

# Jesus Loves Me:

## The Music Box Story

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After my mother heard me tell the story of a Rwandan orphan girl singing "Jesus Loves Me," she was inspired. This little girl was one of tens of thousands of children in Rwanda who had witnessed the murder of their



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parents. And yet, she held on to her faith in Jesus Christ and the simple message of the song, *Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so* . . .

Mama, who is the Honorary Chairman of Operation Christmas Child, had an idea—to send music boxes that play "Jesus Loves Me" to children around the world. Music boxes with the lyrics printed in five different languages. Music boxes. To comfort precious children. And they did . . .



Nothing could reach little Tanya—except the sound of "Jesus Loves Me."



Carmen's face radiated joy as she listened to her music box.

. . . in Croatia, where Sanella, 11, sat in a wheelchair, paralyzed from the waist down. A team member tells the story: "It was heartbreaking to see her bitterness. She wouldn't accept a shoe box—she pulled away angrily. She wouldn't smile. Then someone gently touched her hand and gave her a music box. When I looked back, she was smiling, responding."

. . . in Romania, where five-year-old Carmen, one of Romania's 150,000 orphans, beamed as she held a music box to her ear.

. . . in Belarus, where Tanya, two, lay in a crib, unresponsive to words or touch. Someone wound up a music box and held it to Tanya's ear. Immediately, she broke into a huge smile and began to giggle.

. . . in Bosnia, where a little boy's eyes grew wide with wonder as he heard the tune *Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so*. 🎵