

Jesus Loves Everyone

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Goal: To help children understand that Jesus loves us as we are. He does not care if we are Jew, Samaritan, black, brown, white, fat, or skinny.

Uses: This lesson can be used as a Sunday School Lesson or in a week-day program for children and can be used with a class of any size. It can also be used by parents/grandparents in the home to help give direction to prayer time together as a family.

These materials may be photocopied or adapted to meet the needs of the children and families in your church. If you have any questions please contact Patty Arnett by email at gbpc_patty@bellsouth.net or telephone (850) 934-6986.

- I. Introduce yourself to the class. Play a quick name game. (List of name games attached and a list of websites use!)
- II. Open with prayer. I have each student place a stone on an electric water fall and if they choose they can state their prayer request or simply put the stone on the water fall silently. This can be done many ways such as with prayer request /praise basket and slips paper.
- III. *Read the Bible story John 4: 5-30, 39-42 I Like "The Family Story Bible" by Ralph Milton.
*Before reading the story, explain that in Jesus' time Jews did not get along with the Samaritans.
- IV. Review the story.
 - a. Ask if they know people that they don't get along with? Have them explain without using names.
 - b. Ask would Jesus speak to these people? Explain how he spoke to the Samaritan woman at the well. Explain that Jesus came to offer his love/friendship to all people.
 - c. Emphasize that we too can be friendly and polite to all. When we are we are polite and friendly, we are following Jesus' example.
- V. Activity- Make Friendship Bracelets.
 - i. Give the chenille wires to one student and then divide the colored beads up among the children giving each child all the same color. Ask the students how they would like to make the bracelets.
 - ii. Allow the children to create a bracelet for a friend. Encourage them to think of a friend, neighbor, or classmate that may need a little kindness. (If time allows let them make one for themselves.)
- VI. Clean up – Have children clean up.
- VII. Play heads up 7 up or 3 up if you have a small number of children. Game attached.
- VIII. Prayer – close with Prayer