



Age Group: 2-5 year-olds

Date: May 24, 2020

Big Idea: Jesus' love helps us love others!

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:17 (NIV) *Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers.*

Activities:

- **Large Motor Activity:** Crack an egg

Materials: An egg and a bowl

- Get out an egg and examine it with your child(ren). Talking about how the shell protects what's inside, but it can easily crack. Then drop the egg together into a bowl and see how it cracks. Talk about how we must treat others with respect. Explain that people are fragile like the egg. People don't have shells, but we all have feelings. Treating others with thoughtfulness demonstrates respect for their feelings. When we are part of Jesus' family, we can show our love for Jesus by treating others with respect. As an extension, talk with your child(ren) about other concrete ways you can show respect for each other around the house and to other people.

- **Fine Motor Activity:** Create art

Materials: crayons, paper, paint, markers, glue, play doh or clay, any art supplies you may have

- Have your child(ren) create their own piece of artwork. It can be anything they want to make. Encourage them as they create. When they are finished, admire their work and tell them it is as uniquely wonderful as they are. Ask your children how they felt when you appreciated the beauty of their art. Tell them it makes God happy when we treat His artwork (other people) with respect and consideration (see Ephesians 2:10, Isaiah 43:7, Psalm 139:14). In the future, when you hear your children speaking disrespectfully, you can remind them to treat others as valuable works of art who have been created by God. Conversely, when you hear your children treating others kindly, you can affirm them and remind them that they are being loving to others, just like Jesus loves us.