



Love Jesus. Grow in faith. Change the world.

A Blessing for Teachers and Learners

One: God, you sent Jesus into the world to show us how to live as God's people.

Children: Who will tell us about Jesus?

Teachers: We will tell you about Jesus! We want to share the story of Jesus so that you may choose to love him and follow in his way. As we worship, pray, and share the Bible story, may you be inspired to love Jesus and live like him every day.

All: As we hear and share God's story together, may our hearts be opened to love Jesus.

One: We are all created, known, and loved by God, and each person's faith journey is unique. The Bible offers guidance for this journey, revealing God's work in the world and how to be part of the ongoing story of the people of God.

Children and youth: Who will guide us on this journey of faith?

Teachers: Along with your family and this congregation, we will guide you! We will lead you in practices of prayer and worship that will help you develop a relationship with God that will sustain and encourage you throughout your life. Faith is not only a personal connection to God; it grows within community. We will learn from each other and discern together how to faithfully follow God.

All: As we discern God's will together, may we grow in faith.

One: Beyond these walls lies a hurting world. God, your love transforms us so that we can participate in the healing of that world.

Youth: There are so many problems. Where do we start?

Teachers: As we seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God, together we make God's kingdom a reality here and now. We will study God's Word together and talk about how it connects to our lives. We will challenge you to share God's love and peace with everyone you meet.

All: Seeking God's kingdom together, we can change the world.

SONG SUGGESTIONS:

- "Jesus, Be the Center" from *Everybody Sing: Worship Songs for Children*, track 8
- "Longing for Light" from *Everybody Sing: Worship Songs for Children*, track 12

