

# Story Discussion/Application

## Bringing Jesus to Their Level

We've all struggled with asking our kids, "What did you learn today?" The typical answers I get are, "I can't remember," or, "Jesus." Here is a way to help them remember what they learned while reinforcing what it can mean to them.

For preschoolers, it's a good idea to recap the story a bit as you help them think about what it can mean to them (kindergartners are starting to think a bit deeper but it won't hurt for you to do this with them as well.)

Here's a dialog you can use with your kids and some questions you can ask to get them thinking:

Today we learned that God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to be our friend forever. That's a lot of love! But wait, there's more! Nothing at all can ever separate us from God's love either. It's true! And the Bible verse we are learning will help us remember how much God loves us.

Let's stand up and say it together with the motions.

"Nothing at all (*shake head and wave your arms in front of you*) can separate (*lock your fingers together*) us from God's (*point up with both hands*) love (*hug yourself*)." Romans 8:39. (*Open your hands like a book.*)

*(Repeat the verse with the motions a few times.)*

See? God loves you! A lot! **Who loves you?** Say, [**Bottom Line**] "**God loves me!**" (*Pause.*)

Yes, God loves you and everyone in the whole world SO much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. Now, let's sit down so we can talk to God.

Today, we are going to make a list of some people God loves. Think of someone and let me know who they are. It can be anyone, because God loves everyone! (*Each of you name some people and talk about God loving them. You'll be praying for each of the names so you may want to write them down.*)

Thank you for making this list with me. Before we pray, let me ask you a few questions.

*(These questions may be more difficult for younger kids but you can still use as talking points.)*

Do you think God loves bad people? Why or why not?

Did God send Jesus just for good people or for everyone?

What do you think you need to do for God to love you? *(Nothing, He loves each of us already.)*

Do you think God will always love you? Why or why not?

Let's pray and thank God for loving everyone so much He gave us Jesus. Would you like to pray before I pray?

*(Give your child an opportunity to pray if they want to.)*

### **Prayer**

Dear God, thank You for loving us SO much You gave us Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank You for loving *(read the list the children made)*, and everyone else in the world. You really are the best! In Jesus' name, amen.