



Bulletin Board Ideas for the 12 Gardens of Stewardship

Garden of the Soul

Grades K - 2

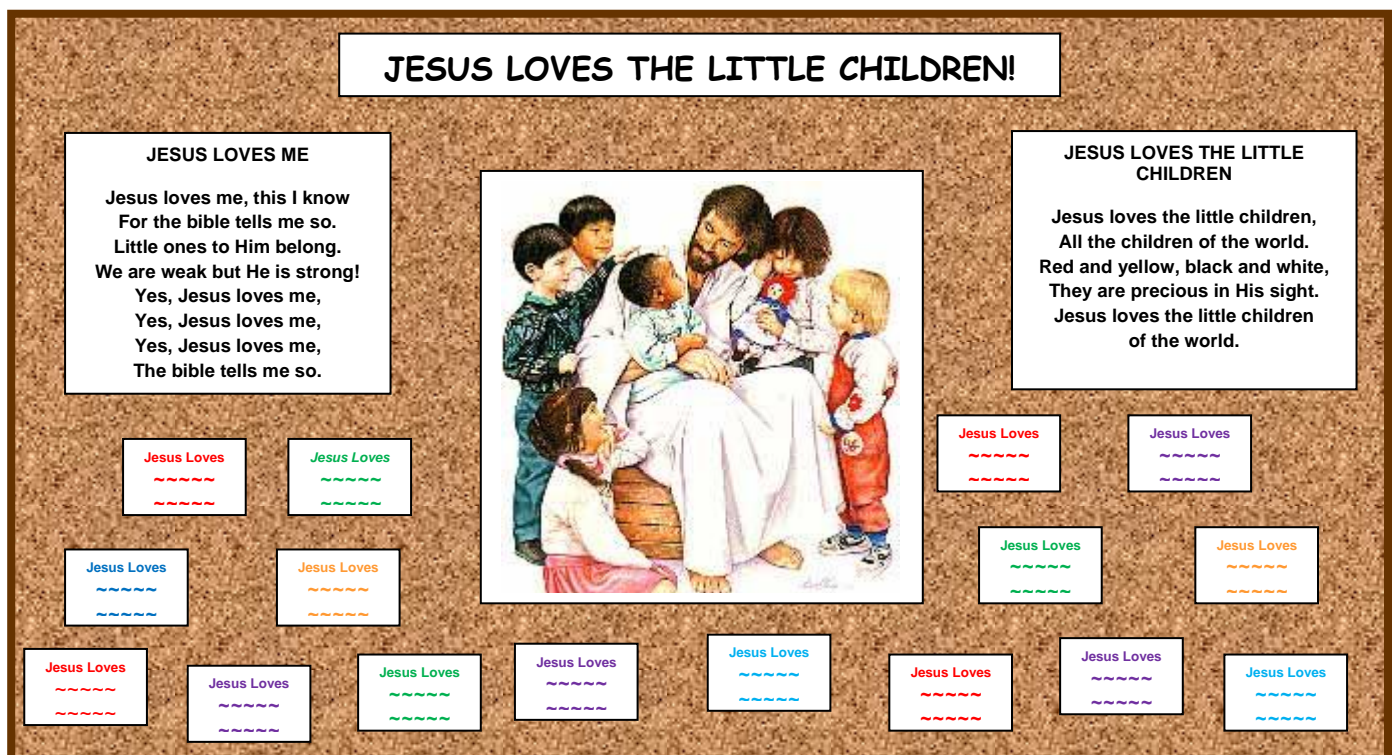
Jesus loves the little children! As He said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these". Learning this truth when they're young helps children build the foundation of faith that will nourish their souls for their whole our lives. This bulletin board idea may also be adapted for the very youngest Catholic students.

Project

- Title the bulletin board; Jesus Loves the Little Children!
- On large pieces of paper, print and display the lyrics from the popular children's hymns shown below.
- Print enlarged clip art of Jesus with children, which may be obtained free of charge at various online websites. The example shown below is available free from clipart.christiansunite.com. (Alternative; teacher may use purchased poster or have children collaborate on an original drawing.)
- Give each student a card titled 'Jesus Loves' - have students write their names on the cards, as well as an example of Jesus loving them. Examples may be; 'He died so I can go to heaven', 'He gives me His precious blood and body in the Holy Eucharist', 'He gave me a mom and dad who love me,' etc. You may wish to use different colors or use larger sheets of paper and encourage illustrations. (For kindergarten age, teacher may write student's names on the each card.)
- Post student's cards on the board, or have students post their own cards on the board.

Suggested Quote

Jesus said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these". . . . And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them. Mark 10:14





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Praying in faith is a strong tool for tending to the garden of our souls. It's easy for children to understand that prayer is a way to talk to God and that when we pray in Jesus' name, He is present with us. The student's preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist offer us an ideal opportunity to teach how both our individual prayers, as well as our group prayers, helps us to establish and nurture our personal relationship with God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Project

- Title the bulletin board; When We Pray, We Are Talking to God!
- On large pieces of paper, print and display a selection of Catholic prayers appropriate for 2nd grade, according to Faith Formation guidelines. Some examples are shown below.
- On a large piece of poster paper, have students collaborate on a drawing of Jesus with children. (Alternative; teacher draw illustration or use purchased poster.)
- Give each student a paper titled 'My Prayer,' for them to write their personal message to God. Encourage illustrations and/or use colored paper.
- Post student's art and prayers on the board.

Suggested Quotes

"At all times, pray by the power of the Spirit. Pray all kinds of prayers. . . . Always keep on praying for all of God's people." Eph 6: 18

"But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit." Jude 1:20

