



TWOS

DATE(S)

March 2013

LESSON TITLE

Jesus loves kids

SERIES TITLE

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OBJECTIVE

Kids will learn that you don't have to do anything special to be loved by God.

BIBLE STORY

Read: "The Friend of little children" in The Jesus Storybook Bible, pages 256-262. (You can stop in the middle of page 260 before the questions all start.)

Jesus said, "Bring the children to me."
Matthew 19:14

tips/schedule

This is a recommended schedule. You can adjust, but do make time for the lesson and the activity!

15 minutes	Check-in and play time
5 minutes	Clean-up toys
5 minutes	Lesson/story time
10 minutes	Prayer and snack
10 minutes	Lesson activity/craft
5 minutes	Song time
10 minutes	Play/clean-up time

* We have those industrial bubble machines for a reason! Use them to help kids acclimate in the first 5-10 minutes.

* Try asking for clean up help. Specifically, "Hey Declan, can you please put the doll away?" You'd be surprised how much they want to help.

leader PREP

In March, we're going to learn about Jesus and how he taught his disciples that you don't have to do anything special (be the best, nicest, smartest) to earn God's love. In fact, when the disciples tried to shoo-away kids who came to see Jesus, they were told to bring the kids over. Then Jesus explained that we all need to be LIKE kids to experience God. That's because kids inherently know how to receive gifts!

KC ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAILY breakout



checkIN / checkOUT

As you check in kids, be sure to ask parents if their kids are potty-trained or are working on it. And so you know - if there is an "accident", we've got some clothes available to send them home in.

large group HEADS UP



small group INSTRUCTIONS

QUESTIONS

The goal of our activities is to provide experiences to help the kids grasp the concept for the month.

ACTIVITY

- March 2-3, 2013
- March 16-17, 2013

Today we're going to color a picture of a present to remember the awesome gift of God's love for us. And hey, do we need to do anything special to get that gift? NO!

Supplies needed:
Coloring sheet of a present, crayons

- March 9-10, 2013
- March 23-24, 2013

Today we're going to pretend we're getting a gift. Do you have to do anything special to get a gift? No! You just have to take the gift. Oh - and say thank you! So as each one of you get the present - let's say, "Thanks God for giving me your love!"

Supplies needed:
Wrapped present (empty box)

large group SCRIPT

SPECIAL notes

You know how we always use "The Beginner's Bible" for all of our stories? Well, we're "shaking it up" for March and will be switching to The Jesus Storybook Bible version of the story.

presenter TIPS

- Try to have the kids sit down at the tables for the story - no toys or snacks! Enlist those new volunteers in helping redirect kids who are getting up from the table.
- Feel free to pause, use voice inflections or voices - remember being animated helps them listen!

SCRIPT

Hold up the Bible and ask, "Does anyone know what this is?" That's right! It's a Bible. And the Bible is a very special book because God gave it to us. ...And the best part? It's all true!

We've learned how much God loves us - remember the birds and flowers? How God loves us even MORE than those beautiful things? Today we're going to learn how Jesus loves kids - just like us!

Read: "The Friend of little children" in The Jesus Storybook Bible, pages 256-262. (You can stop in the middle of page 260 before the questions all start.)

Wow - isn't that great? Jesus loves kids just like you. He wanted to hang out with kids rather than hear big people argue!

QUESTIONS -

If you had been there - Would you have had to line up quietly to see Jesus? NO!

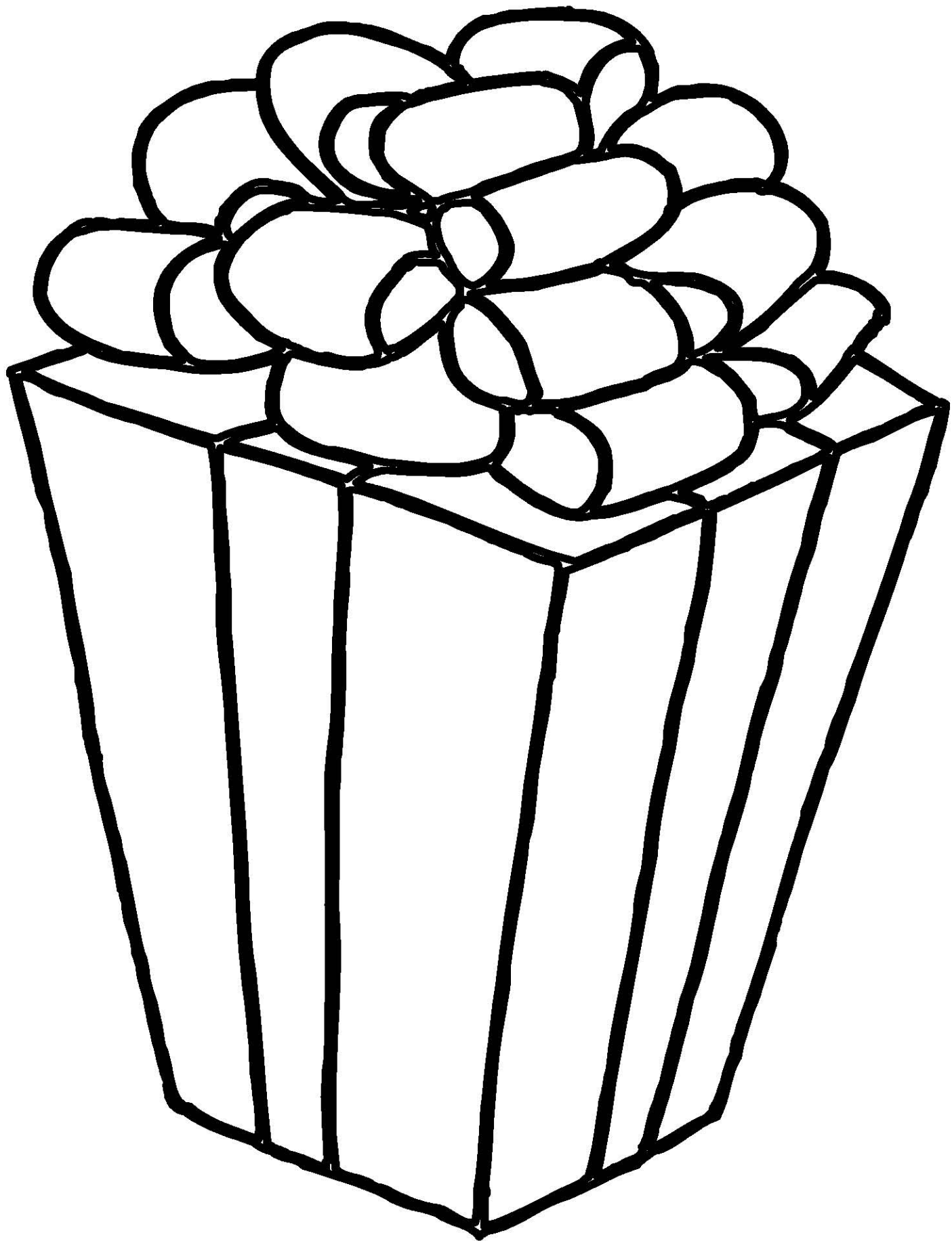
Do you think Jesus would ask you if you'd been good before he gave you a hug? NO!

Would you have to be super-good to see him? NO!

Would you have to be dressed up to see Jesus? NO!

Would Jesus be too busy to see little kids? NO!

Let's say thank you to God. "Dear God, We love knowing that Jesus wanted to be around kids like us. Thanks for loving us SO much. Amen."



PREP needs



small group supplies

- March 2-3 AND March 16-17
Coloring sheet of a present, crayons

- March 9-10 AND March 23-24
A wrapped present (empty shoebox size or smaller) ... probably need a couple per room since they may rip them!

large group supplies

Jesus Storybook Bible

a/v needs

Kids' Club Music CD

special room set-up

None

connect questions

Do we have to do anything special to be loved by God? No!

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We learned that Jesus' friends all thought they had to do something to make themselves extra special to Jesus (like be the nicest) - but Jesus told them: God's love is a gift and it's free, you don't have to do anything special to get that present. When kids came to visit, the friends told them that Jesus was too busy. But he wasn't! Jesus wanted to spend time with kids and said, "Bring them to me!"

