

CHILDREN'S LESSON (of whatever age)

THEME: We are God's Children

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 3:1a, Matthew 6:9-13

OVERVIEW: Children will learn that God cares for God's own like a parent cares for his/her child.

EXPERIENCE: Go around the house (or choose just one room) and find objects that parents use to care for their children. This can be everything from the vacuum cleaner (parents keep the house clean so children are safe from germs) to the toaster (parents provide food). Use your imagination.

RESPONSE: How many different ways do you receive love from your parents.

- God loves us this much and even more. Read the first scripture lesson from 1 John. This reminds us that we are all God's children.

- Think of ways you can be good children of God

- Read the second scripture lesson from Matthew

- * The prayer starts by calling God "Father" but the Greek word is actually better translated as "Daddy." Jesus was saying that we are to think of God this way. "Daddy" makes us think of someone who is loving and kind and even fun. "Father" often makes us think of someone who is stern and distant.

- * What are ways that the prayer asks God to be a good parent? (Give us food; forgive us when we have been bad)

- Draw and cut out hearts. On one side draw one way that your parent loves you. On the other side draw a way that God loves you. Attach the hearts to a string and hang the strings from a coat hanger making a mobile.

- Sing the song "Jesus loves Me."

PRAY: Thank you God for giving us parents who love us. Thank you for being our heavenly parent. Please help us to show our love for our parents and you in return. Amen.

Here are some coloring pages:



God

is

Love

1 John 4:8

GODS
LOVE
has NO
LIMITS