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The kids retold the story using felt. We sang songs while playing with musical instruments, played with a variety of things that the kids love to do, and read the book, ”No David!” This fun children’s book explores the depth of a parent’s love, which is a small example of how much God loves us. We talked about how much we love to do those things, but God loves us even more. God will love us forever, even when we are unlovable.

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God loves me and I know it, clap my hands.

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God loves me and I know it, then my face will surely show it.

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**HOME CONNECTIONS:**

As you intereact with your kids this week, remind them daily how much Jesus loves them. Be sure to greet them each morning with a smile and express how much you love them. At night say a prayer with them, including words of affirmation for them. Each time you affirm them, remind them Jesus loves them even more.

**FAMILY REMINDERS:**

Our mission in Ridge Kids is to, help children find and follow Jesus in a safe and fun environment. While we’re learning about Jesus, here’s how you can partner with us to create a safe and fun environment:

* Stash your stuff: Please keep toys, coats and bags in the cubbies outside the boys’ bathrooms. We have labels you can use to help keep track of your items.
* Food and Drink: Your children will be given Cheerios during our time together. You may send a labeled water cup, but please help us respect food allergy and cleanliness concerns by keeping all other items outside the classroom. If your child has a snack or drinks on the way into the room, have them finish it before they enter the room.

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