

1. WHEN GOD MADE THE ANIMALS

Picture Cards: *bird, cat, dog, lamb, pig*

Story: God made all the animals. (*Show pictures*). Who made cats? God did! Who made dogs? God did! (*Continue showing the other pictures*). I'm glad God made animals! (*Everybody claps*).

Activity: Show the pictures, one at a time, and sing about them. (*Tune: London Bridge*).

Little Dog, what do you say?
Do you say? Do you say?
Little Dog, what do you say?
Woof! Woof! Woof!

4. JESUS LOVES THE CHILDREN

Picture Cards: *block, book, ball, doll, teddy bear, wagon*

Story: Sing the song, "Jesus Loves Me." Jesus loves you. And He wants you to love each other. Here we are all together. (*Name the children*). We are glad for friends! We can play together. What shall we play? (*Show the pictures and talk about how friends can play with them*). One time some children went to see Jesus. He said, "Come unto Me." What a happy day. Jesus loved those children. He loves you and me. And that makes today a happy day! (*Everybody claps*).

Activity: Teach the meaning of the words, come unto me. No special equipment is needed for this game. Just a Smiling Teacher. Sit on the floor and hold out your arms. "Paul, Paul. Come unto me. Run, run, run." Paul runs to you and gets a big hug. Other toddlers may be looking on with interest. "Now let's call Annie. Annie, Annie. Come unto me. Run, run, run!"

Young children enjoy times when the floor is clear of clutter and the teachers are willing to play hug and tumble games. Remember, you are the person God wants to use to show His Love to these children today!

More Activities: Look for more games to play with the toys in the Toddler Book. These are found under the headings of *Experiences With Real Things* (pgs. 10 & 11) and *Toys Can Teach* (pg. 3).

7. TIMOTHY! TIMOTHY! JESUS LOVES YOU

Picture Card: *book*

Story: Mother called Timothy. “Timothy! Timothy! Jesus loves you!” Sing the chorus of “Jesus Loves Me,” using these words. “Jesus loves Timothy. Jesus loves Timothy. Jesus loves Timothy. The Bible tells me so.”

(*Show book picture*). Timothy liked to listen to the Bible Story Book. We like Bible Stories, too. (Begin calling the children’s names). “Daniel! Daniel! Jesus loves you! Patricia! Patricia! Jesus loves you!”

Activity: Make a “Jesus Loves Me” wall display. Put it at your eye level, out of the children’s reach. Cut doll shapes from red, blue, and yellow paper. (*Doll pattern is in the reproducible pattern packet*). On the wall, tape a sign which says, “Look and see who Jesus loves!” Hang a mirror by the sign. Put the children’s names on the dolls and tape them around the mirror. Hold the children up, one at a time, as you point to their dolls. Then have them look into the mirror. “Here is someone Jesus loves. It’s Jason!” Sing about Jason. (*Tune: Chorus of Jesus Loves Me*). “Jesus loves Jason. Jesus loves Jason. Jesus loves Jason. The Bible tells me so.”

10. SING AND BE GLAD

Picture Cards: *butterfly, flower, happy lamb, shepherd, tree*

Story: This is David. (*Show shepherd picture*). He takes care of the lambs. (*Show lamb picture*). David looks all around. What does he see? (*Show butterfly picture*). I see a butterfly. God made butterflies! Thank-you, God. (*Continue with other pictures*). David sees all the things God made and that makes him very glad.

Activity: David is glad. He sings a song. (*Tune: Mary Had A Little Lamb*).

I will sing unto the Lord, to the Lord, to the Lord.

I will sing unto the Lord. And be glad.

(*Show pictures*). I’m glad for butterflies. I’m glad for flowers. I’m glad for lambs. I’m glad for trees. You can even point to and name things in your room. I’m glad for tables. I’m glad for chairs. I’m glad for (*books, balls, blocks, teddy bears, friends, teachers*).

Another Musical Activity: Play in a Rattle Rhythm Band. Have the children sit in a circle. This way each will have a front seat. Give each one a rattle to hold. Sing songs or play a tape and shake your rattle in time to the music. Encourage the children to shake their rattles with you. All will have fun - including the teachers!

15. WHEN GOD MADE ME

Picture Card: *Instead of a picture, use a hand mirror (see Activity below)*

Activity: Have ready a large hand mirror. “Michael! Do you want to see someone God made?” Show Michael his reflection in the mirror. “Where are your eyes? Where is your nose? Where is your mouth?” Continue giving the other children turns to “come look and see who God made.”

Story: When God made me He made my hands. Where are your hands? Where are your feet? Where is your nose? (*Continue with mouth, ears, eyes, etc*). God made you! Andrew and Nancy and Jon and Jennifer. (*Continue naming the children*). God made you and I am glad! Sing a song. (*Tune: Oh, Do You Know The Muffin Man?*).

Hands, feet, ears, nose.
Legs, fingers, little toes.
Eyes to peek. Eyes to see.
Thank-you, God, for making me.

19. DO GOOD THINGS

Picture Cards: *book, ball, teddy bear, block*

Story: One time Jesus said, “I want you to do good things.” Jesus wants us to be good to our friends. We can share the toys. How can we share a book (*show book picture*)? We can look at it together. How can we share a ball (*show ball*). We can play with it together. I’ll roll it to you and you roll it to me. How can we share a teddy bear (*show picture*)? We can take turns. My turn. Your turn. My turn. Your turn. How can we share blocks (*show block*)? We can divide them up. One for you and one for me. One for you and one for me. We can do what Jesus says. We can do good things.

Activity: Toddlers don’t share naturally. To help them accomplish this you will have to have supervised activities in which you make it fun to share. Practice with real toys as mentioned in the story. Look at a book together. Roll a ball back and forth, making sure everyone gets a turn. Hand a teddy bear around. My turn. Steven’s turn. Becky’s turn. Ryan’s turn. Get out the basket of blocks and divide them. One block for Patty. One block for Susan. One block for Adam. It’s fun when we do good things for our friends!