

I LOVE CHEEZ ITS!



Our snack today is a reminder of a dear friend of mine. His name is Michael. Michael was always a busy guy—full of life and joy. One day he came to church so excited about something that he couldn't wait to tell me.

"I love Cheez Its!" Michael said with a big smile on his face. I smiled back and told Michael, "I like Cheez Its, too." That didn't seem to satisfy Michael, so he said it again a little stronger, "I love Cheez Its!" I smiled again, and told Michael that I liked Cheese Its, too.

I could tell that Michael was getting frustrated with me. I was definitely missing something very important that he was trying to tell me. What could it be? I prayed quietly that God would help me understand.

"No." Michael said again. "I - love - Cheez its!" A light went off inside my head. Michael wasn't trying to tell me about his favorite snack, Michael was trying to share the most important message of all—I love Jesus!! I gave Michael a big hug, and told him that I loved Jesus, too! Michael smiled and hugged me back.

Every time I see Cheez Its, I remember Michael and this story. There are people all around that are different than you and me. Maybe you're like me and have a hard time understanding what other people are saying, or maybe it's something else. There are things that make each of us different from each other. But there are also things that we each have in common; everyone in the whole wide world is made in God's image, and God loves them very much!

God wants us to share His love with others—by what we say and what we do. If you don't know what to say or do, pray and ask Jesus. He will help you, just like He helped me understand Michael.

I pray that you will enjoy these Cheez It's today, and say right along with Michael, "I love Jesus!" Then share the extra bag with someone you know and tell them that Jesus loves them, too.



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