



# Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

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Narrative Lectionary

Acts 10:1-17, 34-35



**All the Children of the World.** Object: A clear bowl with some brown & white eggs. You may decorate them to look like different people.

Do you like eggs? There are so many different ways to fix eggs -- fried, scrambled, or hard boiled. You can make an omelet or a breakfast burrito. You can eat them by themselves or mix them with chicken or tuna to make sandwiches. Eggs are also used to make delicious treats such as cookies, cakes, and pies.

Did you know that some eggs are white and some eggs are brown? Have you ever wondered why? Well the answer is quite simple. White chickens lay white eggs and reddish brown chickens lay brown eggs. Is there any difference in white eggs and brown eggs? Well, yes, white eggs are white and brown eggs are brown.

"What about the inside?" you may ask. Well, let's see. (break a brown egg and a white egg in to the clear glass bowl.) Can you see any difference? No, on the inside they look just the same. I also read that the color of the shell has nothing to do with an egg's quality, nutritional value, or flavor. On the inside, all eggs are the same.

You know, that is true of people too. Some people may be light-skinned and have blond hair and blue eyes. Others may be dark-skinned and have brown hair and brown eyes. On the outside, they may look different, but on the inside they are the same.

Simon Peter was one of Jesus' disciples. He was a Jew and he believed that God sent Jesus only to the Jews. God gave Peter a vision that showed him that He created all people and that He loved them all the same. After God showed him that, Peter said, "I now realize that God does not show partiality. He accepts people from every nation who fear him and do what is right." God also showed Peter that he must "tell the good news that Jesus is the Lord of all."

Sometimes we sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children."

Jesus loves the little children.

All the children of the world.

Red, brown, yellow, black and white

They are precious in his sight.

Jesus loves the little children of the world.



**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia. Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures. Alleluia (Luke 24:32)

We sing the song, but do we believe it? Do we show it in the way that we treat other children? I hope so!

Heavenly Father, help us to love others as you do -- without partiality. Help us to tell the good news that Jesus is Lord of all. Amen.

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## Word Search Puzzle

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| LITTLE | WORLD  | PEOPLE | CHILDREN | BROWN   |
| YELLOW | NATION | ALL    | BLACK    | ACCEPTS |
| JESUS  | PEACE  | LOVES  | WHITE    | RED     |

**CHILDREN WREATH:** Cut the inside of a paper plate out to make a wreath form. Have children color the plate lightly and draw or glue pictures of children of all races along the edge of the "wreath"! Give children a ribbon to hang their wreath up at home.

**THUMB PRINT CHILDREN:** Use different colors of ink for children to make thumb print children on their own piece of construction paper. Let children write the song words around the edges of their thumbprint paper.

**CHILD BOOKMARK:** Have construction paper cut bookmarks for children to write on - JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN, or JESUS IS LORD OF ALL, or JESUS LOVES WITHOUT PARTIALITY (depending on ages of children). Give each child a small round circle to glue to the top of the bookmark to decorate to look like themselves (hair, eyes, smile, etc).

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