

Toddlers & 2s

# Parent Page

## Jesus Cares

For the next five weeks, the toddlers and 2s class will be learning that Jesus cares. The children will use their five senses to discover that Jesus shows his love by caring for us in many ways. Use this Parent Page to help reinforce the point that ► *Jesus cares.*

### Preschool Pointers

Parents often feel taken for granted because young children don't say "thank you" for the things parents do or the sacrifices they make. Be happy because your toddler's lack of comment simply demonstrates that he or she trusts your care and protection. By looking at the ways Jesus cares for us and learning to thank Jesus for what he does, toddlers will begin to develop a sense of thankfulness and appreciation for the loving ways you show you care.

### Together Time

- Let your toddler help make Care Cookies. Invite your child to spread softened icing on ready-made cookies. Allow him or her to sprinkle colored cake decorations or tiny candies on the cookies. Present a plate of Care Cookies to family members or friends to remind them that they're loved. Explain to your child that doing something nice like sharing cookies is a way to show you care.
- Take a walk with your child and play Care, Care Everywhere. Take turns pointing out ways God cares for people and other living things. For example, point to a flower and explain that God cares by giving us beautiful flowers to smell and see. Or find a worm or bug and explain that God cares for birds by giving them things to eat. Remind your child that we know God cares for us because of the beautiful world he's given us to live in.
- Sing this song from class with your toddler:

### The Good Samaritan

(sung to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell")

**The man lay in the road.  
The man lay in the road.  
Oh me, oh my, don't pass me by.  
The man lay in the road.**

**A priest walked right by.  
A Levite walked right by.  
Oh me, oh my, don't pass me by.  
They both walked right by.**

**The good Samaritan helped.  
The good Samaritan helped.  
Hooray! Hooray! He saved the day!  
The good Samaritan helped.**