



STORIES OF JESUS Toddler: Jesus Loves the Little Children

Date: Sunday September 6, 2026 **Teachers:** Laura N (**lead**), Colleen S, Jess S, Ryan W (on call)

Props: none At centre: God's Big Story Book Bible

Rules: Let's listen with our ears. We are going to sit in a circle before we play.

BIBLESTORY: pg. 188 GOD'S BIG STORY BOOK BIBLE "Jesus Blesses the Children"

CIRCLE TIME: *materials* (pic of Jesus in folder)

Can you find Jesus in our picture? What is Jesus doing? Jesus is playing with the children because he loves children and says that we must all be like children- trusting God our Father and His love for us.

SING A SONG:

Jesus loves the Little children, all the children of the world

North to South and East to West, He loves them all of them the best! (use directional actions)

Jesus loves the little children of the world!

ACTIVITY: "Come and Go! "

The disciples didn't want the children to come to Jesus; they thought they would bother him, but Jesus said NO! Let them come to Me. Jesus loves children and wants to be with us!

Have the kids line up and play a version of RED LIGHT/GREEN LIGHT but use the DISCIPLES GO AWAY! And Jesus : "COME TO ME!" (tell the kids to be sad when the disciples say GO AWAY and happy when Jesus says: COME TO ME!)

ACTIVITY: "Play Ring around the Rosy a pocket full of COZY"

We are going to pretend we are there with Jesus like those little children. What kind of games do you think they played? (maybe tag, or hide and go seek?)

Jesus wanted to be with the children, and He doesn't ask if we have behaved first before He plays.

Let's play a game that they might have played. (play ring around the rosy, say a pocket full of cozy just like their hearts were cozy with Jesus *)

DISMISS FOR PLAY/play music from your phone on the bluetooth speaker (*link in the weekly email to kids praise)