

# WE'RE NUMBER ONE!



**Message:** We're all #1 in God's eyes

**Scripture:** John 3:16

**Props:** Pieces of paper with the #1 on each (folded up or put into envelopes)

If you were to stand in line for ice cream, would you want to be first or last? I think most people want to be first. Most people like to be #1. Even sports teams. When they win they put their finger in the air and go, "We're number one. We're number one." And sometimes the fans will wear those big foam "#1" fingers.

I brought some numbers for all of you today. They're all folded up, and I'm going to give one to each of you. You could get #1 or you could get #2 or you could get #25. But don't open them up yet. Wait until I tell you. *(Pass out numbers to each child.)*

Are you ready to see what number you got? OK. Ready, set open! Who got #1? You did? And you did? What? Everybody got #1? Well, there's a reason for that: It's because we're all #1 in God's eyes. Each one of us is the most important person to God. John 3:16 says that God so loved the world (that means all of us) that He gave us Jesus Christ to be our savior. Even if you were the only person in the world who ever sinned, He would still have sent Jesus – just for you. Because in God's eyes, you're #1. *(Point to each child in turn.)* And you're #1, and you're #1, and you're #1!

Let's pray about that. Thank you, Father, that each one of us is #1 in your eyes. Help us to make sure that you are #1 in our eyes. We pray this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

*(Note: This message was inspired by a daily devotional written by Marion Turnbull that appeared in the August, 2005 issue of "Our Daily Bread.")*