

Lesson 15

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2-5 Years:

Opening Prayer to open the session. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for bringing us together today to learn about your love. Help us to learn more about you. Help us to follow in your footsteps. Amen.”

Bible Story:

Use the verses 1st Corinthians 15:3, 1st Thessalonians 5:10, and 1st Peter 3: 15 to tell the children about how much Jesus loves each and every one of us. Tell the children this concept in such a way that they can understand.

Corinthians 15:3
Thessalonians 5:10
Peter 3:15

Discussion:

Talk to the children about how Jesus thinks that each one of them is special and that He loves them very much.

Activity:

Have the children say one nice thing about the person sitting next to them and tell them that they are special.

Art:

Give each child a sheet of paper and crayons. Have them draw a picture of themselves on their paper. Then help them write "I am special to Jesus" on their paper.

Song:

Sing the song Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me,
This I know,
For the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak,
But He is strong.

Yes Jesus loves me,
Yes Jesus loves me,
Yes Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.



Closing Prayer to thank God for Jesus for and for Jesus' love. For example:

"Dear God, thank you for your son Jesus and the love that He showed for us. Please help us to do the right things and to keep learning about you. Please keep us safe in your care. Amen."

9-11 Years:

Opening Prayer to open the session. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for bringing us together once again to worship you. Please help us to learn from your words. Help us to be more like you. Amen.”

Bible Story:

Have the students take turns reading the following Bible passages:

1st Corinthians 15:3

1st Thessalonians 5:10

1st Peter 3: 15

Have them read until they have read all of the passages. Discuss what they have read so that you can make sure that they have understood the verses.

**Discussion:**

Ask the students why Jesus died on the cross. Emphasize that we are all special to Jesus. Explain that if there were only a few people who were special to Him, he would not have died on that cross for us.

Activity:

Have the students write a letter to themselves. In the letter have them write why Jesus died on the cross. Then have them write at least five attributes that make them special and unique.

Closing Prayer to thank God for sending Jesus to die for our sins. For example:

“Thank you God so much for sending your son Jesus to die for our sins. Thank you for loving us so much. We thank Jesus for opening the door to Heaven for us. Please keep us safe in your name. Amen.”

6-8 Years:

Opening Prayer to welcome the start of class. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for bringing us all here on this day. Please help us all to learn from your Word. Help us also to do what is right. Amen.”

Bible Story:

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Discussion:

Ask the children if each one of them is the same. Emphasize that being different from each other is good and that without differences the world would be boring. Ask them to share one thing that they think is unique about themselves.

Activity:

Give each child two pieces of card stock that says:

“I am special to Jesus. I am also special to my friend _____ because _____.”

Have them draw a picture of two different friends in the class. In the blanks have them write their name then something that makes that friend special. Help those children who need help writing. Then have them give their pictures to those friends that they drew and wrote about.

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Closing Prayer to thank God for Jesus for and for Jesus' love. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to love us. Thank you for making us special to Jesus. Please help us to remember that everyone is special. Please keep us safe in your name. Amen.”

12-14 Years:

Opening Prayer to open the session. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for bringing us together on this day to worship you. Help us to learn from your words. Lead us down the path of righteousness as we come together for your glory. Amen.”

Bible Reading:

Have the students take turns reading the following Bible passages:

1st Corinthians 15:3

1st Thessalonians 5:10

1st Peter 3: 15

Have them read until they have read all of the passages. Discuss what they have read so that you can make sure that they have understood the verses.

**Discussion:**

Ask the students why Jesus did not come down off of the cross, even though He could have. Ask them why Jesus gave up His life for us.

Discussion:

Ask the students how we can show Jesus our gratitude for giving up His life for our sins. Have them write down some of the ideas generated on a note card. Encourage them to put the note card somewhere that they will see everyday so that they can remember to show Jesus that they are thankful for His sacrifice.

Closing Prayer to thank God for Jesus' sacrifice for our sins. For example:

“Thank you God for sending your son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. We are grateful for the sacrifice that He made for us. Please help us to show our gratitude to Jesus for what He did for us. Please keep us safe in your care. Amen.”