

Bible Lesson

12. Jesus Loves the Little Children

Matthew 19; Mark 10; Luke 18



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Matthew 19:14

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Parents ran to Jesus with their babies and children. Many moms and dads pushed close to Jesus.

“Jesus, bless our children,” they said.

“Jesus, lay your hands on my little boy,” said a mother.

“Jesus, pray for my little girl,” said a father.

The disciples saw this. They scolded the parents. “Go away!” the disciples said. Jesus was upset.

“Let the little children come to me,” Jesus said. “Do not stop them.

God’s kingdom belongs to them. People who are like children are mine. You must be like them. Accept God’s kingdom or you will never enter it.”

Then Jesus took the children in his arms. He laid his hands on them and blessed them.

The moms and dads smiled. The boys and girls gave Jesus a big hug. Everyone went home happy.

Questions

1. What did Jesus say about children?
2. How does Jesus feel about children?
3. How does Jesus feel about you?

Pray this Prayer:

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for thinking that I am so important. I know that you love me. This is how I feel about you:

Amen

Write your name in the heart. Write ways that you can come to Jesus.

“Let



come to me.



Story S-t-r-e-tch-ing

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Show students where the story is in the Bible. Use the Bible references above the illustration.

Before you read:

Activate Prior Knowledge

a) How does it feel to be a kid? Do you ever feel less important than adults? When?

b) If anyone ever tried to stop a child from coming to Jesus, what do you think he would say?

c) Who gets into heaven first... the biggest, strongest, richest, most confident person? Or the smallest, weakest, poorest, most humble?

After you read:

The Best News of All

Make copies of page 5 "Jesus Loves Me" so that each child has the top to keep and the other to give. Tape a piece of candy and an invitation to church on the give copy. Share the news with a smile.

Jesus Said It AND Proved It

Do you know people who are full of talk but not much action? Jesus was more action than talk and his actions spoke loud and clear... I love you! After each of these lines, have a different child stand up and say "Jesus loves me." Jesus left his throne in heaven because... Jesus let himself be born as a baby in a dirty stable because... Jesus never paid back evil for evil to show me how to act because... Jesus healed the sick and he heals today because... Jesus walked on tired feet from town to town to tell everyone the great news that... Jesus endured crowds who hated him and went to the cross because... Jesus died a painful death to take away my sins because... Jesus rose up from the dead. He is the first one, and I will rise to eternal life all because... God left his message in the Bible to remind me that ...

In Every Tongue

Christianity shines brighter than all the other religions in the world. One of the best parts is the message from the Old Testament to the New Testament that God loves us. See kids singing "Jesus Loves Me" in other languages: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tgaNt0saGEI>



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You are special and important and I love you. Isaiah 43:4

The Lord chose you because he loves you. Deuteronomy 7:7-8

I have loved you with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:3

God loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son (Jesus), so that whoever believes in Him may not die but have everlasting life. John 3:16

How great is the love the Father has poured upon us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are.

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Remember, Rejoice!

Write "Jesus loves me" to complete each sentence. Try to make your handwriting match the font.

On bad days when everything seems to go wrong, I will remember that...

On great days when I am thankful, I will count my blessings and remember that...

When I feel sad like God has forgotten me, I will remember that...

When I am lonely and feel that no one really cares about me, I will remember that...

When I have done wrong, I will remind myself that God is never done with me. I will say I am sorry and remember that...

In scary times when I am afraid of tomorrow or the future, I will take a big sigh of relief. I know that I am never alone and that...