

Growing Together

Bible Story

God loves us all.
(Acts 10:1-48)

The First Christians 4:
God loves all
people the same.

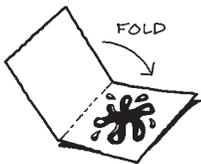
Bible Verse

“Then Peter replied, ‘I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right’ ”
(Acts 10:34-35).

In Touch

Today your child learned that it doesn't matter if people are rich or poor, what they do for a living, or what they look like—God loves all people the same. The children learned that God gave people different talents and abilities, but we're all connected by God's love. Use these ideas to help your child learn that God loves everyone.

Creative and Different



Fold several pieces of paper in half. Open one of the papers, dribble paint inside it, and then fold it again. Unfold the paper to let the paint splotch dry. Continue until you've made paint

splotches on all the papers. Have fun asking your family members what they think each paint splotch looks like. Then thank God for making people creative and different from each other.

Gifts for Jesus



Make cookie people with your child. Use your favorite homemade or commercial cookie dough and a person-shaped cookie cutter. Frost all the cookies. To some, add sprinkles and candies. Then read

James 2:1-4 together. Talk about how you know that all the cookies are good, not just the fancy ones, because you made them all with your own hands. Enjoy the cookies with milk, and thank God for loving all people no matter how rich or poor they are, what they do, or what they look like.

People-of-the-World Diorama

Find a medium-size box while your child gathers several different kinds of toy people. Have your child use markers to decorate the inside bottom of the box in a way that will remind you both of all the different cultures of the world. Your child might want to draw different flags or a globe. Then use paper and tape to create costumes for the toy people to make them look like they come from different countries. Set the box on its side, and place the people inside the diorama. Put it where it will remind you to pray for all the people of the world.

Different and the Same

Explore the wonderful diversity that exists in God's creation. Take a walk and count how many different kinds of trees, animals, and flowers you can find. Also look at the people you come across on your walk—everyone looks different. Explain to your child that no tree, animal, flower, or person looks exactly like any other. Thank God together for creating each thing a little different and for loving everyone the same.