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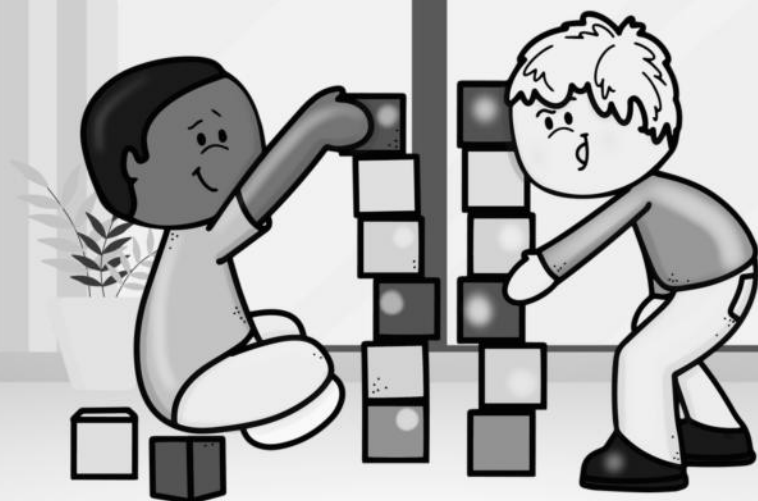
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“But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”
Matthew 19:14.

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Jesus said,
“Let the little children come to me
And do not hinder them
For to such belongs the kingdom of heaven”



Jesus wanted to touch and to bless,
To spend time with kids and show His love,
To make kids feel safe and happy with Him.



His special friends didn't understand,
Peter, James and John even scolded the kids,
But Jesus told them to be nice.

Oh, how He loves little children!
Like you and me.
He loves and cares for each one of us.



And just like Jesus,
I can play nicely with other children.
Playing nicely means playing safe.

Throwing toys is a no - no.
Why? Someone could get really hurt,
When I throw toys around.



Like Jesus,
I can play nicely with other children.
Playing nicely means playing together.

I can share a fun way of playing
Or show something new I learnt,
Or just spend time and share laughter,
When I play together with another.



Like Jesus,
I will not snatch toys with my hands.
Why? That will make someone sad.

Snatching toys is not a nice way to play.
It does not show that I love or care,
About how others might feel.

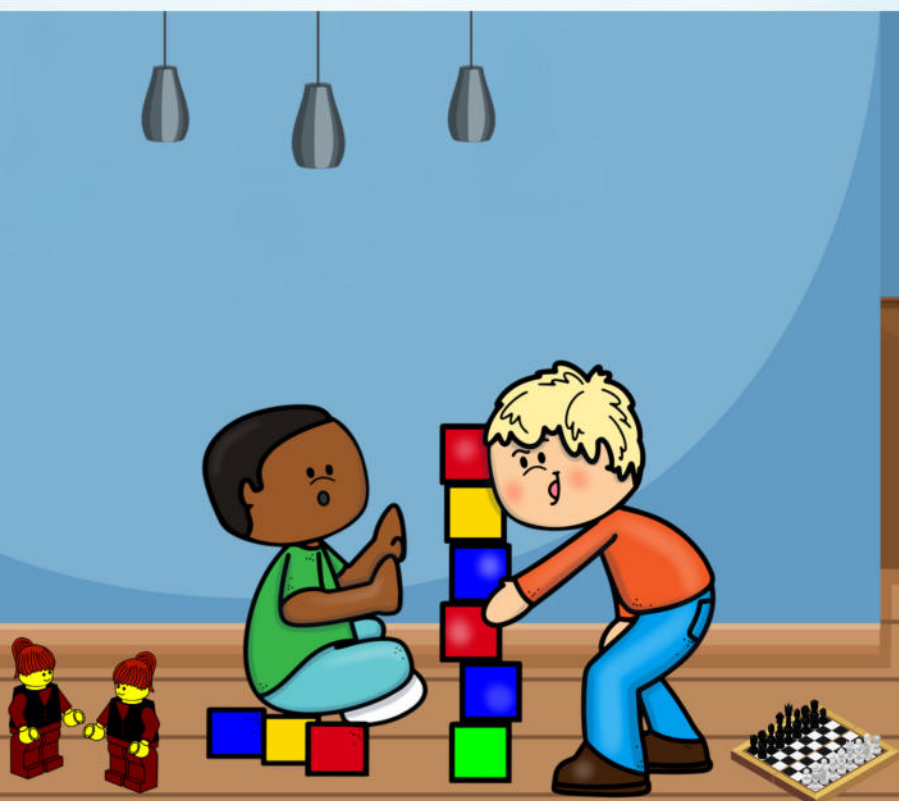


Like Jesus,
I will wait for my turn.
I can pass the ball from me to you.

Waiting for my turn to play,
Is more fun and easier.
We can even smile and laugh while we wait.



I will not try to stop what you are doing,
Like when you are stacking up blocks,
Or building a train or railway,
Or even just mixing colours on paper.



I can sit still and watch you play,
I can learn one or two things as I watch,
I will wait until I can join in and play.

I know you won't keep me waiting,
You want to be nice to me,
Just like I am being nice to you.



I won't get angry if you want to join me,
Or keep my toys far away from you,
Why? It's more fun if we play together

Sharing my toys with you,
Is one way to be nice,
To show I love and care about you.



Like Jesus,
I can use my words in a kind way.
“Would you like this car?” I can ask,
“Or do you prefer a bear or a doll?”

Playing nicely like Jesus,
Is what I want to do.
It shows I love and care,
Just like Jesus loves and cares for me and you!





About the book.

When children come together to play, we hope they'll treat each other with kindness and respect. But sometimes, that's not always easy.

In *I can play nicely like Jesus*, kids will learn what it means to play with love and care, just like Jesus. Through simple, heartwarming examples, children will be encouraged to treat one another with kindness during playtime, fostering friendships and cooperation.

This book is part of the *Like Jesus* series, where children discover important lessons from Bible stories in a fun, easy-to-read format.

Other books by the author.

1. Dear God, Your love is the best!
 2. My emotions and God
 3. I can praise God
 4. ABCs of nighttime talk with God
 5. God, help me to be patient
 6. Looking for Larry
 7. I can be kind like Jesus
 8. I can be calm like Jesus
 9. No hat, no play
 10. Beth's graduation speech
 11. Mr. Denver needs a helping hand
 12. No drama on Saturday
- and more!



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Harriet is passionate about godly parenting and wants to see kids thrive in a godly home. Through her writing, she hopes to offer biblically-sound resources to teachers, parents and caregivers, so they can in turn, help their kids to develop a growing faith in Jesus, and real love for God.

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