

God Loves Me

Teacher Pep Talk: This is my favorite lesson! It is also the most important lesson you will EVER teach ANYONE... GOD LOVES YOU! Enjoy yourself as you teach it to the children. You will be amazed at how Little Guys can soak up BIG concepts so quickly! Is it any wonder that Jesus said that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to ones "such as these"?

Before teaching the lesson, review the following verses:
Psalm 139:13, John 3:16, 1 John 4:8, and Hebrews 13:8.
Luke 12:7 "...the very hairs of your head are all numbered"

You will need: A hairbrush or comb of your own.

Major Points: God knows who I am.
God knows all about me.
God loves me just like I am right now.
God is love.
God's love doesn't ever change.

Memory Verse: 1 John 4:8b ... God is love.

Lesson:

God knows who I am.

- How many of you have a brother or sister?
- Did you know them before they were born?
- God knew you before you were born, and He knows you now!

God knows all about me.

- How many of you know me? (*We may not know each other very well yet, but I hope we will soon.*)
- God knows me/you very well. In fact He knows us better than we know ourselves!
- **Show a hairbrush.** I don't know how many hairs I have on my own head. I suppose that I could try and count them. But even if I managed to count them, every day I lose some hairs and every day some new hairs grow! You can see from my hairbrush that today I have already lost some. (**Pull out one hair from hairbrush.**)
- But God knows the number of hairs on my head, and on yours too! (And He knows everything else about us too!)
- Luke 12:7 *Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered.*

God loves me just like I am right now

- Who loves their mommy?
- Does she have to do something else before you can love her?
- God loves us already and has proven it by sending Jesus to tell us how much He loves us!

- John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son...

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- Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
- Since God doesn't change and God is love, His love can't change either.
- You and I may change, but God doesn't change.
- God loves you know and He will never stop loving you. He only wants what is best for you. Isn't that a wonderful thing?

Prayer: Let's pray and thank God for His love.

Dear God,
Thank you that you love me.
Thank you for knowing me.
Thank you for never changing.
I love you back. Amen.

Suggested Activities: (Pick and choose the activities that work best for you!)

Heart Nametags

Preparation before Class: Cut out one construction paper heart for each child. On each one write the words "God Loves ME..." leaving space for the child's name underneath.
During Class: (Older children may wish to cut out their own paper heart and write the words.) Distribute one paper heart to each child. Allow the children to write their name on the heart and to decorate it using crayons, etc. Tape or pin the nametag on each child.

Paper Hearts

Cut out a construction paper heart for each child in the classroom. Write "Jesus Loves Me" on the paper heart, leaving room for the child's name underneath. Glue the heart to a larger piece of paper of a contrasting color. Have the children "write" their name with glue or glue sticks on the heart. Sprinkle the wet glue with glitter and then gently tap the paper to dislodge glitter that is not stuck. Allow to dry!

Sing "Jesus Loves Me"

Teach the children the words to this wonderful old song and sing it with them at least twice. Clap hands, snap fingers, or march around the room while singing to change things up!

Memorize "God is Love"

With chalk or masking tape draw three circles on the floor that are one "hop" away from each other. The circles represent the 3 words in our memory verse. Take turns and let each child say the words of the verse "God" "is" "love" as they hop from one circle to the next. The other children listen to the words in the verse as they wait, that way they will be ready when it is their turn!

