

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 202: WHO IS THE GREATEST?
MATTHEW 18:1-6

About that time the followers came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in God's kingdom?" Jesus called a little child to come to him. He stood the child in front of the followers. Then he said, "The truth is, you must change your thinking and become like little children. If you don't do this, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. The greatest person in God's kingdom is the one who makes himself humble like this child. "Whoever accepts a little child like this in my name is accepting me. If one of these little children believes in Me, and someone causes that child to sin, it would be better for them to have a millstone tied around his neck and he was drowned in the deep sea."

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MEMORY VERSE:

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Review Questions

True or False

1. At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is the least in the kingdom of heaven?"
2. Then Jesus called a little child to Him, and set him in the midst of them.
3. Jesus said, "Unless you are changed and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."
4. Jesus said, "Whoever receives one grownup man like this in My name receives Me."
5. But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were drowned in the deep sea."

Questions

1. The disciples came to Jesus and asked him, "Who is the _____ in the kingdom of heaven?" (Fill in the blank)
2. What did Jesus do when the disciples asked Him who was the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
3. What did Jesus say about the little child? "Whoever _____ himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." (fill in the blank)
4. Jesus said whoever receives one little child like this in His name receives who?
5. What did Jesus say was better to happen to someone who caused a little child that believed in Him to sin?

Lesson 202 Activity

Mother, May I?

Have your kids stand up in class to play a game of “Mother, May I?”

As your children become eliminated for not saying “Mother, may I?” have them sit down. The last child left standing is the winner. You can play a couple of rounds of this game depending on your time. When you have completed the game, ask your children some questions about humility and submission. For example, “What did you need to do to stay in the game?” ...say, “Mother, May I?” “What happened if you didn’t say, ‘Mother, May I?’” “...We had to sit down.”

“When we do something wrong, what do we have to do to repent?”

“...Ask for forgiveness.”

“What happens if we don’t humble ourselves and repent?”

“...We don’t have forgiveness.”

Explain to your class that we have to do things God’s way. Humbling ourselves before the Lord and asking forgiveness is the only repentance acceptable to God.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to be good examples to their friends and families. Also have them pray for their parents. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them opportunity to do so.