

# Jesus loves even me

## Leader's guide

This is a simple and catchy song from Derick Kane using familiar words by Philip Paul Bliss. Again, it can be successfully used as a unison song if preferred.

## Bible verse

'For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.'

**Romans 15:4**

*Wonderful things in the Bible I see*

## Warm-up

Singing is a full body experience. The freedom to move should be encouraged, as this helps reduce muscle tensions that can impede good singing technique. Why not practise a gentle sway while singing this song? This will increase engagement from both the singers and the listeners.

## Prayer

Dear God,  
Thank you for your Scriptures that remind us of your love every day. Help me to learn more about the Bible and turn to your word both in times of praise and times of difficulty. I ask that the words I read may shape my words, my choices and my life every day. Amen.

## Activity

### Drawing Closer

Before the session begins, print a selection of the Drawing Closer\* Bible verse colouring sheets. Give each member of the group a different Bible verse to colour. This can be completed during the activity time or at home and brought back to the next practice. Find somewhere in the building to create a beautiful display of all the pictures the group have coloured in, and title it 'Wonderful things in the Bible'.

\*[www.salvationist.org.uk/resources/drawing-closer-vol-2](http://www.salvationist.org.uk/resources/drawing-closer-vol-2)

## Thought

It is easy to think that because the Bible was written so long ago it no longer holds any relevance today. This couldn't be further from the truth. As the Bible was being written, our names were on God's heart. He provided his Scripture for us today to be used as our map for our daily living. When we sing this song, remember that Jesus loves each of us and has used the Bible to communicate great stories of all the times he has been there.

## Personal challenge

Try learning one Bible passage this week. This might be your favourite Bible verse or one of the suggestions below. See if you can learn a word or two a day, so that by the end of the week you can tell somebody else the Bible verse you have learned to encourage them on their faith journey. Here are some suggestions of Bible verses you could learn:

- Proverbs 3:5-6
- Psalm 56:3
- John 3:16

## Group challenge

**Let's tell others about the Bible**  
**Spend some time together talking about your favourite Bible story or verse and why it is a favourite.**

What you may find is that everyone has lots of different answers. The song rightfully reminds us that the Bible is overflowing with wonderful stories and verses. The same God who created the Bible created each of us. He knows and loves us for who we are. Before singing this song as part of worship, ask your worship leader if the group can share some of their favourite Bible verses.

