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Hey Kids!



Here's a special poem called ***Ring Around the World***.

Ring around the world
Taking hands together
All across the temperate
And the torrid weather.
Past the royal palm-trees
By the ocean sand
Make a ring around the world
Taking each other's hand:
In the valleys, on the hill,
Over the prairie spaces,
There's a ring around the world
Made of children's friendly faces.

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Imagine making a ring around the world by holding hands with all the children of the world!

There would be boys and girls of all different shapes, sizes and colors. There would be a lot of new names to learn, unique clothes to admire, and many languages to hear. However, one thing would be the same among all the children. Can you guess what that would be?

All the boys and girls would be children of God.

Each and every child around the world is loved by God equally. Isn't that amazing and wonderful? It's certainly something to smile about!

"Beloved, we are God's children now." 1 John 3:2



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What's in a Name?

Children in a ring around the world would have a variety of names with special meanings. Look up the following people in the Bible to discover what their names mean:

Ishmael – Genesis 16:11
Eve – Genesis 3:20
Jesus – Matthew 1:21
Cain – Genesis 4:1
Noah – Genesis 5:29
Sarah – Genesis 17:16
Mara – Ruth 1:20
Reuben – Genesis 29:32
Loammi – Hosea 1:9
Emmanuel – Matthew 1:23

Illustrate the Poem

In the space below, draw a "ring around the world made of children's friendly faces."

A Prayer

Dear God,
Thank you for loving all the children of the world and
thank you for loving me.
Amen.