in prayer]
I love you.

Heart Bubble wands



Recipe for Bubble Solution

Mix $\frac{1}{2}$ cup liquid dish detergent with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water. Add soap to the water, rather than water to the soap to avoid excessively foamy suds. Stir gently. Store in plastic container with lid until ready to use.



Learning Play

What You Need

- duplicated page
- plastic milk jug
- scissors
- liquid dish detergent
- water
- plastic container

What To Do

1. Cut the wand pattern from the page. Trace the pattern onto the side of a plastic milk jug. Cut the wand from the jug. Mix the bubble solution in a plastic container.
2. Make some bubbles for children to see. Say, **The bubbles look like hearts. Hearts mean love. We show our love for others. Jesus loved others, just like you.**
3. Older babies may enjoy trying to make some bubbles.

Love's



I Love you Handprint

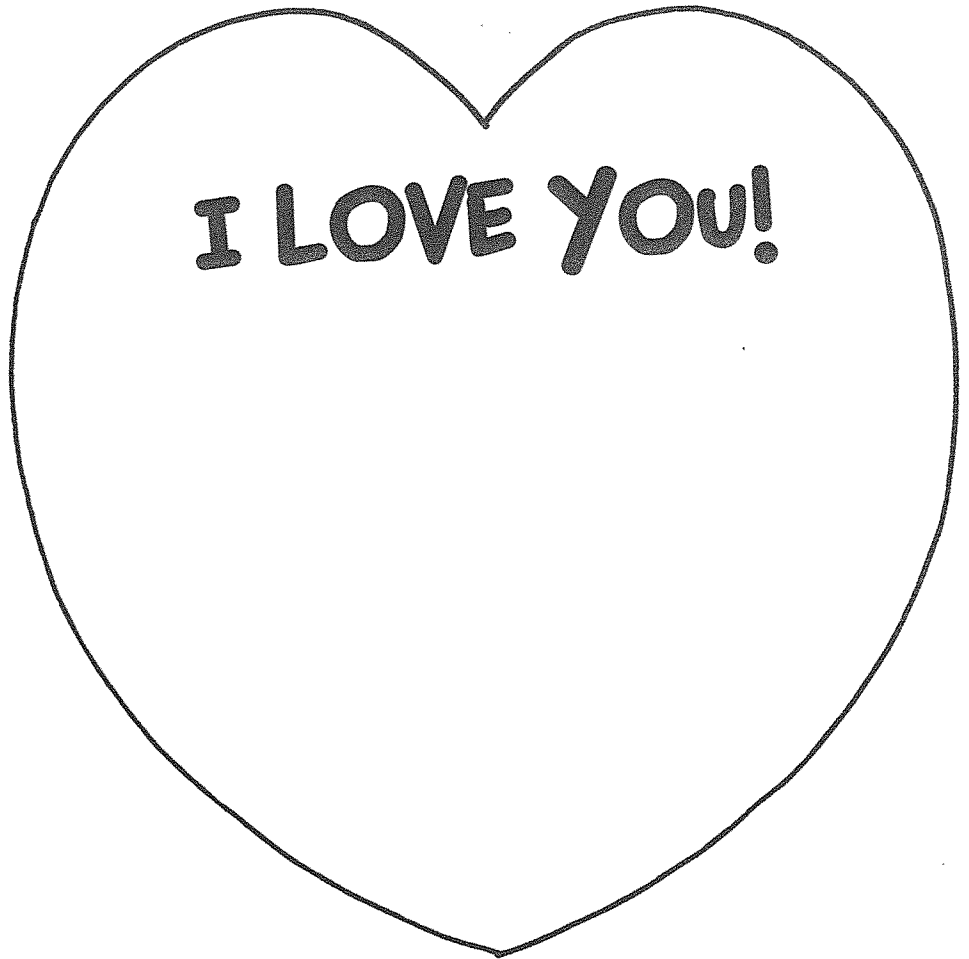
Easy Craft

What You Need

- duplicated page
- yarn
- tape
- washable paint
- shallow pan
- cleanup cloths

What To Do

1. Attach a loop of yarn to the top of the heart for a hanger.
2. Spread some washable paint in a shallow pan.
3. Dip each baby's hand into the paint, then press it onto the picture.



Jesus Told Others About God, Just Like Me

Memory Verse

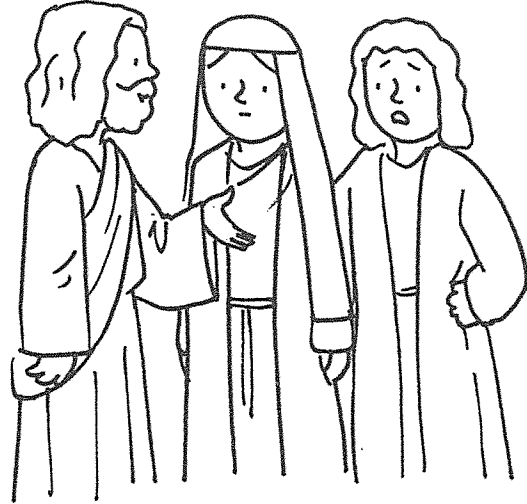
Mary sat listening to what [Jesus] said.

~Luke 10:39



Story to Share

Jesus went to visit his good friends Mary and Martha. Martha hurried around the house to make everything just right. Things must be clean for their friend Jesus. A nice supper must be prepared for their friend Jesus. There was much to do.



But Mary sat at the feet of Jesus and listened to Him talk about God. Mary loved to hear about God.

Martha became angry and wanted Mary to help with the work. But Jesus said, "What Mary is doing is the right thing. She is listening to hear about God."

Jesus told others about God, just like you! You can tell others about God. You can invite someone to come to church and hear about God. You can share a story poster from Sunday school. You can give a Bible to someone who doesn't have one.

~Based on Luke 10:38-42



Story Review

1. Who were Jesus' friends? Mary and Martha were Jesus' friends.
2. Why was Martha angry? Martha wanted Mary to help with all the work instead of listening to Jesus tell about God.
3. What did Jesus say to Martha? Jesus told Martha that Mary was doing the right thing.



Parent Corner

1. Invite some of the other nursery families to your home for a snack and Bible story time. Say to the babies, We can tell others about God. Jesus told others about God, just like we can.



Bulletin Board

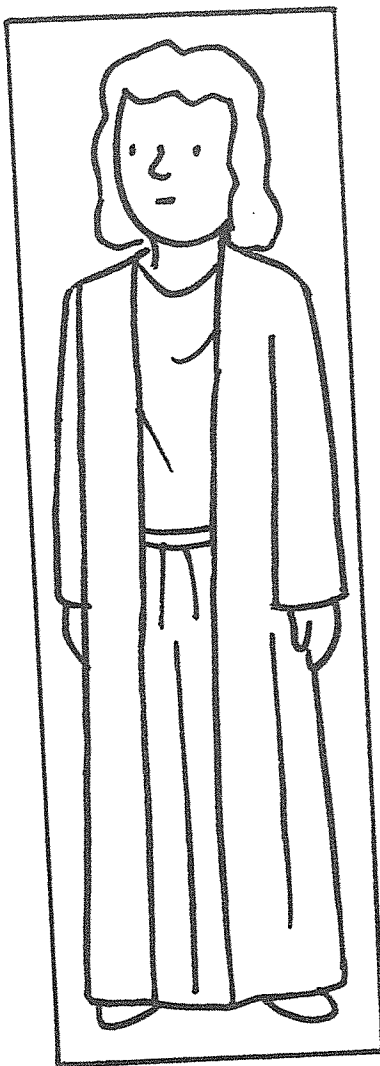
what you Need

- pattern on page 69
- clear adhesive-backed plastic

what To Do

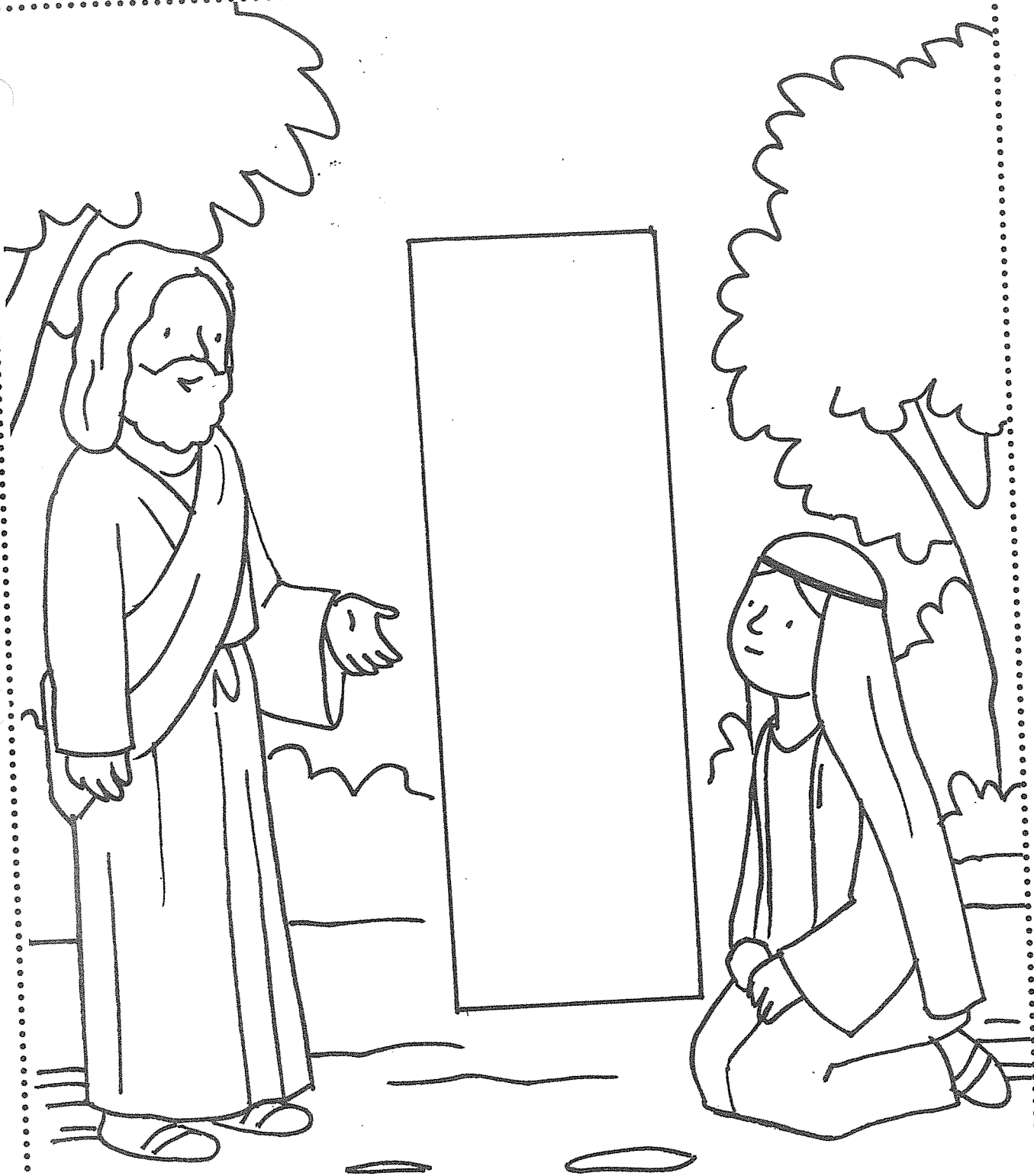
1. Depending on how you want to use the poster (see ideas below), enlarge, reduce or simply copy page 69 to fit your bulletin board space.
2. To make a take-home paper, duplicate the story page to the back of story poster.
3. To use the poster as an in-class activity, cut the rectangle from this page. Help children glue the image in the marked rectangle on the poster.

Story Poster



Poster Pointer

To make a storybook, copy the poster for each lesson in this book to card stock. You may laminate the pages with clear self-adhesive, if you wish. Place the eight posters together. Punch the left edge with a three-ring hole punch. Fasten the book together with plastic rings in the three holes on the left edge. Use the book as a read-to-me activity for rocking-chair time or playtime.



Mary sat listening to what [Jesus] said.

~Luke 10:39



what you Need

- duplicated page

what To Do

1. Sing the song "Telling Friends About God" to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

Telling Friends About God

Jesus told his friends about God

Friends about God

Friends about God

Jesus told his friends about God

Jesus told his friends, just like me.

I can tell my friends about God

Friends about God

Friends about God

I can tell my friends about God

Jesus told his friends, just like me.



Told Others

Hear about God, Action Rhyme



Mary listened to Jesus.

[touch ear]

Martha worked
really hard.

Jesus said, "Martha,
come listen."

[touch ear]

It's important to
hear about God.

[point to God]



Sometimes we're
working so hard,
we forget to listen.

[touch ear]

Jesus wants us
to remember,

[point to forehead]

It's important to hear
about God.

[point to God]



Rhyme

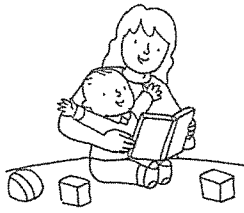
What You Need

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What To Do

1. Say the rhyme, using the actions.
2. Help children do the actions while you say the rhyme again.

Told Others



Read to Me

what you Need

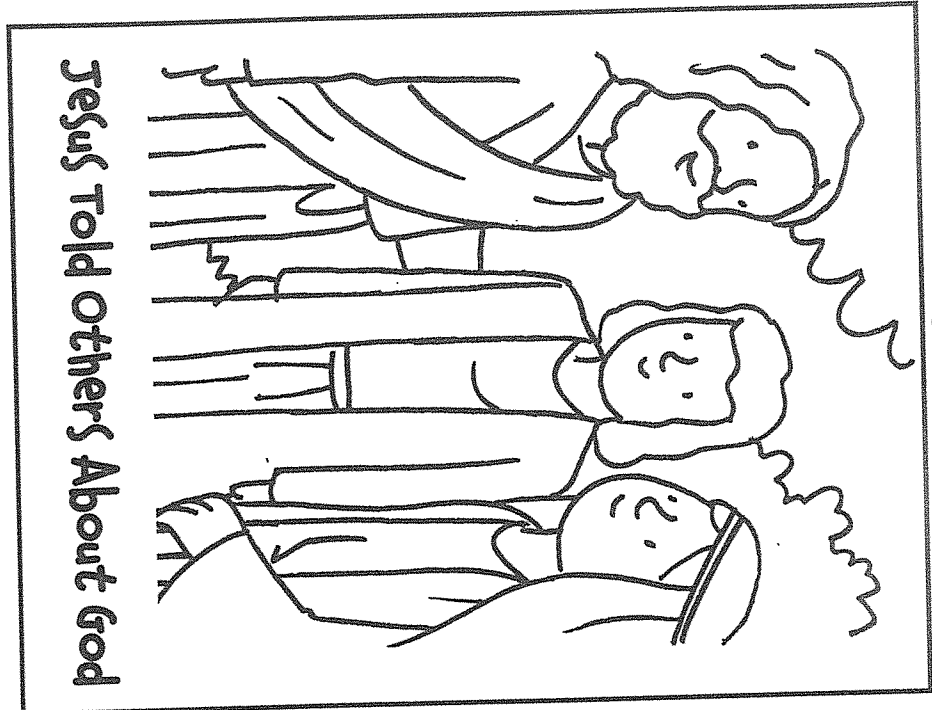
- duplicated pages 72, 73 and 74 for each book
- five pieces of construction paper for each book
- scissors
- glue
- staples

what To Do

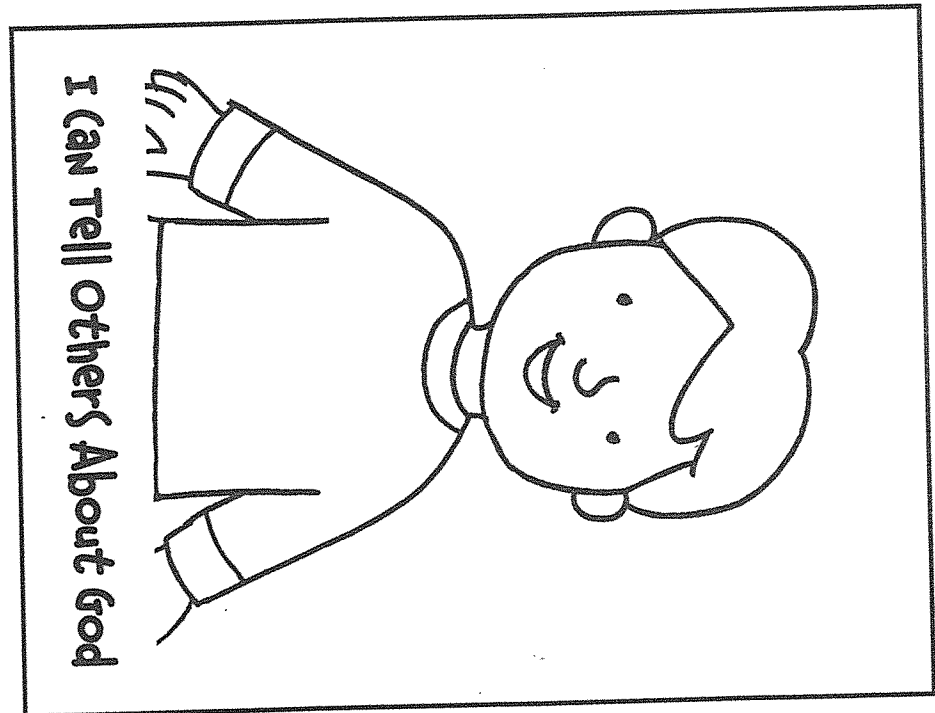
1. Before class, cut the two cover pages from page 72. Cut the two other pages into the four marked sections. Staple five pieces of construction paper together.
2. Glue the sections marked A onto the five stapled pages, beginning with the book cover section. Next, flip the book upside down, so that the staples remain on the left hand side. Glue the sections marked B onto the five empty pages.
3. Read the story about Jesus and His friends, Mary and Martha, to the child.

Told Others

Double Story Book



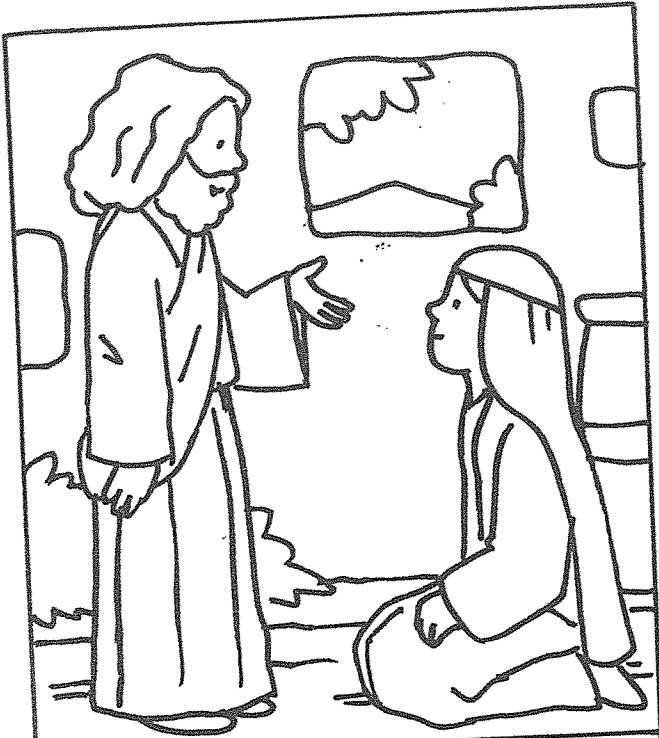
cover page A



cover page B

what To Do, continued...

4. Flip the book over and read the "I Can..." book to the child.



Mary sat and listened to Jesus talk about God.



Martha was busy getting a meal ready to eat and cleaning house.



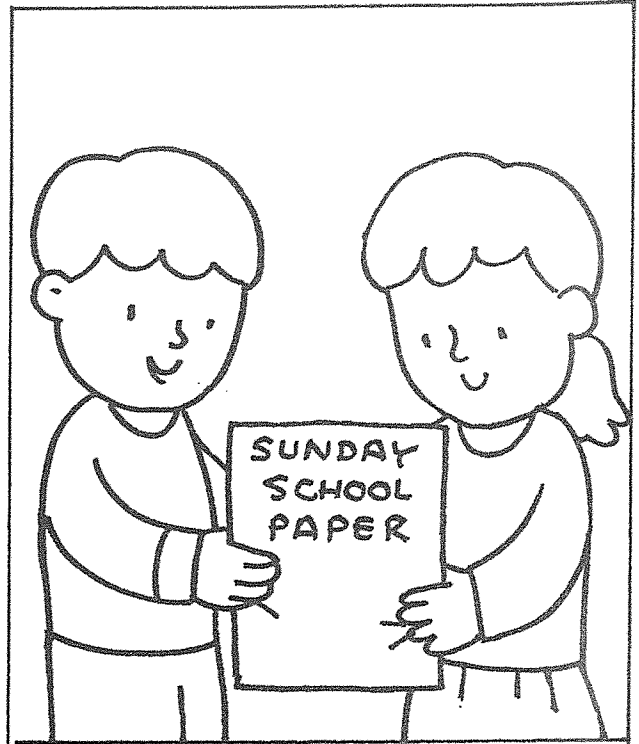
"Jesus," Martha said, "tell my sister to help me do all this work."



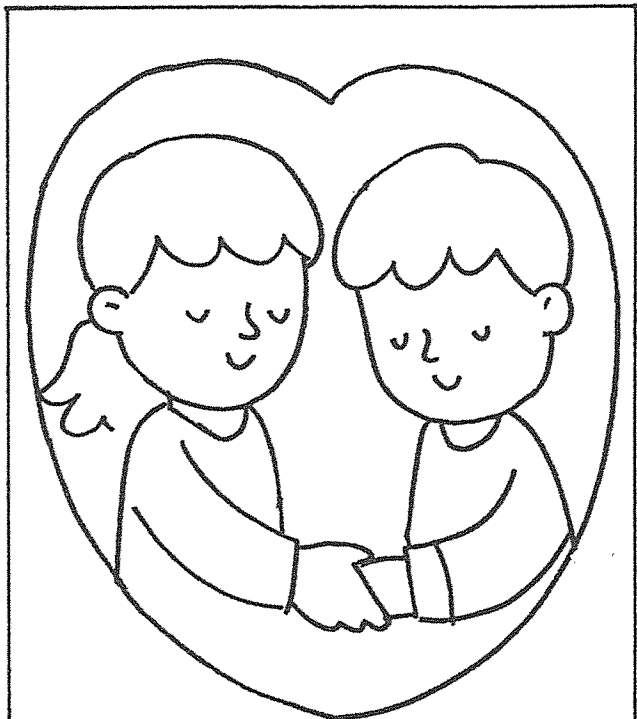
"Martha, my friend," Jesus said, "Mary is doing the right thing. You, too, need to sit and listen about God."



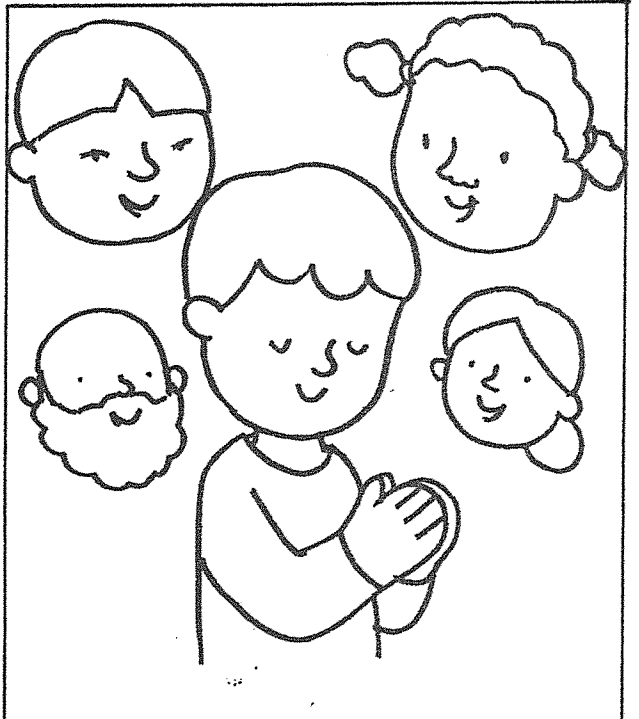
I can invite someone to church.



I can share my Sunday school paper with someone.

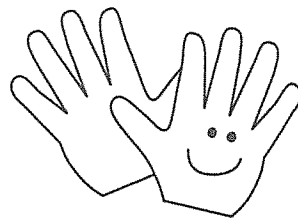


I can tell someone God loves them.



I can tell others I pray for them.

Telling About God Phone



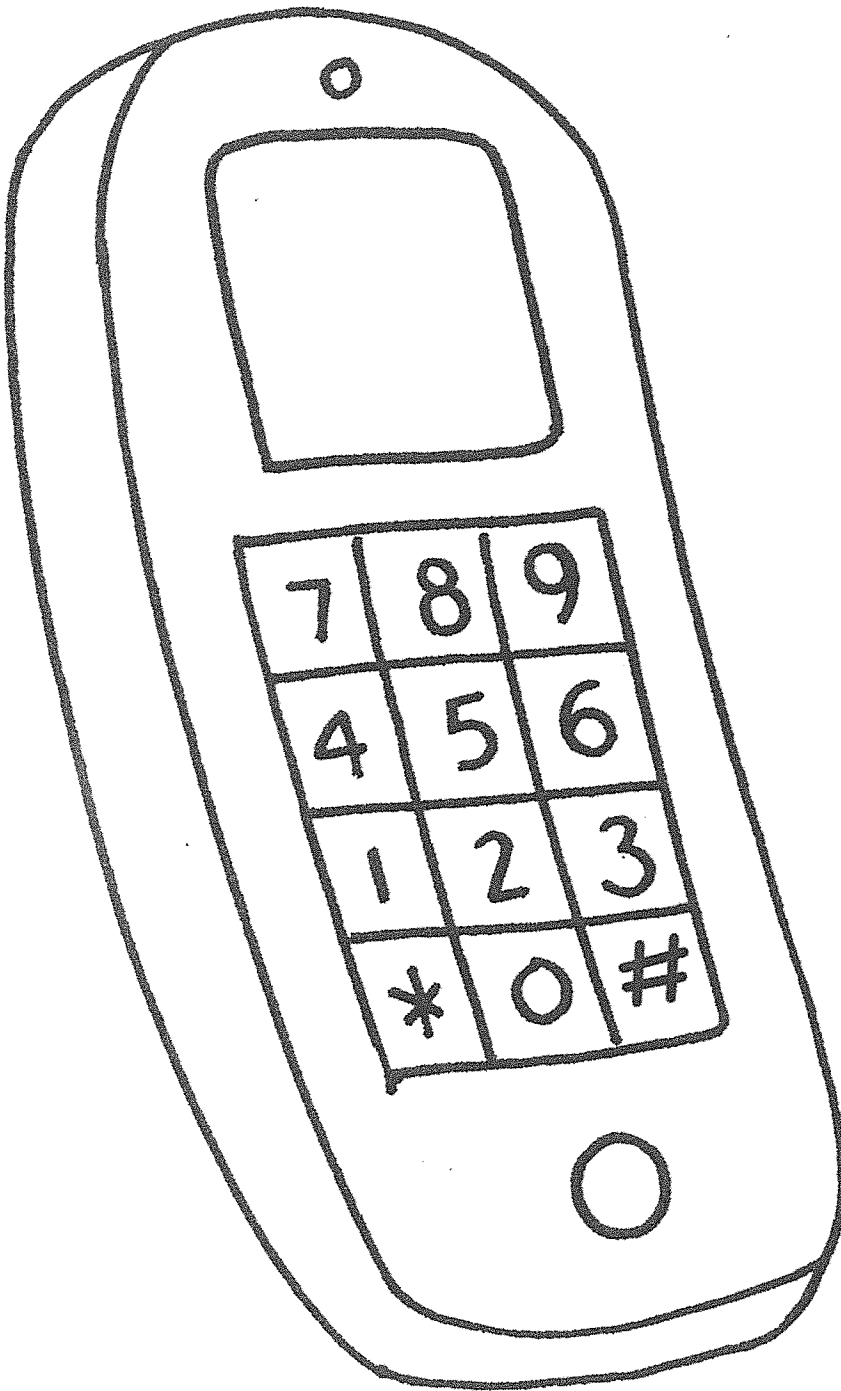
HANDS ON

What You Need

- duplicated page
- scissors
- craft foam or cardboard
- yarn
- tape

What To Do

1. Before class, use the patterns on the duplicated page to trace and cut out the telephone.
2. Let the children handle the telephone. Say, Oh, who are you talking to? Kyle is telling someone about God. Oh, listen to Mia tell her friend about God.



Told Others



Tell Others Coloring Picture to Share

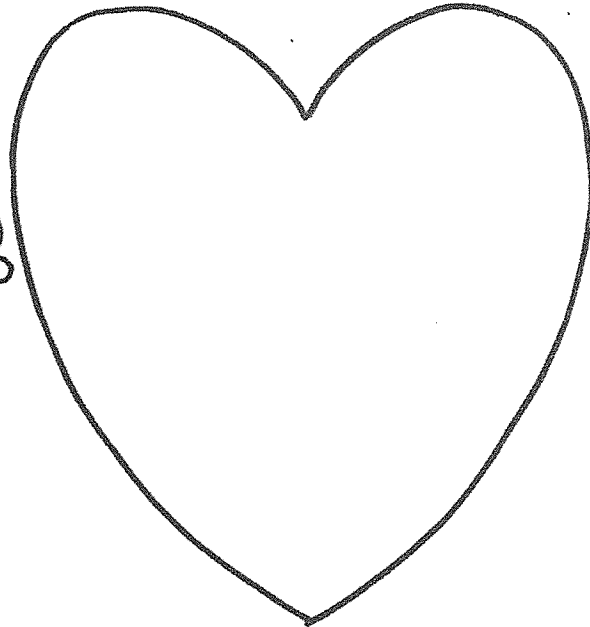
Easy Craft

What You Need

- duplicated page for each child
- crayons

What To Do

1. Help the children color their pictures.
2. Take the pictures to another class. Let older babies hand a picture to someone in the other class.
3. Say, We are using our pretty pictures to tell others about God. Jesus told his friends about God, just like me.



Jesus Prayed to God, Just Like Me

Memory Verse

Watch and pray.

~Mark 14:38



Story to Share

It was almost time for Jesus to do something very important. Jesus was going to die on a cross for us. Jesus wanted to talk to God. He took His friends with Him and went away from all the many people who followed to listen to Him teach and to be healed by Him.

Jesus knelt down and prayed to God.

After a while, Jesus went to find His friends. They were sleeping. He tried to wake them, then left again.

Jesus prayed again to God.

Jesus prayed to God, just like you. Isn't it wonderful to know we can talk to God anytime?

~Based on Mark 14:32-39



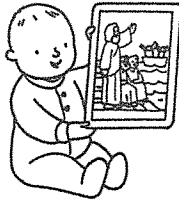
Story Review

1. Who did Jesus want to talk to? Jesus wanted to talk to God.
2. Who can we talk to anytime we want? We can pray to God anytime we want.



Parent Corner

1. **Read-to-me time.** Hold your baby on your lap while sitting in your favorite story time chair. Open your Bible or picture Bible to the Scripture listed above. Let your baby touch the Bible or picture Bible to help instill in your child that you are telling a truthful story from God's Word.
2. Pray at different times during the day with your child. Instill the concept that we don't have to recite memorized prayers at mealtime or bedtime, and that we may talk to God anytime we want.



Story Poster

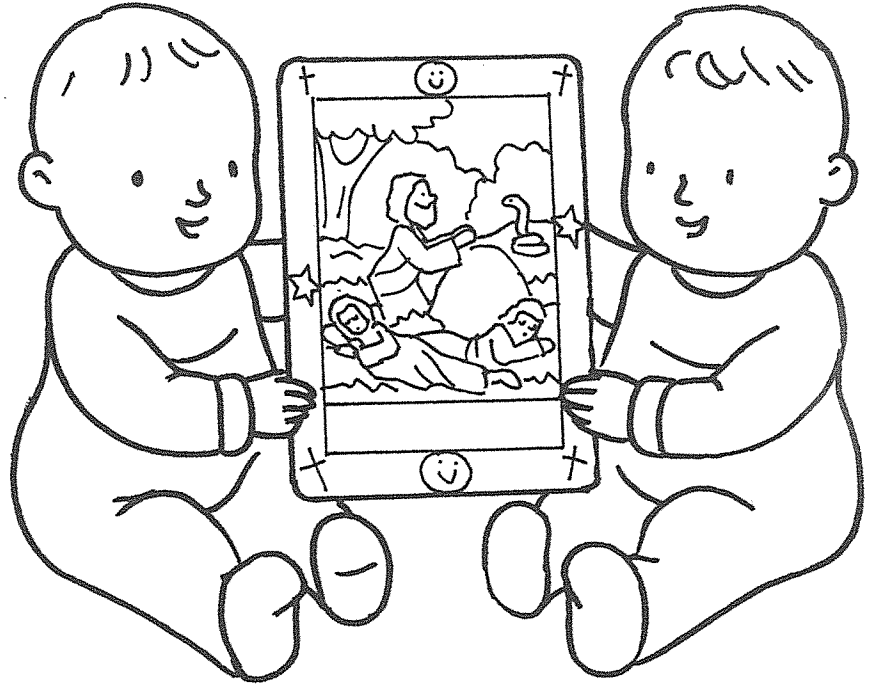
Bulletin Board

What You Need

- pattern on page 79
- clear adhesive-backed plastic
- praying hands stickers

What To Do

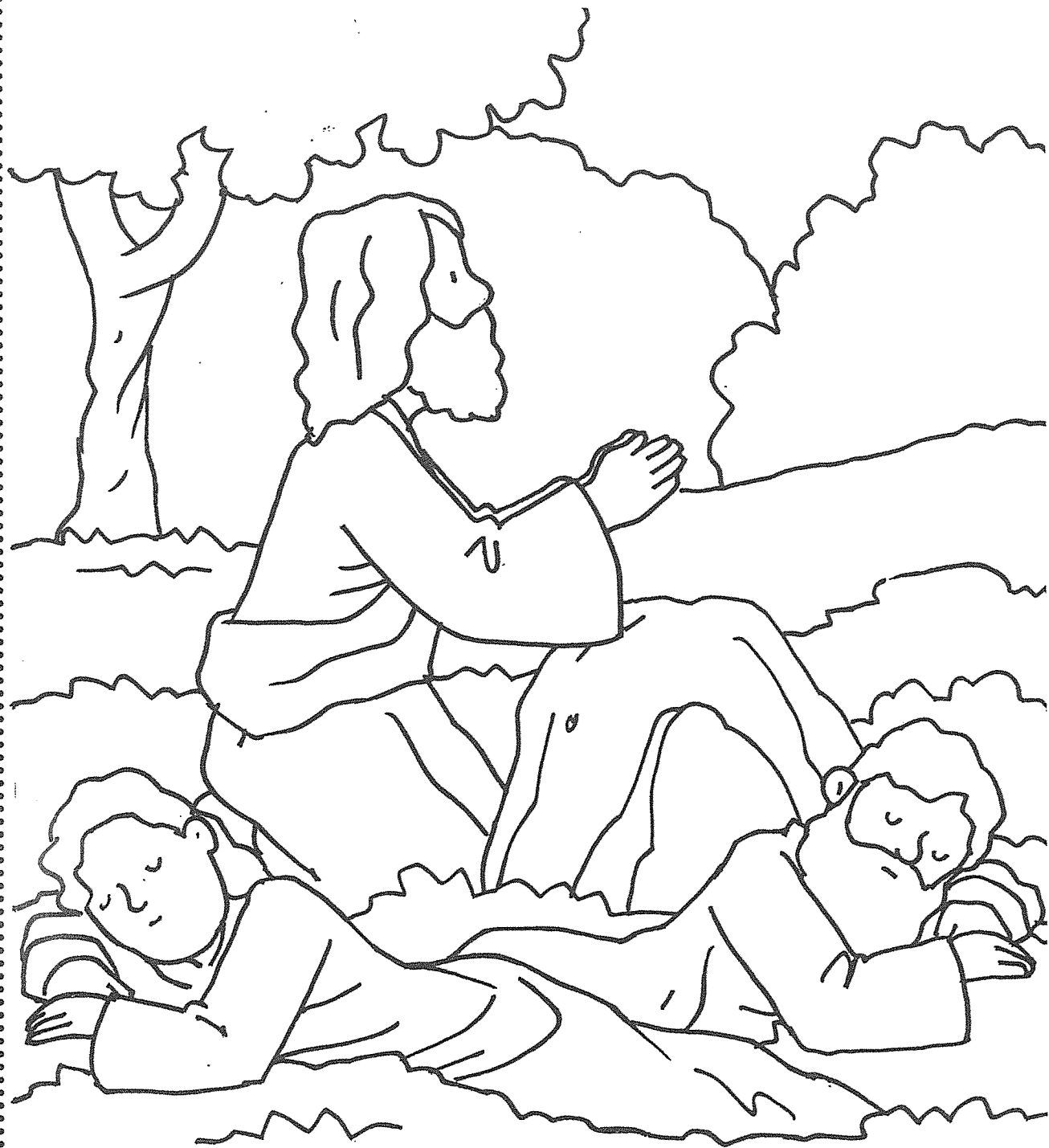
1. Depending on how you want to use the poster (see ideas below), enlarge, reduce or simply copy page 79 to fit your bulletin board space.
2. To make a take-home paper, duplicate the story page to the back of the story poster.
3. To use the poster as an in-class activity, help children place some praying hands stickers on the poster.



Poster Pointer

Have children take turns placing a sticker or sticker dot on the poster. Laminate a few of the posters on brightly colored paper and trim the corners to remove any sharp edges, then let each child put a sticker on the border of the poster. Simply take turns putting stickers on until each child has had at least one turn.

Prayed



watch and pray.

~Mark 14:38



SONG

What You Need

- duplicated page
- thinned watercolor paints
- cotton swabs

What To Do

1. Sing the song to the tune of "The Bear Went Over the Mountain."
2. Older children will enjoy painting the poster with thinned watercolor paints using the cotton swabs.
3. Send the poster home with each baby so parents can sing the song with them, too.

Praying Song Poster



Jesus loved to pray to God

Jesus loved to pray to God

Jesus loved to pray to God

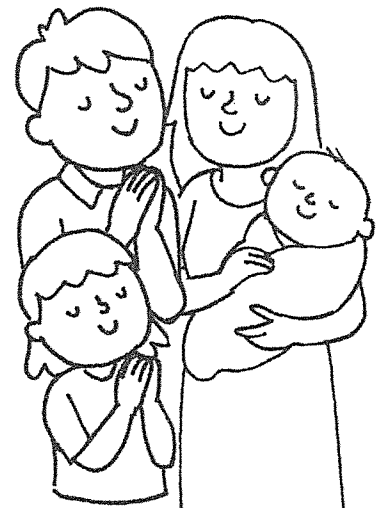
I love to pray to God, too.

Jesus prayed just like me

Jesus prayed just like me

Jesus prayed just like me

God loves to hear from me.



Prayed

Prayer Plaque



Easy Craft

What You Need

- duplicated page
- crayons
- miniature marshmallows
- glue
- yarn
- tape

What To Do

1. Before class, tape a loop of yarn to the top of the plaque for a hanger.
2. Let older children color the pictures on the plaque.
3. Help children glue mini marshmallows around the edge of the plaque for a frame.
4. Say, See Jesus praying to God?
See the girl praying to God?
Jesus prayed to God just like you.



Prayed



Prayer Cards

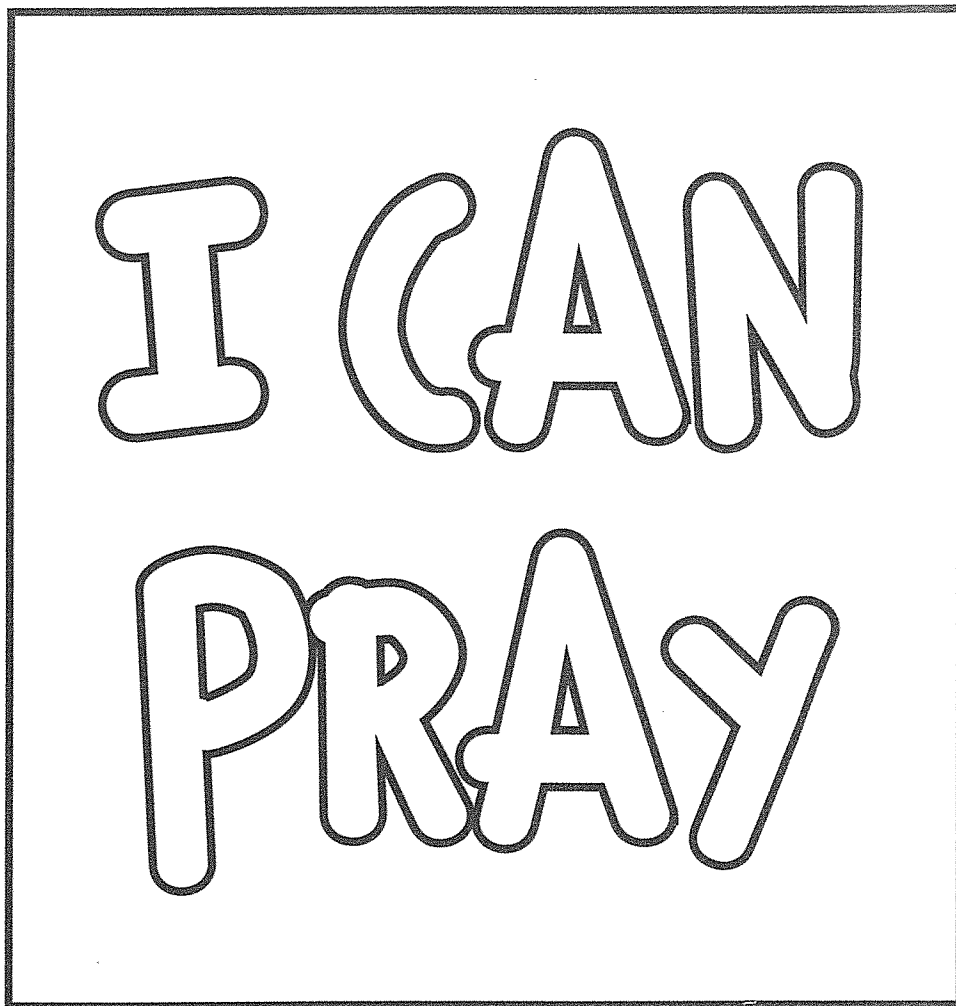
Learning Play

what you Need

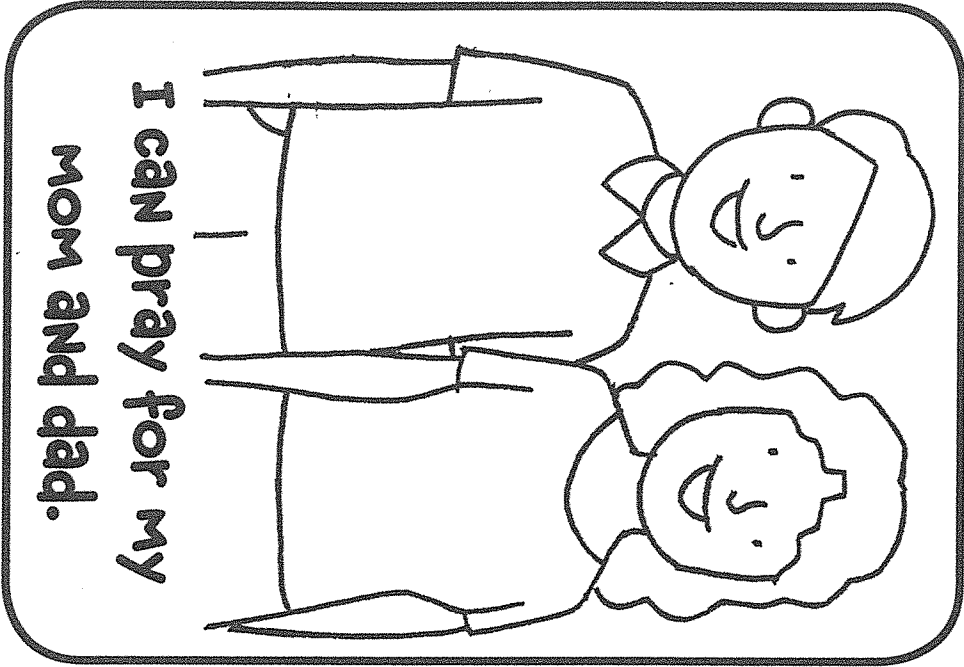
- this page duplicated for each child
- pages 83 and 84 duplicated to card stock for each child
- paper lunch bag for each child
- scissors
- tape or glue

what To Do

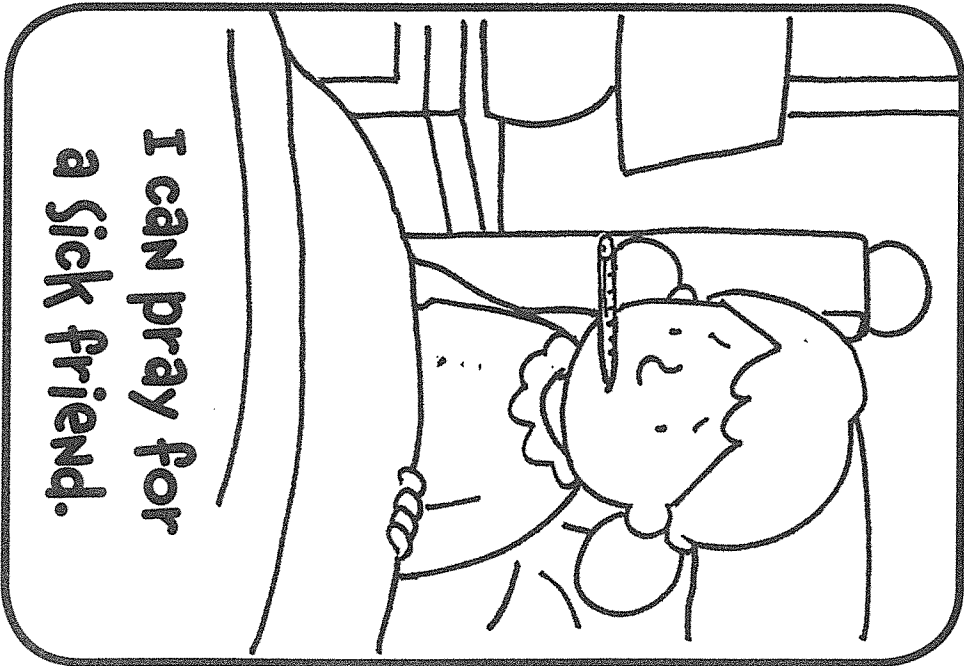
1. Before class, cut the label from the instruction page.
2. Glue or tape the label to a paper lunch bag for each child. Cut the four prayer cards from card stock. Round the corners so they will not be sharp.
3. Place the cards inside the bag for each child. Let the children take the cards from the bag and put them back as they wish.
4. Say, Here is a picture of a sick friend. You can pray for a sick friend. Repeat for each picture card.



Prayed

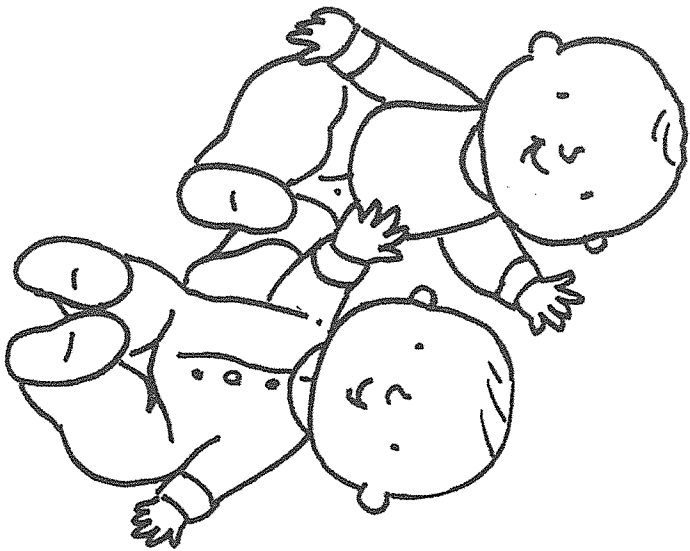


**I can pray for my
mom and dad.**

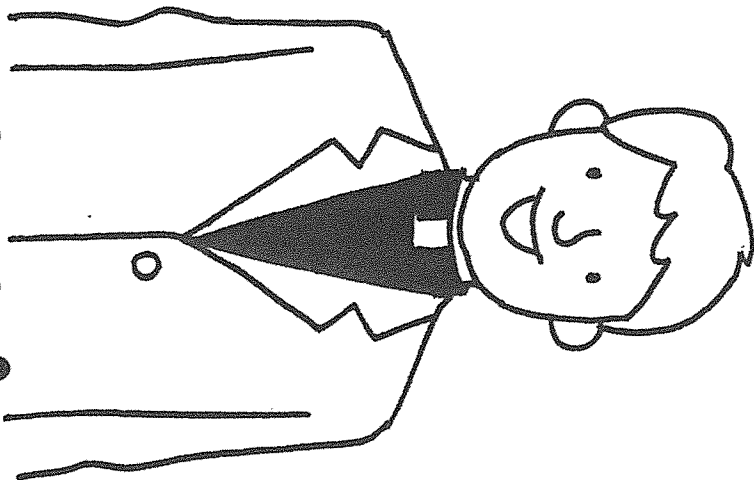


**I can pray for
a sick friend.**

**I can pray for my
nursery friends.**



**I can pray for
my pastor.**



More Just Like Me Activities

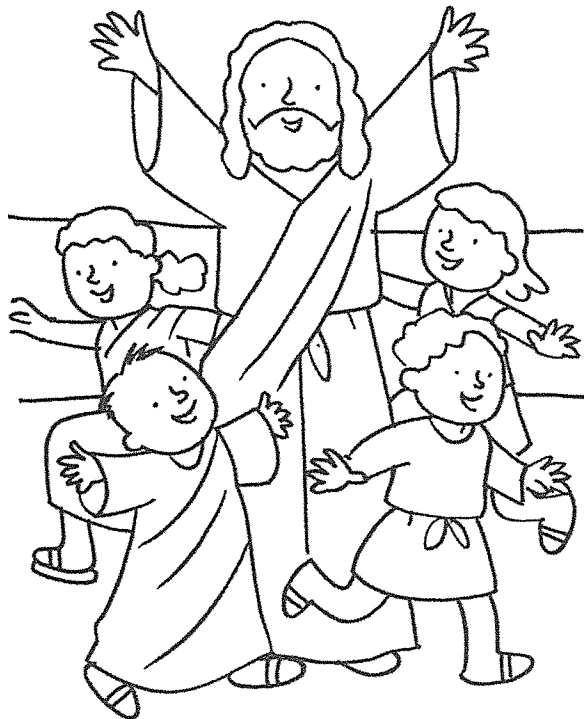
Just Like Me Song

Sing the song "Just Like Me" to the tune of "London Bridge."

Jesus did good just like me
Just like me
Just like me
Jesus did good just like me
Just like me!

Jesus and I work for God
Work for God
Work for God
Jesus and I work for God
Jesus and I.

God is very proud of me
Proud of me
Proud of me
God is very proud of me
God loves us all!





Easy Craft

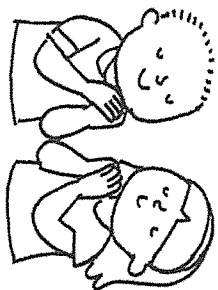
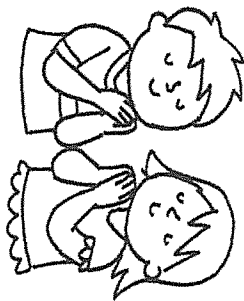
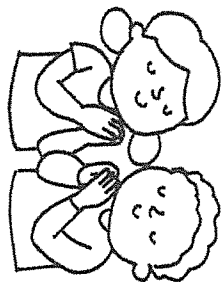
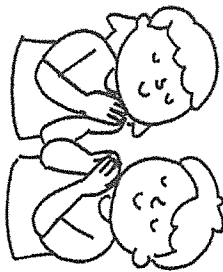
What You Need

- pages 86 and 87 duplicated, enough copies to fit around bulletin board
- crayons or markers
- tape

What To Do

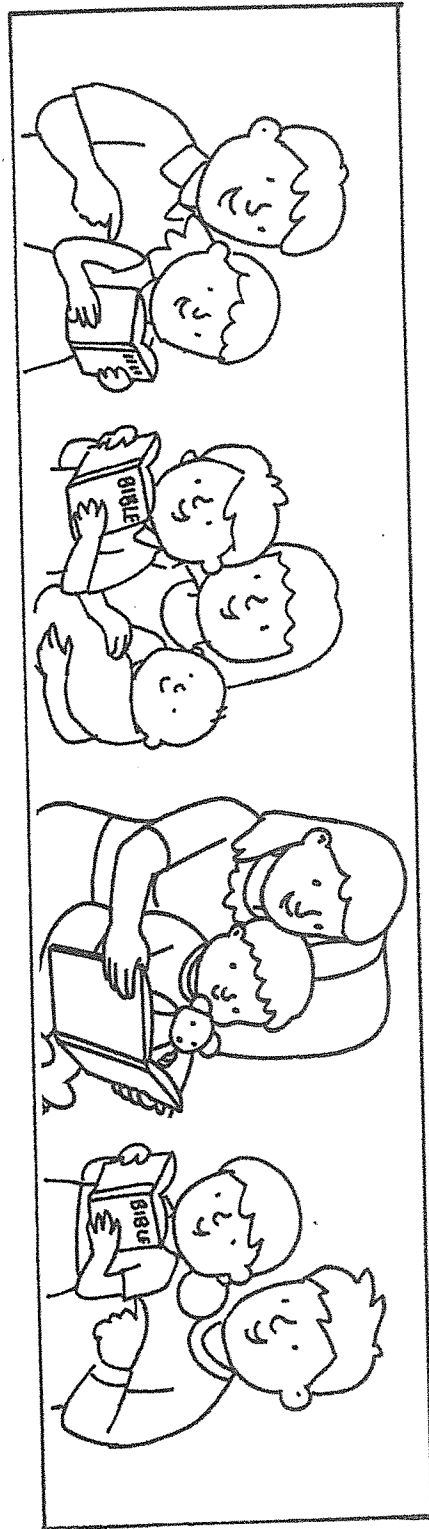
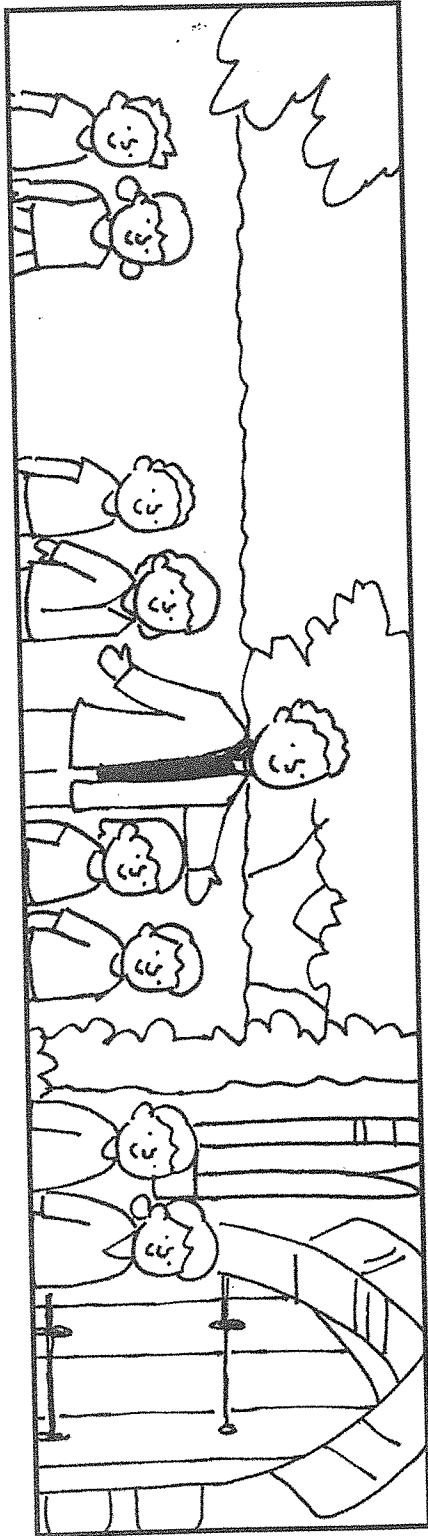
1. Cut the border strips on solid lines. Tape together to make long border strips. Color the pictures as you wish with crayons or markers.
2. Use the border for a bulletin board with magazine pictures of children or photos of the children in your nursery class.
3. Use the text on the instruction page as the bulletin board heading.

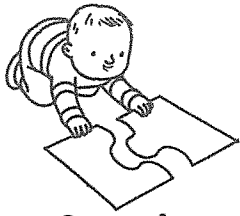
Bulletin Board Border



JESUS DID GOOD THINGS
FOR GOD, JUST LIKE ME.

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Puzzle

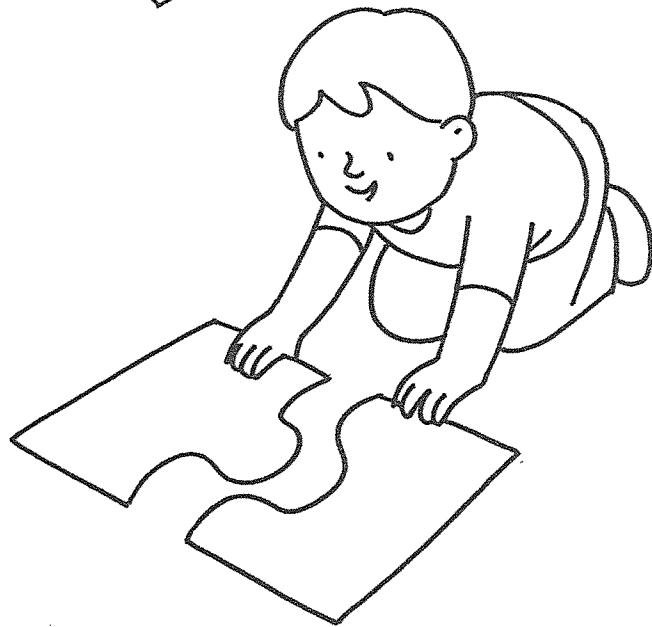
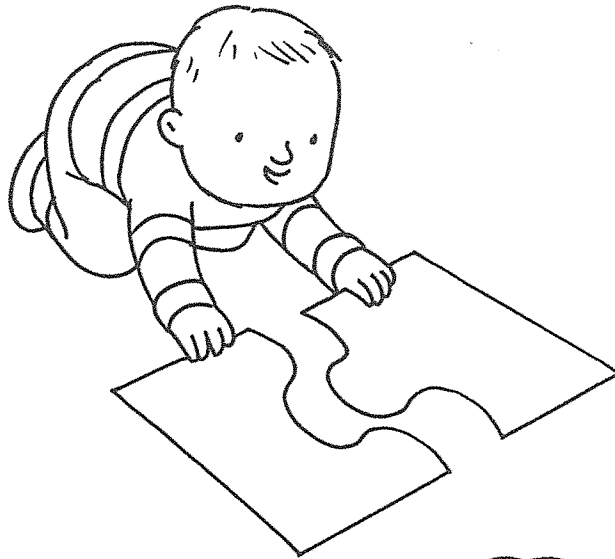
what you Need

- page 89 or 90 duplicated to the back of a story poster
- scissors
- envelope to hold puzzle pieces
- optional craft foam or cardboard

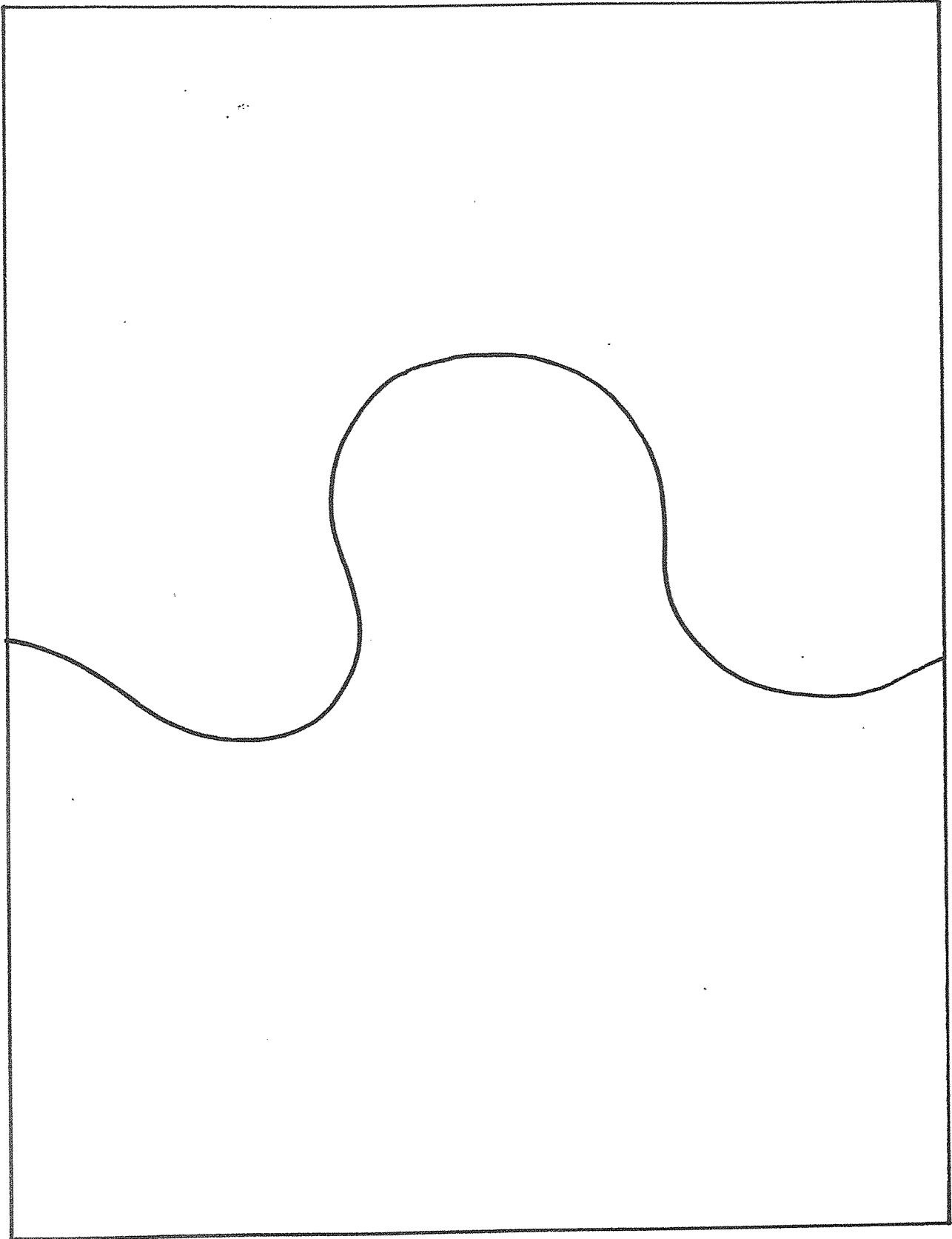
what To Do

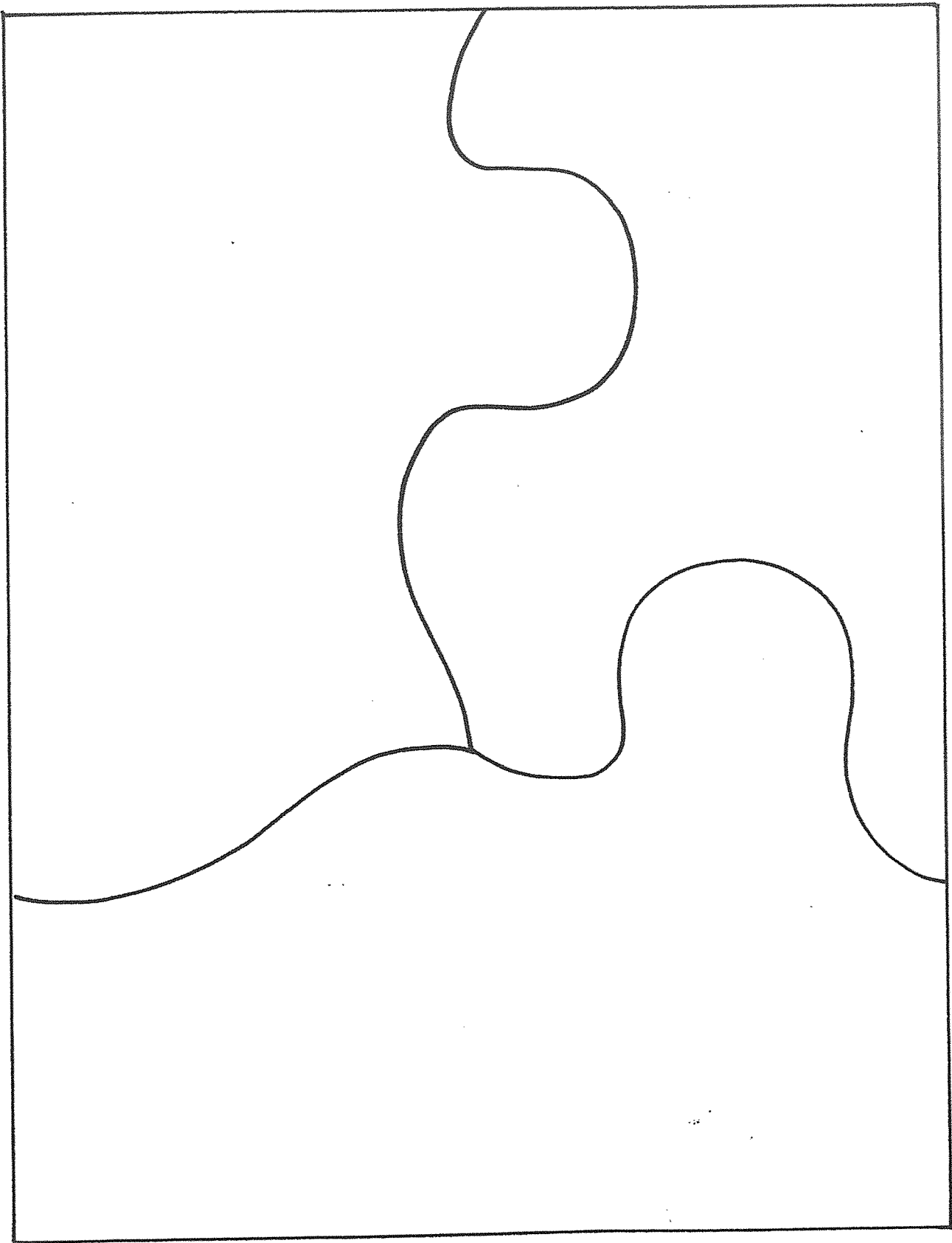
1. Choose the difficulty level of the two puzzle patterns. Duplicate the one you want to use to the back of a story poster. You may choose to duplicate the puzzle and poster onto card stock for easier handling by children.
2. You may also want to make a thicker puzzle for small hands. Just duplicate both the puzzle page and story poster to card stock. Glue a sheet of craft foam or cardboard between the two pages. Let the glue dry, then cut out the puzzle pieces.
3. You may want to make a puzzle from each lesson's story poster, to use for playtime or one-on-one time.

Easy Puzzle

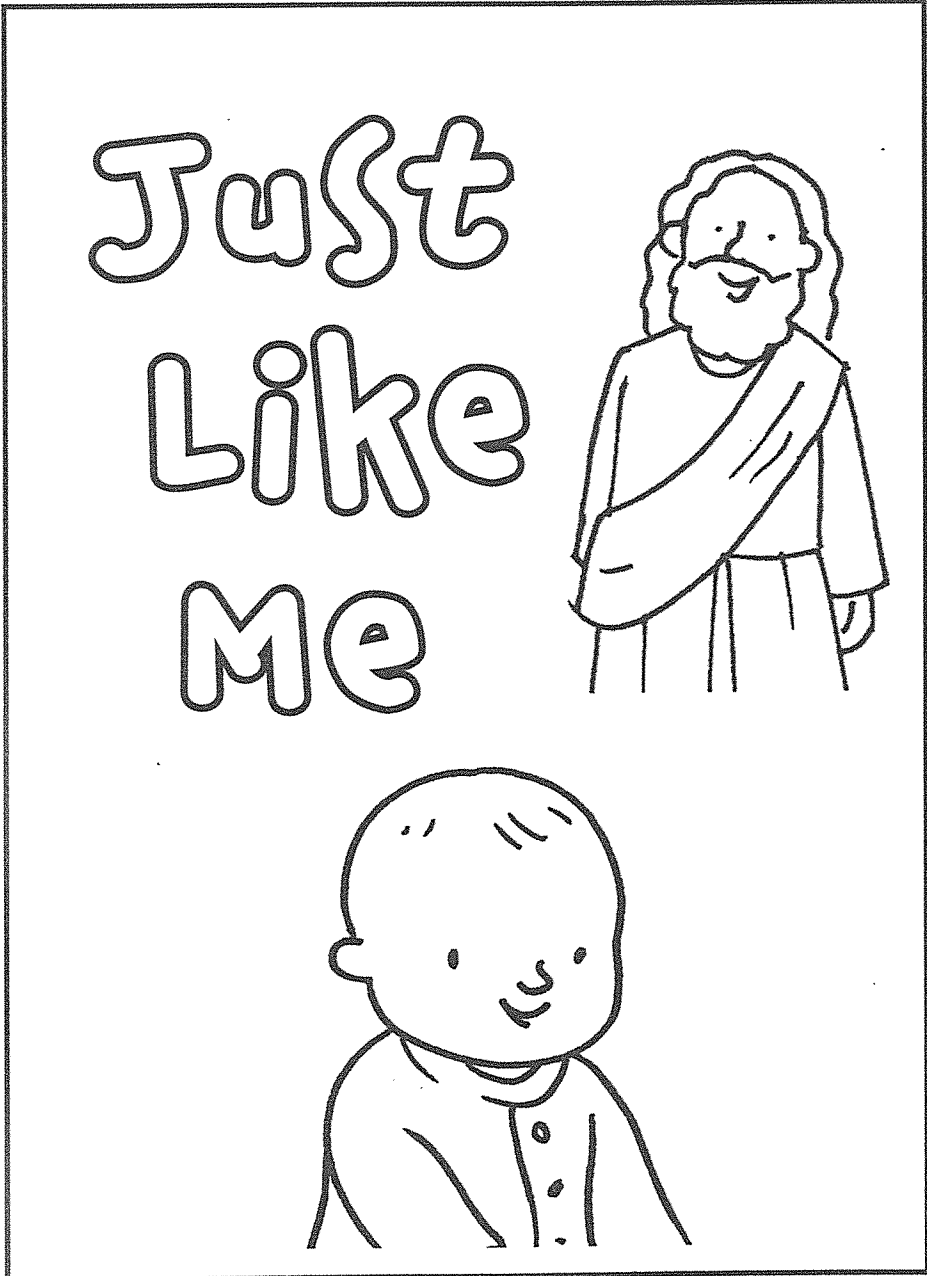


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Just Like Me Picture Book



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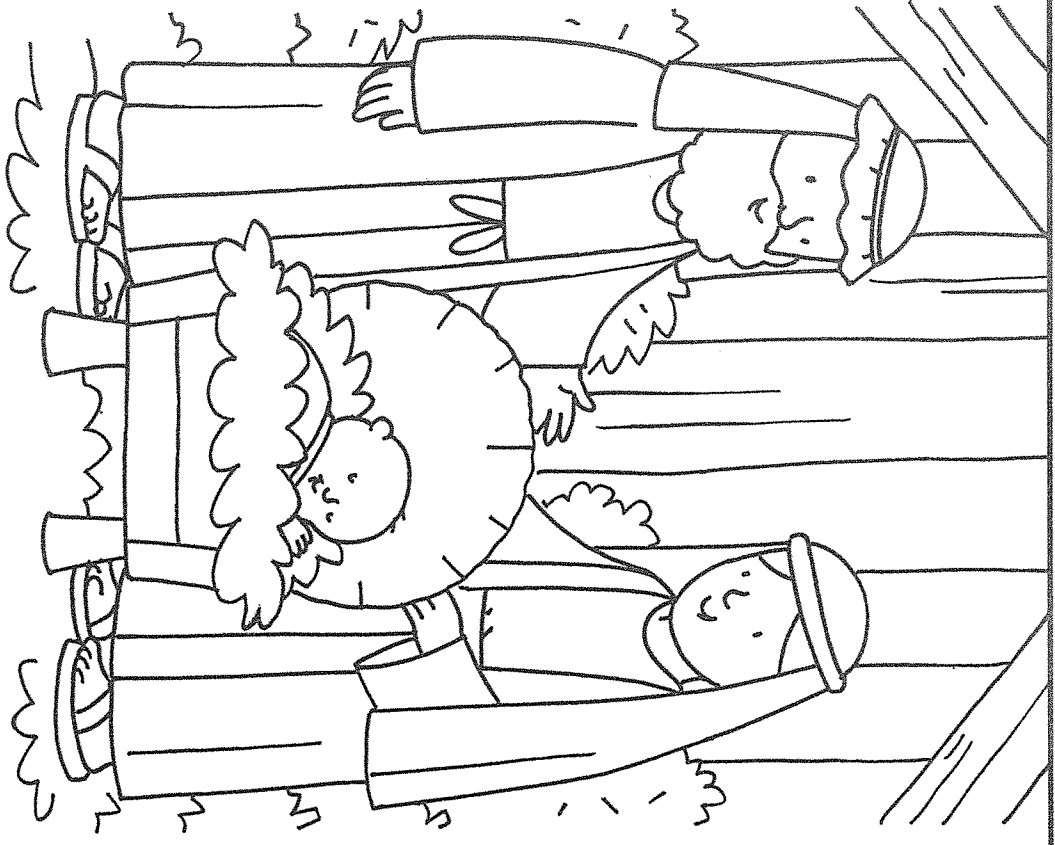
• • • • • what you Need

- pages 91-95, duplicated to card stock for each child (5 pages total)
- instant camera or photo from home of each child
- hole punch
- plastic rings

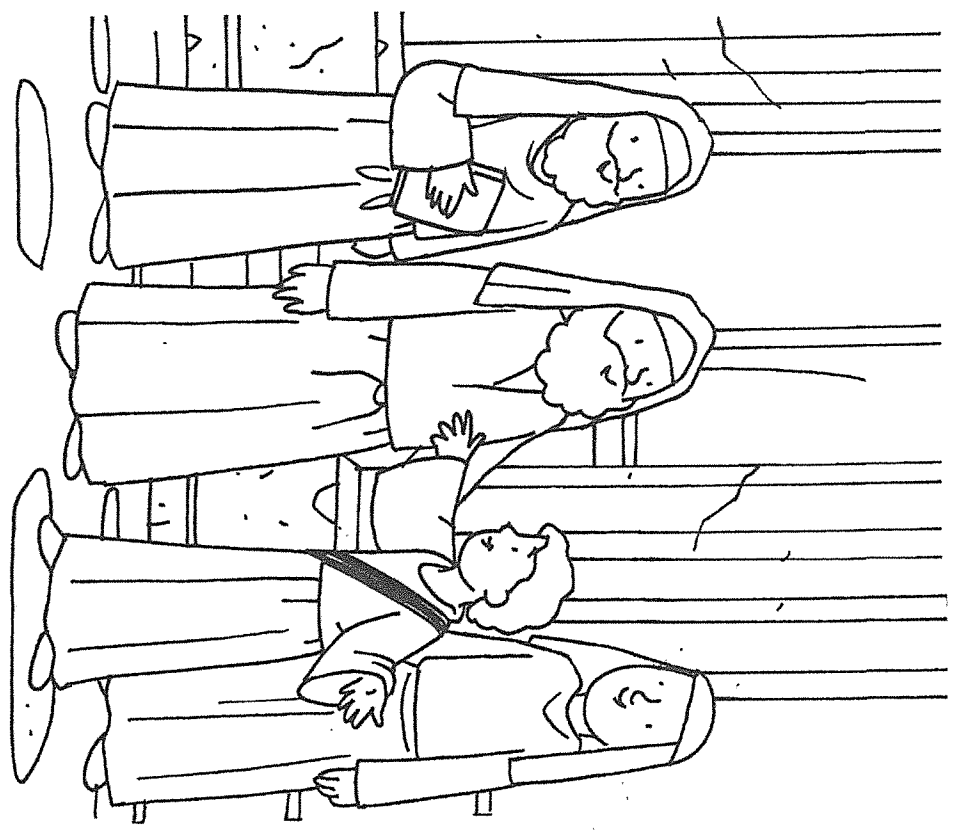
what To Do

1. Before class, cut apart the pages as marked to make 9 pages total. Put the pages in order and punch holes along the left side of the book.
2. Glue each baby's picture on the back page of the book.
3. Read the book to each baby. Say often, **Just like me.**

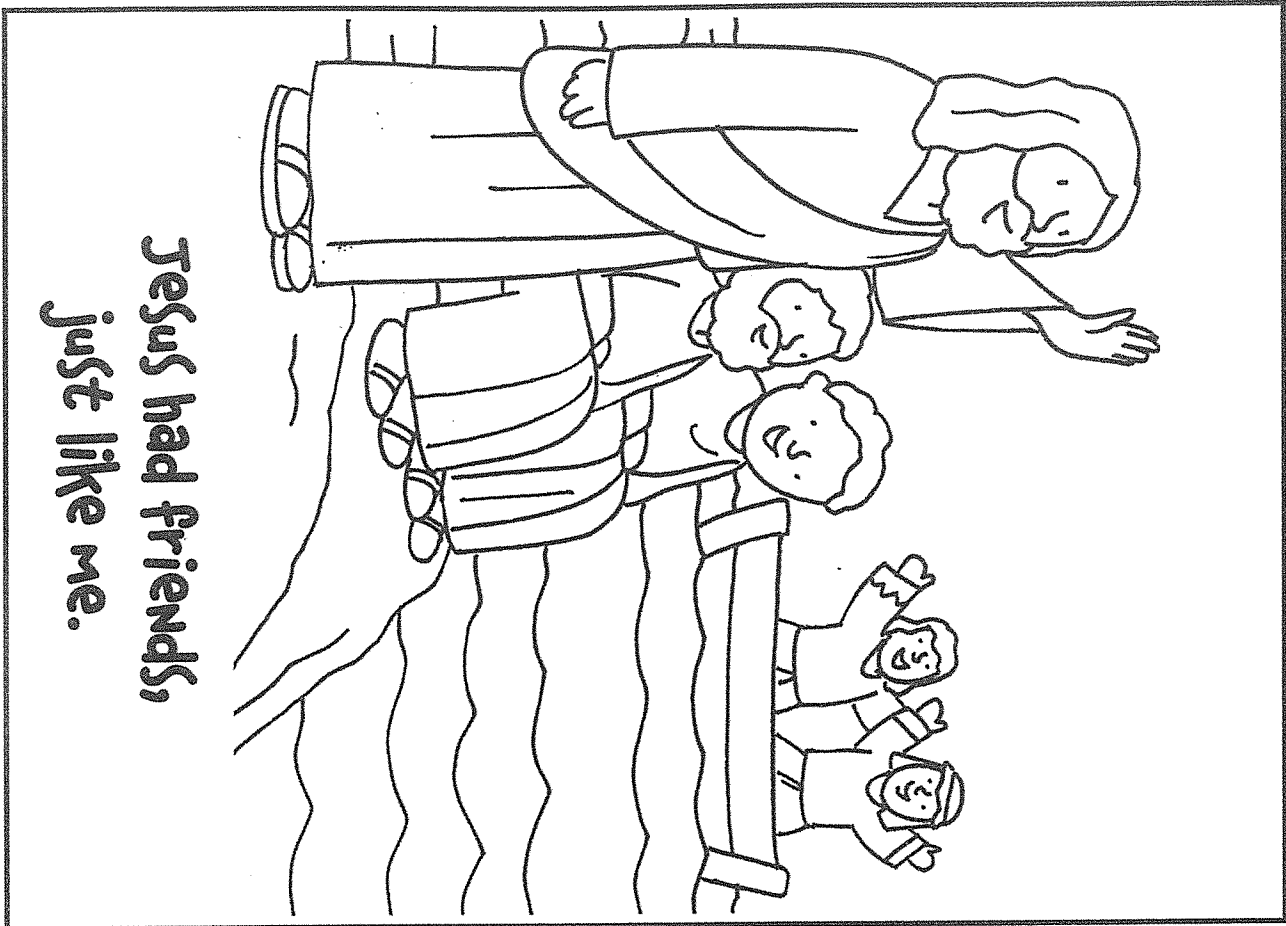
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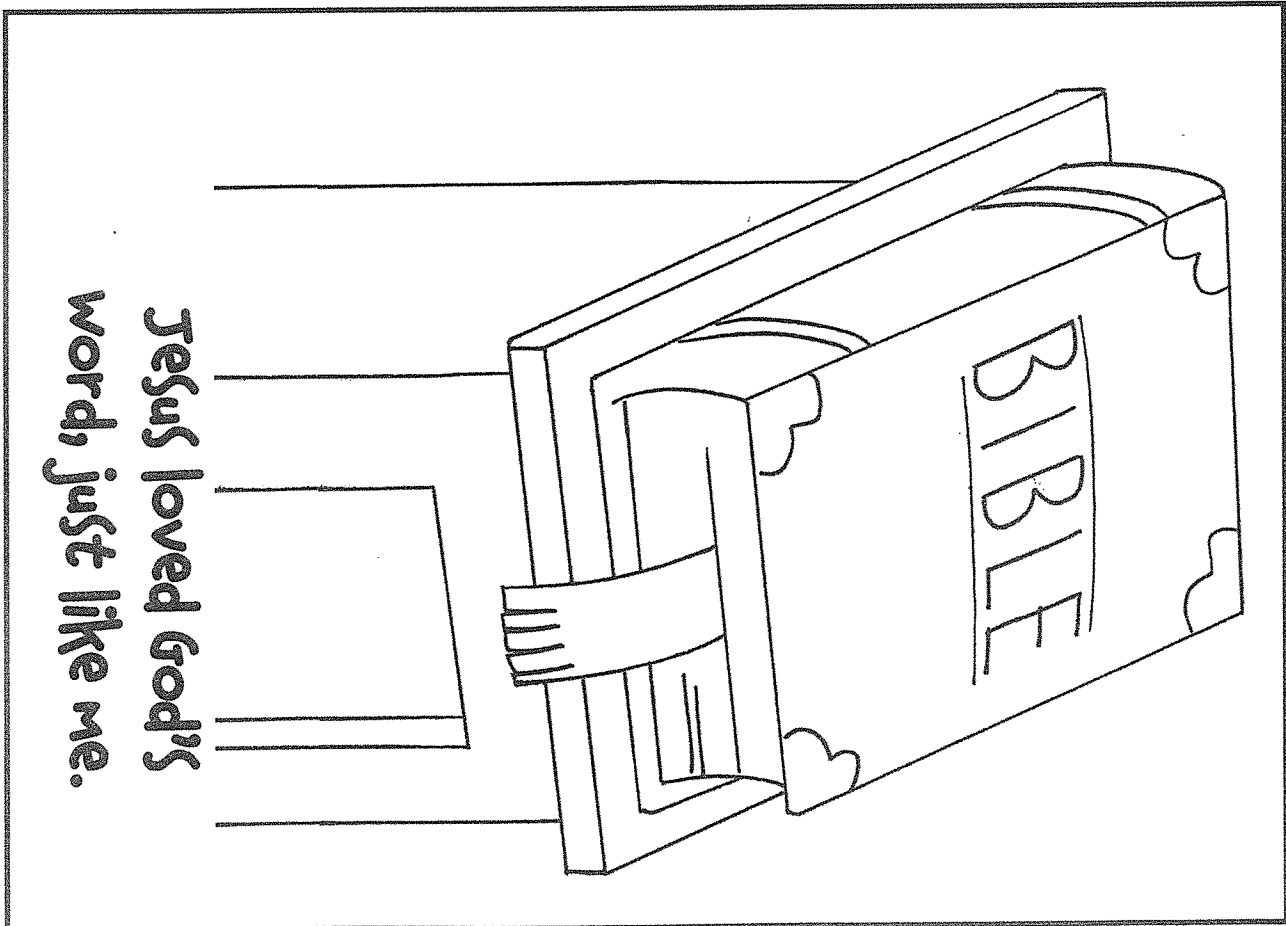
**Jesus was a baby,
just like me.**



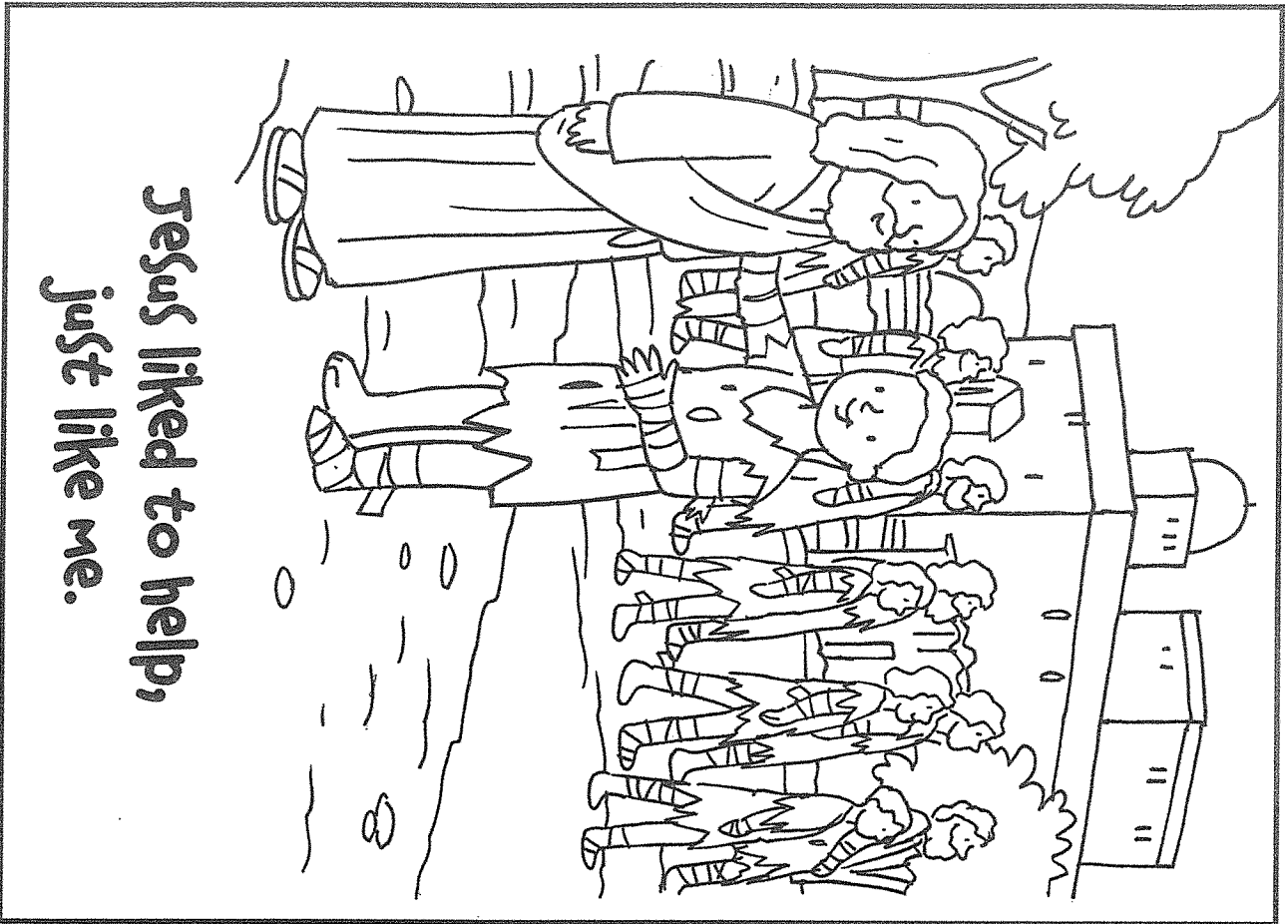
**Jesus loved God's
house, just like me.**



**Jesus had friends,
just like me.**



**Jesus loved God's
word, just like me.**



**Jesus liked to help,
just like me.**



**Jesus loved others,
just like me.**

**Jesus told others about
God, just like me.**



**Jesus prayed to
God, just like me.**





Attendance Chart

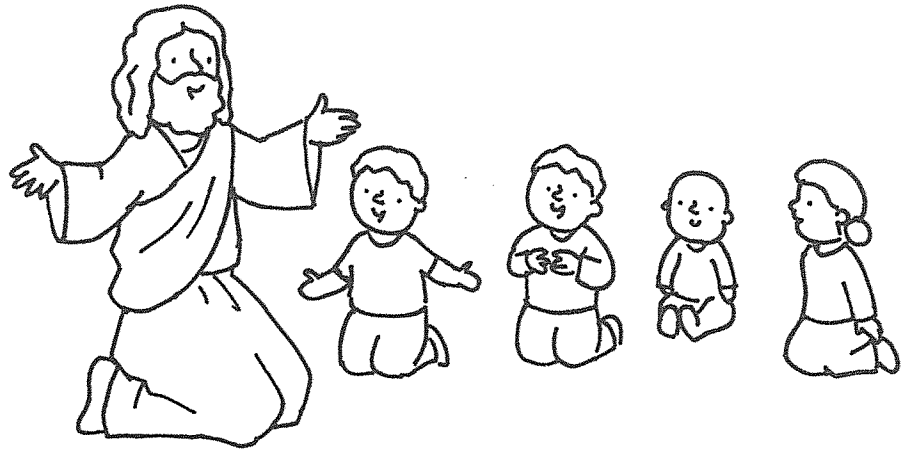
Bulletin Board

what you Need

- duplicated page for each child
- stickers of Jesus

what To Do

1. Fasten an attendance chart to the bulletin board for each child. Each week, let the children place a Jesus sticker in a square



week 1

week 2

week 3

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week 4

week 5

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