

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 200: JESUS AND THE CHILDREN
MARK 10:13-16

People brought their small children to Jesus so that he could lay his hands on them to bless them. But the disciples told the people to stop bringing their children to him. Jesus saw what happened. He did not like his disciples telling the children not to come. So he said to them, "Let the little children come to me. Don't stop them, because God's kingdom belongs to people who are like these little children. I tell you the truth, unless you accept God's kingdom like a little child accepts things, you will never enter it." Then Jesus held the children in his arms. He laid his hands on them and blessed them.

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“Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; because God’s kingdom belongs to people who are like these children.’” **MARK 10:14**

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Jesus loved little children. When their parents brought them to Him,
He took them in His arms and blessed them.

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MEMORY VERSE:

"...Let the children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for such is the kingdom of Heaven." **MARK 10:14**

Review Questions

True or False

1. People brought their old grandparents to Jesus so that He could lay hands on them and bless them.
2. But the disciples told them to stop.
3. When Jesus saw what they were doing, He did not like the disciples telling the children not to come.
4. Jesus told them, "Keep the children away from me."
5. Jesus said, "God's kingdom belongs to people who are like these little children."

Questions

1. Why did the parents bring their children to Jesus?
2. What did the disciples tell the parents?
3. Was Jesus happy when He saw the disciples telling the people to stop bringing their children to Him?
4. Who did Jesus say God's kingdom belongs to?
5. What did Jesus say would happen if people didn't accept God's kingdom like the little children accept things? Would they ever see it?
6. What did Jesus do to the little children?

Lesson 200 Activity

Draw a Kingdom

Have each child in your class draw what they think the kingdom of heaven looks like. Many of them will draw what they imagine heaven to be. Let them draw for a while and survey their pictures.

When they are done, tell them they have done a really good job, but now you are going to draw the real picture of the kingdom of God on the chalkboard.

Draw for them a large heart. Write the name “Jesus” inside the heart and explain to the class that the kingdom of God is in each and every heart that has given itself completely to Jesus. Have your class turn their papers over and copy what you have drawn on the chalkboard on their pieces of paper.

Optional – Stamp of Love

With WASHABLE red marker (Crayola washable markers work great!), write on each child’s palm:

I love you!

-Jesus Christ

You can do this inside the shape of a heart also. If you want to get real creative, you can create a stamp cut out of a potato half. If you would rather not stamp on their hands, just have them stamp or draw on a blank sheet of paper.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for the great love that Jesus has shown each of us in His sacrifice on the cross. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them opportunity to do so.