

Glenview New Church Sunday Morning Program
Preschool Lessons, Phase 2 - Lesson 1
The Lord Loves Me (Luke 18:15-17)

Theme: Welcome to Sunday School

I. Underlying Ideas for the Teacher

- A. The Lord is the heavenly Father of everyone because all life comes from Him. (DP 330)
- B. The Lord loves all people and wants to give them eternal happiness.
- C. The Lord and His angels are constantly caring for us and leading us toward heaven.
- D. The Lord is present with us by means of His Word. (TCR 225, 780)

II. Introduction and Welcome

Note to the Teacher: The main goal of the first Sunday School class of the year is to introduce the children to their classmates, and to welcome them to the Lambs Program.

- A. Hello children, and welcome to the first day of Lambs Sunday School. Today we are going to take some time to get to know one another. Let's go around the room and tell each other our names.
- B. How old are you children? This class is called the Lambs, and is for all the children who come to church and are 4 years old, through kindergarten. This is your Sunday School class.
- C. What do you think we do at Lambs Sunday School? We learn about the Lord, sing songs, play games, and do projects. Do you like to do those things? What else do you like to do? (Go around the circle and let each child tell about something they like to do.)

III. Story Circle

- A. Introduce the Story
 - 1. Today we are going to read a story from when the Lord was living on the earth. The Lord wanted to teach everyone how important children, like you, are.
- B. Tell/Read the Story
 - 1. Luke 18:15-17

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C. Ideas to Discuss

1. Why were the disciples worried? (Because they were afraid the little children would bother the Lord.)
2. Did the little children bother the Lord? (No)
3. What did the Lord say to the people who were worried? (Let the children come to me, and do not forbid them, for of such is the kingdom of God. Explain that this means that people in God's kingdom are like little children.)
4. Then what did He do? (He blessed the child)

D. Further Ideas

1. The Lord said many times that little children are precious to Him. Have you ever seen a little child? Were they precious? (Encourage the children to talk about the children and babies that they know. Continue to ask if the children are precious.)
2. Who makes all the children in the whole world? (the Lord) Who made you? (the Lord) . Who made the person sitting next to you? (the Lord)

IV. Enrichment Activities

A. Music

1. "God made me" from *Wee Sing Bible Songs*
2. "When He Cometh" in many New Church song books

B. Activities

1. "Guess Who God Loves": Before class, secure a mirror to the bottom of a box that has a lid. During class, say, "In this box I have a picture of someone God loves. God believes that this person can do very important things. You know who this person is. Who do you think it is?" As each child guesses, let them look in and see, but tell them not to say anything until everyone has had a chance to look.
2. "Jesus Loves You": Play Duck, Duck, Goose, but instead say, "God loves, loves, loves, YOU." Make sure everyone gets a turn, because God loves everyone.

C. Project

1. "God Loves Me" Badges
 - a. Materials: lightweight cardboard, colored paper, ribbon, safety pins, glue, and markers.
 - b. Before class cut each child 2 cardboard circles, one circle of colored paper, and a 2-inch length of ribbon.
 - c. On the colored circles write, "God made me" or "God loves me" at the bottom. Fold the ribbon in half and glue the open ends between the 2 cardboard circles.
 - d. In class have the children draw a picture of them on the colored paper. Glue drawings onto the cardboard pre-made badges.
 - e. Slip the pin through the ribbon and pin-on to each child's shirt.

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2. Draw a picture of "ME." Have the children dress drawings of themselves with material scraps, adorn themselves with beads, and make hair with yarn. Title the pictures "God Loves Me," or "I am God's Child".
3. Make "God loves me" mirrors. Buy small mirrors at craft store or hardware store. Decorate the edges of the mirrors. Glue on beads and glitter. Use paint or permanent markers to draw a design. Somewhere on the mirror put the title "God made me" or "God loves me. "

V. Teaching Aids

- A. Mirror
- B. Pictures of the Lord with little children
- C. Sample Project

VI. Further Reading for the Teacher