

## LESSON 23

### JESUS AND THE CHILDREN

Mark 10:13-16; Matt 18:3

One day when Jesus was teaching the people about God, some children came to see him. The disciples saw the children and told them to go away because they thought Jesus was too busy to talk to them.

Jesus was not very pleased when he saw what his disciples had done. He said to them, "Let the little children come unto me and forbid them not." Jesus knew that the children believed what he told them about God and His Kingdom, and loved him. Then Jesus picked up the children and blessed them.

Some of the grownups didn't believe what Jesus said so he told them that they should be like little children who wanted to listen and learn about God.

### ACTIVITY

Give these children happy faces. Then decorate them, using confetti, coloured stars, spots, crepe paper and glitter.

### FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

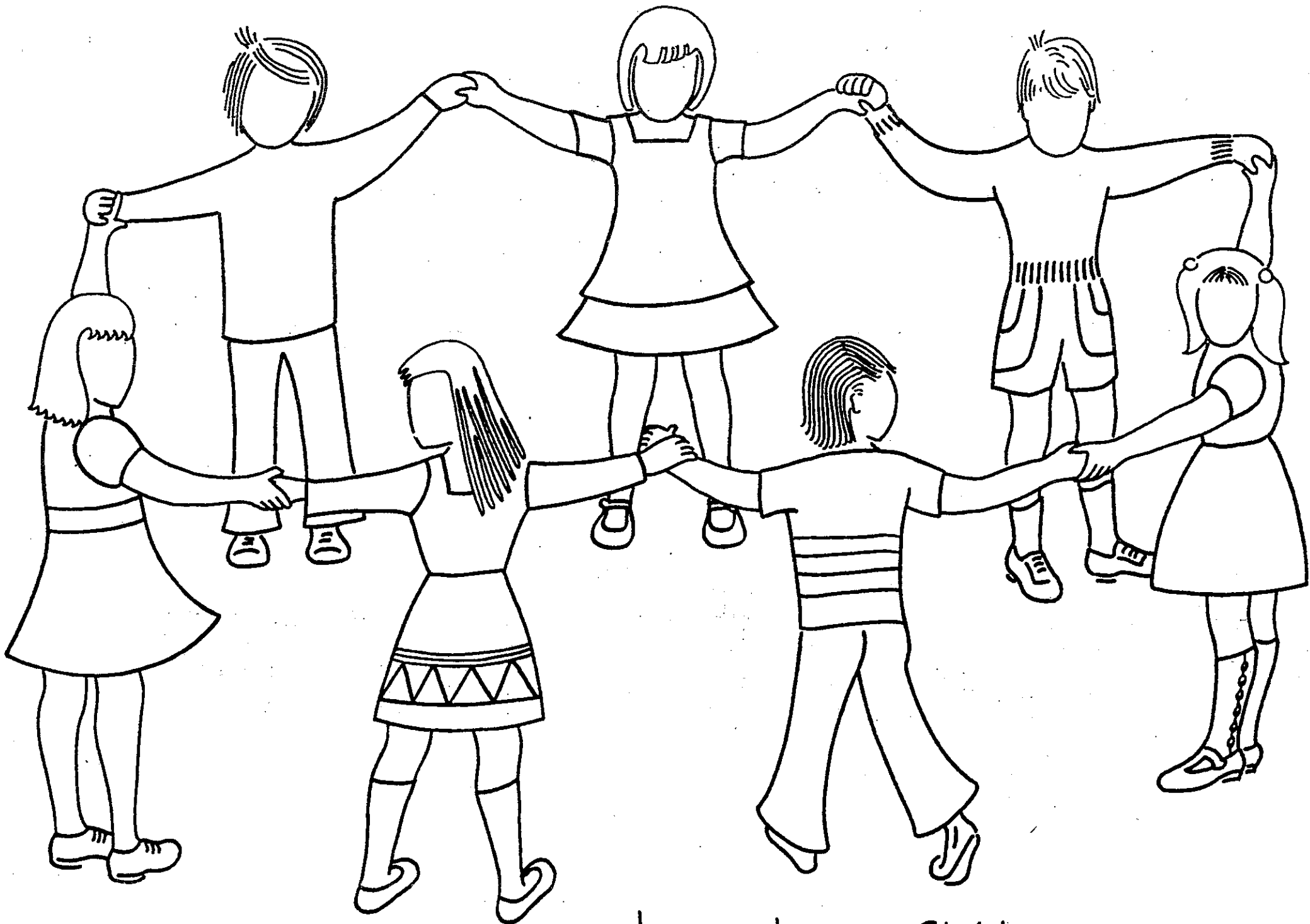
Learn the songs "Jesus loves the little children" and "Jesus loves me this I know".

Fanfold a strip of paper. Draw a paper doll outline with hands extended to either side of the folded paper. Cut out and make a row of children holding hands. Draw in faces and clothing.

Find pictures of children of other lands. Jesus loves them too.

Make a happy face on a paper plate. Use wool for hair, buttons or crumpled crepe paper for eyes, triangle for nose and a smiling mouth.

Make an edible face using cooked spaghetti for the outline and curly hair, sultanas for eyes, a marshmallow or dried apricot for the nose, and licorice or a red jelly snake for the mouth.



Jesus Loves Children