



# Goodnight Jesus

Lesson: Kisses Mean Love

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The words and pictures in *Goodnight Jesus* may be simple but they draw from deep wells of knowledge and tradition about our faith.

These lessons and activities are designed to help children explore some of the topics introduced in *Goodnight Jesus*. These can be used in Church School classes, by homeschoolers, or by parents at home. I've given age ranges for each lesson but they are flexible enough to be used with wide age ranges.

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# KISSES MEAN LOVE (Preschool- Kindergarten)

Why do we kiss icons of the Saints? Because we love them! You'll also meet some of the Saints in icons and talk about why you love them.

## You will need

Some icons that the children can reach to kiss. Gathering a few icons will let the children see different ones. A nice touch would be to use icons mentioned in the book or icons of the children's patron saints. For each icon think of a reason why you love that Saint.

## How to teach this:

1. Introduce the book: "We're going to read a book about giving goodnight kisses. Do you like getting a kiss when you go to bed?"
2. As you discuss with the kids, ask them "why do we kiss people?" Hopefully someone will volunteer the answer "because we love them!" If not, you can add this as a reason you like giving kisses.
3. "We kiss icons for the same reasons. These are people we love and who love us very much, too."
4. Read *Goodnight Jesus* together.
5. After reading show the children the icons. For each one, introduce the Saint and tell them why you love that Saint then kiss the icon. For instance, "This is St. Angelina. I love her because she's my special patron Saint." Invite the kids to kiss the icons, too.