

January 22, 2023 Kid's Page

Scripture: Psalm 40:1-11

Wonder: Have you ever played the—would you love me game? Okay, so it's not an official game, but sometimes I like to ask the people who *I know* love me under what circumstances they might no longer do so. For instance...if I went outside in the rain and got completely covered in mud—would you still love me? Knowing my kiddo loves when my hair is long, I might ask him, I cut my hair really really short—would you still love me? If I accidentally mixed up salt and sugar in cookies and they tasted horrible—would you still love me? Etc. etc. And time after time the people who love me say yes they'd still love me even then.

But I remember when I was little, I worried about what I might do to lose the love of others. I once stepped on a shoe rack my mom gave me to reach something on my top closet shelf and it broke. I was so worried my mom might not love me if I told her that I broke *her* shoe rack that she gave *to me* that I tried to hide it. Until one day I felt so guilty I just broke down crying and had to tell her. And she wasn't mad. Not at all.

Today in our Bible reading from the book of Psalms—we find out that even when we've made a bunch of mistakes and are covered in them—God still loves us. There is no question we could ask God that God would say no to. God's faithful in God's love for us. And because God loves us no matter what—we want to do things that God loves. Like treat our brothers and sisters and cousins and parents and grandparents and friends with kindness. And tell other people God's story and about God's love.

Do: Today is the Chinese New Year. One way we can show love for others is in learning about people's cultures. On the next page you can color the Chinese symbol for Faith—Faith is what we have in God when we trust that God will love us no matter what. When you're done coloring, you can share the symbol of Faith with others and tell them about God's love.

Chinese Character Coloring Worksheet

Chinese New Year is a time when people wish good fortune and luck upon their friends and family. Color this Chinese character, faith, to give to someone else this new year.

