

Paper People Banner

Collect

Bible, white paper, scissors, markers, art materials (yarn, fabric or wallpaper scraps, wiggle eyes, etc.), glue, stapler.

Prepare

Fold white paper and cut out paper dolls (see sketch a), preparing approximately four dolls for each child. On a separate sheet of white paper, print the words "Jesus loves us!"

Do

1. Children use markers and art materials to create facial features and clothing on paper dolls.
2. As children complete dolls, staple doll hands together, forming a paper-doll banner. Staple sheet of paper with "Jesus loves us!" between two of the doll sections (see sketch b). Display banner in classroom or hallway.



Enrichment Ideas

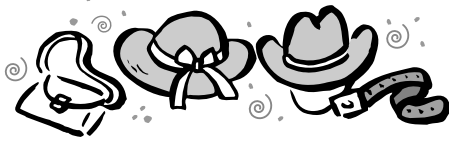
1. Instead of providing pre-cut paper dolls, make paper-doll patterns on poster board, preparing a pattern for each child. Older children trace around patterns on construction paper and cut out paper dolls.
2. Instead of providing a variety of art materials, provide different types of markers (gel, glitter, etc.) to create facial features and clothing on paper dolls.



Talk About

- ☀ In today's Bible story, Jesus told His friends to let children come to see Him. Jesus loves and cares for all the children in the world! Let's make a banner of children.
- ☀ Jayce, I like the happy faces you are drawing. How do you feel when you think about Jesus loving us? Jesus' love makes me feel happy!
- ☀ Jesus wanted to see the children because He loves all children! Jesus loves and cares for us each day. Jose, what are some good things Jesus helps you have because He loves you?





Jesus Loves Children

Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16

One day, some parents had heard that Jesus was coming. They wanted their children to meet Jesus! So they called their children. They probably washed the children's faces. They combed the children's hair. The mothers probably made sure their children were wearing clean clothes. Then off the families went toward the place where Jesus was.

As these families walked closer, they could see that Jesus was busy. He was talking to some grown-ups. But those mothers and fathers wanted their children to meet Jesus! They probably took their children's hands. They went in and out and around the crowd of people. Soon they were close to Jesus. They must have been happy and excited! But just then, some of Jesus' friends stopped the families.

"Stand back!" they said. "Jesus is too busy to see children."

The children and their mothers and fathers felt so sad! They turned to walk away. But wait! They heard Jesus say something.

"Let the children come to Me!" Jesus said. "Do not send the children away. I love children. I want to see them!" Jesus had not wanted His friends to send the children away at all!

Jesus' friends must have felt a little silly. They were surprised that Jesus cared so much about children. Jesus thought that children were just as important as grown-ups.

So the children came to Jesus. Some children probably ran to hug Him. Some children may have stood shyly near Him. A few probably climbed right up onto His lap. Jesus put His arms around them. He prayed for each child. The children must have felt very happy! The children knew that Jesus loved them.