

GOD LOVES YOU

May

Basic Truth

God loves me.

Bottom Line

God loves you.

Bible Words

"I will always love you."

Jeremiah 31:3, CEV

Supplies

- Laundry basket
- Ball-pit balls
- Heart-shaped toy or pillow
- Toy car
- Toy bed
- Toy food
- Rubber duck
- Doll clothes
- Ball
- Empty water bottles with lids
- Dry rice and/or beans
- Hot glue gun
- Ring stacker toy

Find the Love

What You Do: Put the heart toy or pillow in the laundry basket and fill it about a third full of ball-pit balls.

Place one child in the basket at a time and let them explore and try to find the heart. Say, "God loves you. God loves [child's name]."

What You Say: "[Child's name], come sit in the basket. Look at all the balls. I see a red ball and a yellow one. Do you see a heart? Can you find it? Yay! You found the heart! God loves you. God loves [child's name]!"

Always with you

What You Do: Place the toy car, toy bed, toy food, rubber duck, doll clothes, and a ball around the room. Encourage the children to crawl to each item with you and identify it.

Share that God is with them in the place each item represents. (*When riding in the car, when sleeping, when eating, during a bath, when getting dressed, when playing.*)

What You Say: "Let's go on an adventure! Crawl with me over here. Look, here is a car. God is with you when you're in the car. Let's crawl over here. What did you find? Oh, it's a rubber duck! God is with you when you're taking a bath. God loves you, and God is always with you."

Shake It

What You Do: Add dry beans and/or rice to water bottles to make shakers. Hot glue the lids for durability. Say, "God loves you," and shake the bottle on each word. Encourage children to join you with their shaker.

NOTE: Use the hot glue gun before children arrive and store it in another room, out of reach.

What You Say: "Hold your shaker. Now shake it! Great job! God loves you. God loves you. God loves you. Yes, He does. God loves you so much!"

God Loves You

What You Do: Play with the ring stacker toy. Say a word of the phrase, "God loves you," with each ring you add. Clap when you finish the phrase.

What You Say: "Can you put a ring on this toy? God . . . loves . . . you. Good job! God . . . loves . . . you. Yay, God loves you!"