

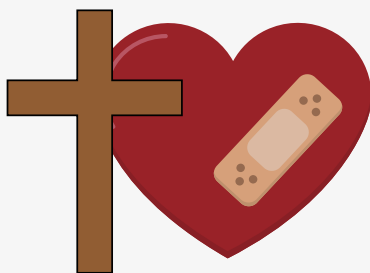


JESUS AND MATTHEW

BABY/ TODDLER LESSON

BIBLE VERSE:

"Love each other... love comes from God."
1 John 4:7



SCHEDULE

Activity

Prayer

Worship

Bible Story

Craft

ACTIVITY:

Talk to your child about the Bible. Talk about how it is God's Word. We read it so we can learn about God and share with others.

Say, "Today we are going to learn about a man named Matthew that became one of Jesus' followers! Jesus helped people like Matthew that were hurting. A doctor helps us when we are hurting." If your child has a toy stethoscope and bandaids use these to talk about how God heals us like a doctor does. But He can heal us far better than a doctor can. He heals our heart!
(point and listen to your heart)

PRAYER:

It is so important that you pray with your baby/toddler. Pray for your child's salvation. Demonstrate how to pray, folding your hands, bowing your head. Teaching prayer begins during infancy. You may pray yourself or use the following prayer.

Prayer: "Dear God, thank you for loving me. Help me remember to love people and show my love by being kind. In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen."



WORSHIP:

Sing "Jesus Loves Me".

Click link below to watch and sing along.

→ <https://youtu.be/owx3ao42kwI> ←

While singing with your baby/toddler, rock them back and forth and interact with them. Let them learn that singing songs about the Lord is a wonderful sweet way to learn about God and bond with you.



BIBLE STORY:

Hold up the Bible, "**This is the Bible. We love our Bible. It is the Word of God. The Bible is truth.**" Hug the Bible to your chest.

"Let's pat our Bible." Take the baby/toddler's hand and have them pat the Bible. Read the story with enthusiasm to capture their attention.

Babies and Toddlers:

Hold up the teaching picture attached to this lesson or read the story from a Children's Bible. Story comes from Matthew 9; Luke 5.

"The stethoscopes are a good picture of what Jesus did when he was on earth. He went to help people who were hurting or had problems in their lives. Matthew was a man that was hurting and needed Jesus.

Jesus knew he was hurting and told Matthew to get up and follow Him. That night Jesus ate dinner at Matthew's house with many other people that wanted to hear Jesus teach. The people did not understand why Jesus was talking to Matthew because he had problems in his life and was hurting.

But you know what Jesus told them?

Jesus said to them, 'It is the sick people who need a doctor, not those who are healthy. I want you to show kindness to people.' Jesus wants us to show kindness to everyone, because we all are hurting and need Him. Jesus came to earth to help the people who are hurting and want to know Him. Let us all be like Jesus, love one another, and tell people about Him and His love!"

TIME TO TALK:

As you change diapers, wash hands, rock, play with, and console your baby/toddler take time to talk about the Bible story.

AFFIRMING STATEMENTS:

Jesus loves all the children.

You are precious to Him.

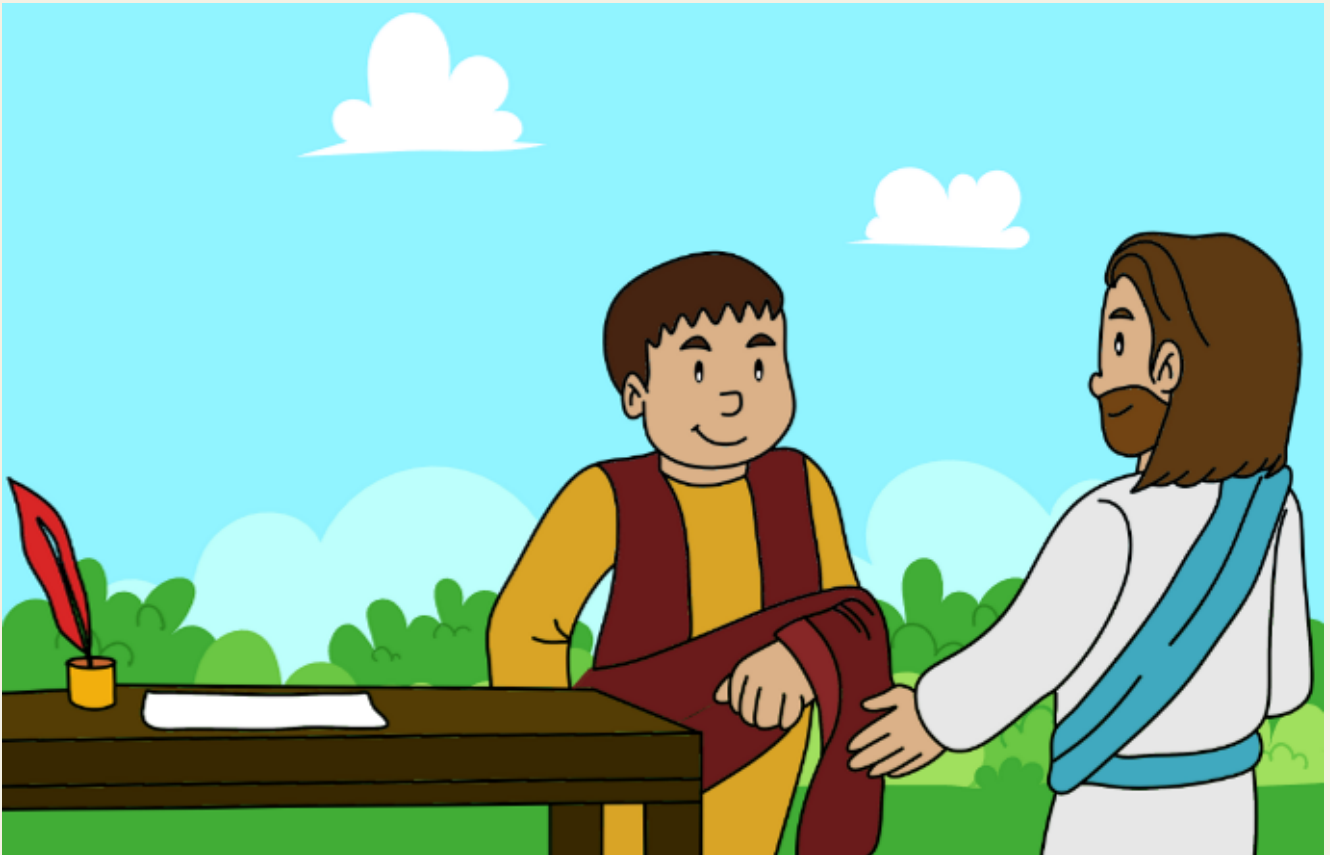
You are a gift from God.

Jesus wants us to love one another.

Love comes from God.



TEACHING PICTURES



CRAFT:

Craft attached. For this craft, talk to your child about the lesson. Talk about how Jesus wants us to love one another and care for others who are hurting. He wants us to lead people to Him. Once your child is done with their craft, end in prayer.

