

JESUS LOVES ME...

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Read text: John 14:21.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Probably the first song our children learned to sing.
2. The message of this song applies to all of us.
 - 1) There is no greater love than shown in the gift that makes us his children (John 15:13).
3. How do I know that Jesus loves me? The Bible Tells Me So!

C. “Jesus Loves Me” is a Christian hymn written by Anna Bartlett Warner (1827–1915). The lyrics first appeared as a poem in the context of an 1860 novel called Say and Seal, written by her older sister Susan Warner (1819–1885). The words were read to a dying child.

I. STANZA 1: JESUS LOVES ME, THIS I KNOW.

A. “Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so; Little ones to him belong; They are weak but he is strong.”

1. Jesus proclaimed His love for us (John 15:9).
2. We can have complete confidence (2 Tim. 1:12). This I know!

B. Jesus claims us, AND will be with us.

1. He calls us his brethren (Heb. 2:11).
2. His promise to the 12 is his promise to all who believe (Matt. 28:20; Phil. 4:17).

C. I AM WEAK BUT HE IS STRONG.

1. Rely on the strength we have by faith in Jesus (Eph. 6:10-13).
2. Paul was delivered (2 Tim. 4:16-18).
3. SUCCESS! (Phil 4:13; Heb. 13:5).

II. STANZA 2: THE RESULT OF JESUS’ LOVE.

A. “Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven’s gate to open wide; He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.

1. His love was demonstrated (John 3:16; 10:18).
2. What did His sacrifice accomplish?
 - 1) Our sins are removed, washed away (1 John 3:5).
 - 2) He bore our punishment (1 Pet. 2:24; Isa. 53:4-6).
 - 3) The wages of sin is death, but... (Romans 6:23).

B. Heaven’s gate he opened wide (1 Pet. 3:18; John 14:1-3).

C. “Let his little child come in” (Matt. 5:3-4).

III. STANZA 3: TRUE LOVE WILL MOVE US TO OBEY!

A. “Jesus, take this heart of mine, Make it pure and wholly Thine; Thou hast bled and died for me; I will henceforth live for thee.”

1. We are debtors (Rom. 1:14-15; Rom. 13:8).
2. “For the love of Christ constraineth us...” (2 Cor. 5:14-15).

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. Children need to know how much God loves them.

B. We need to know it also. AND love Him as He loves us!