



Aim: To help the child to remember that Jesus is always close to us and to love him.

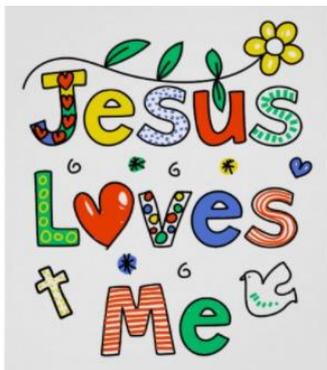
Room Setting:

All are seated in a circle in the room.

Parent: Welcome the child and the other members of the family.

- Invite all to become quiet and think of Jesus saying to his disciples: "Peace be with you". Answer Jesus by saying "And with you too".
- Allow a few minutes for this.

Parent: Invite the child and the other members of the family to share why they love Jesus.
Affirm each answer.



Parent: Now ask:

- **How do you know that Jesus loves you?**
- Allow time for all to answer.
- Some may have the same answer –recognize each one with his/her answers.

Parent: Now say: **When we love people, they have a special place in our hearts.**

Parent and other members of the family: (P=Parent, M=Family member)

P. Let us suggest how we can keep Jesus in our hearts.

Allow all to make a contribution.

Acknowledge each one's contribution.

M. Now let us share what we can do to show that we love Jesus in our hearts.

- Again, allow all to make a contribution.
- And acknowledge each one's contribution.

P. Can we remember a special word we discovered last time?

- It is the name of a special, place in our Churches?
- Wait for the word: "**Tabernacle**".

M. Why is this place so important for us?

- Allow all to answer.
- Acknowledge each one's answer.

P. Now think: Can we call our hearts also a Tabernacle for Jesus?

M. Jesus wants to live in our hearts because he loves us and wants to stay with us always

P. How can we make sure that Jesus can always stay in our hearts?

- Allow all to answer.
- Acknowledge each one's answer.

M. How can we show that we know that Jesus is in their hearts too?

- Allow all to answer.
- Acknowledge each one's answer.



Celebration

Parent: Let us Invite Jesus to come into our hearts by saying together: **Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus!**
Perhaps we can repeat this a few more times.

A glass of cool juice all round!