BACKYARD BIBLE CLUB

DAY 2

TRUTH: God Loves Me

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Proverbs 139:14; Matthew 10:29-31

MEMORY VERSE:

So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows. Matthew 10:31 (NLT)

ACTIVITY:

Put a mirror in a box, but don't tell the children what is in the box. One at a time have them take a close look in the box to see what God loves the most. Make sure they don't tell anyone what they see! Pass it around and let each child look inside one at a time. When everyone has seen themselves, discuss how much God loves each one of us.

Next send the kids on a "love hunt" looking for cutout hearts you have hidden.

Each time a child finds a heart they are to yell, "God loves me!"

Materials needed: box with a mirror inside; lots of cutout hearts

OR

Read Matthew 10:29-31. What does this verse tell us? How does it make you feel when it tells you that God knows the hairs on your head?

Divide the kids into small groups. Give each team a can of whipped topping and a designated amount of chocolate chips or marshmallows. When you say, "Go!" each team will squirt the whipped topping onto one team member's head. Then as quickly as they can, they put the chocolate chips or marshmallows onto the person's head ONE AT A TIME. The winning team is the first one to get all of the items stuck in the whipped topping. Have a hose nearby to wash off.

Materials Needed: can of whipped topping for each team, chocolate chips or marshmallows

CRAFT:

"God Loves Me" necklace - String a fun foam heart, "God Loves Me" written on cardstock, and fun foam heart on a piece of yarn. Let the kids wear their necklace the rest of the day.

Materials needed: (for each child) 2 fun foam/cardstock hearts, 1 "God Loves Me" phrase written on cardstock, yarn



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OR

"God Loves Me" Figure – Have each child decorate one side of a paper cut out of boy or girl to look like him/herself. Allow them to be as creative as they want to be – crayons, cut paper, yarn. On the other side have child write his/her name at top of figure. Write different words on the figure that represent how God sees that child.

Materials needed: Paper cut outs for each child, Items to decorate cut outs (crayons, paper, glue, scissors, you decide), pencils

SNACK:

Ice cream "hairs on your head" – Give each child a scoop of ice cream and allow them to decorate with whipped topping and chocolate chips or marshmallows.

Materials needed: ice cream, whipped topping, marshmallows and chocolate chips

