

Smile, Jesus Loves You! 😊

Children's Puppet Show Script

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Characters:

Bernard

Sedwig

Bernard: *(By himself, singing)*

Nobody loves me,
Everybody hates me,
I'm gonna eat some worms;
Big, fat juicy ones,
Little tender, slender one.
I'm gonna eat some worms.

Sedwig: *(Enters stage)* Hey, Bernard! I don't think worms would taste so good. Besides, what makes you think nobody loves you?

Bernard: Ah, Sedwig! I don't know. I guess I was just thinkin' about my new library book, *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*. *(Holds up book)* Maybe I'm just havin' an Alexander "kinda" day.

Sedwig: Just 'cause you're havin' a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day doesn't mean nobody loves you.

Bernard: I'll bet Alexander doesn't think so.

Sedwig: C'mon, Bernard. Didn't ya hear what Mr. McGooberschnitzel was sayin' at church last week? Ya must've heard him; we were both sittin' right next to him.

Bernard: Yeah, yeah. I heard him alright. It's kinda hard for anyone in a half a mile not to hear him. *(Mockingly in a loud and old sounding voice)* "Smile, Jesus loves you!"

Sedwig: So, how come you're thinkin' about eatin' worms, when Jesus loves you?

Bernard: I wasn't actually gonna eat any. I was just singin' a silly ol' song, that's all.

Sedwig: Yeah, okay. But, really Bernard, don't ya know, I mean really know, that Jesus loves you? In fact, isn't that your favorite song at church?

(Sings)

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so...

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Bernard: Yeah, Sedwig, I guess so. I just sure didn't feel loved at home this mornin'.

Sedwig: Hey, Bernard, that was another thing Mr. McGooberschnitzel was sayin'! He was sayin' we can't trust our feelin's 'cause feelin's can change. BUT, God's love NEVER changes, so we need to always trust that Jesus loves us, even when we don't feel loved.

Bernard: Yeah, I guess so. But it sure "woulda" been nice if someone at home loved me this mornin'. My big sister, Suzabelle, "musta" told me a hundred million times this mornin' that my bein' born was a big mistake. That doesn't sound like love to me.

Sedwig: C'mon, Bernard. You know how big sisters can be. Besides, since when does Suzabelle know better than God? Nobody's ever born by mistake, 'cause God's the One who makes everybody, and He never makes a mistake. In fact, Psalm 139 says, "You created the deepest parts of my being. You put me together inside my mother's body. How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that."

How 'bout a double "in fact," Bernard?! John 1 says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made." Did you know that the "Word" and the "He" and the "Him" is Jesus? Since the Bible says, "...without Jesus nothing was made that was made," that means Jesus made you!

AND, it gets even better than that! Jesus loves you so much that He not only made you, but He also died for you. Now, that's real love! John 15 says, "No one has greater love than the one who gives his life for his friends."

AAANNND, not only that, Jesus didn't just die for you, but He also rose from the dead so that if you believe, and if you ask God to forgive you for the things you do that are against Him, you can live with Him forever in heaven some day!!!

Bernard: Ahhh, Sedwig, you're startin' to sound a lot like Mr. McGooberschnitzel. But maybe that's not such a bad thing. Ya sure did give me a lot to think about.

Sedwig: Ah, Bernard, that's what friends are for!

Bernard: Hey, Sedwig, let's sing a song!

Sedwig: I'll bet I know which one!

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Bernard & Sedwig: *(Singing together)*

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.