Family Together Time



I Have Friends at Church

Psalm 122:1



These children are at church. They are friends. They like to play together and learn about Jesus.



Bible Words

"*I am *happy at *church"**

(based on Psalm 122:1).

Say the Bible Words while clapping your hands on the words marked with an *.

Invite your child to join in.

(Sing to the tune of "London Bridge")
I have lots of friends at church, friends at church, friends at church. I have lots of friends at church. I am happy!



Play Date

Arrange to invite one of your child's classmates and at least one of the parents to your home so the children can play. While the children play, tell them how much fun it is to have friends at church.

Things to Do Together

Cards for Friends

Help your child make a card for a classmate. Let your child scribble-color and add stickers to a piece of construction paper or card stock. Fold it into a card, put it in an envelope, and make sure it gets to the friend. Remind your child how much fun it is to have friends at church.

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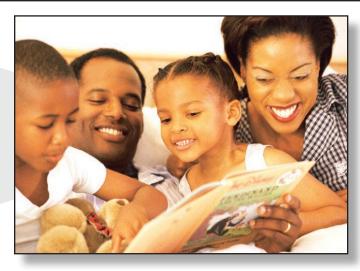


Jesus Loves Families

Mark 10:13-16



Here is a family. This family is having fun reading a book. Jesus loves families!



Bible Words

"Jesus loves me" (based on 1 John 3:16).

Pat the Bible as you say the Bible Words. Invite your child to pat the Bible and say the words too.

I love Jesus.

(point to self and then upwards)

Jesus loves me.

(point upwards and then to self)

Jesus takes care of my family!

(spread arms outward)



Family Dinner Night

Plan one meal when each person in the family helps with part of the meal or by setting the table. Before eating, talk about Jesus' love for your family. Remember to pray and thank Him for His love.

Things to Do Together

Who Does Jesus Love?

Gather your family in a circle. Have them pass a beanbag or soft ball until you say "stop." Ask the person holding the ball "Does Jesus love you?" That person should respond, "Yes, Jesus loves me!" Make sure everyone gets a couple of turns. Even your young child can nod his head or say yes!