

JESUS LIKED TO RUN AND PLAY

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A good friend
always plays fair - takes turns - never cheats
includes others - uses kind words - Is encouraging
is never a bully - isn't bossy - doesn't sulk if they don't win.



Just like any child, Jesus would have loved to run, play and have fun with all his friends in the town of Nazareth where he grew up.



He would have enjoyed happy times swimming and splashing around in the river, or sea, with them on a hot day.



Other children would have loved playing with Jesus because he was never mean, or bossy. No one got left out when Jesus was playing.



Jesus would have looked after
his little brothers and sisters
when his mother Mary was busy,
and taken good care of them.



Jesus loved to dance and sing.
He knew the psalms and songs
his ancestor King David wrote
that are written in the Bible.



But sometimes Jesus liked to be by himself. He loved being alone with the sheep. They knew his voice and they followed Him.



Jesus often spent time alone
talking to his Heavenly Father.
God was always with Him.
God is always with me too.