

JESUS LOVES CHILDREN

Mark 10:13-16

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the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” ¹⁵ I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Why were people bringing children to Jesus?
5		2.) What did Jesus' disciples do when the children came to Him?
5		3.) What did Jesus tell his disciples?
5		4.) Why do you think Jesus took the children in his arms and blessed them?

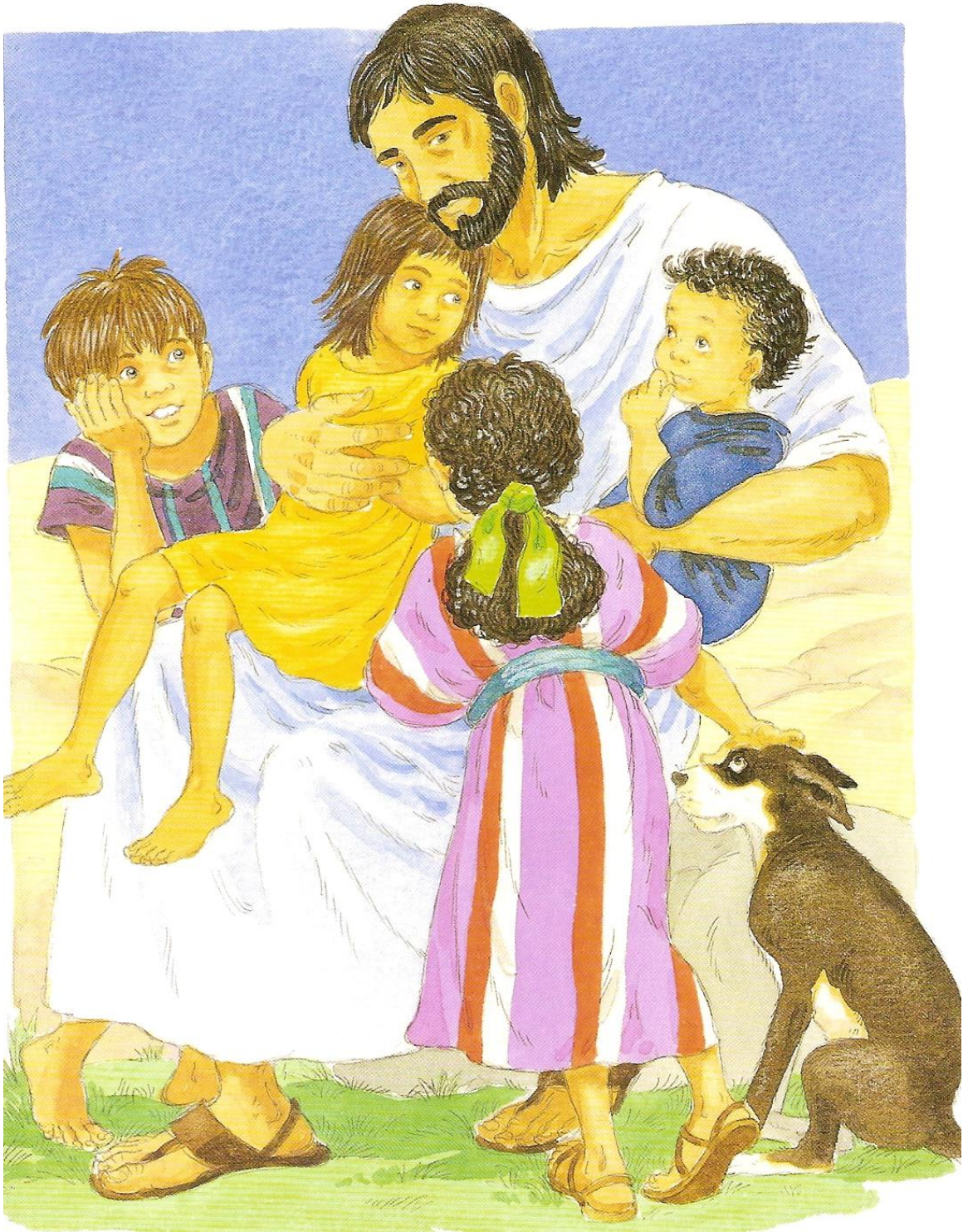
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		"...Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE __/__/__

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Jesus did not want his disciples to keep the children away from him

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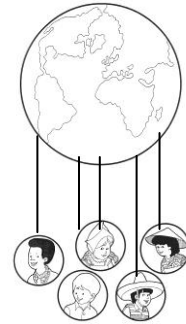
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: CHILDREN OF THE WORLD MOBILES

Students will make a mobile of the world representing diverse ethnicities. This will help children remember that Jesus loves all the children of the world.

MATERIALS

1. White 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Children of the World Mobile Pattern
3. Hole Punch
4. Yarn
5. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
6. Scissors



DIRECTIONS

1. Copy a “Children of the World Mobile Pattern” for each student on 67 lb. Cardstock.
2. Have students color the world and children with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
3. Allow students to cut out each piece of the mobile.
4. Help students punch holes in each piece of the mobile.
5. Tie small pieces of yarn from the world to each of the children.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their mobiles, remind them of how Jesus loved the children so much that he told his disciples to let the children come to him. Help students understand that Jesus used this opportunity to teach his disciples that entering the kingdom of God means accepting God’s truths and his Son through faith. Children are most responsive to the idea of truly believe in something they cannot see (which is the definition of faith). Much like they believe in Santa Claus, the Tooth Fairy, or the Easter Bunny, children have little difficulty believing in God. This story illustrates how adults should believe like children.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 20 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

“...Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

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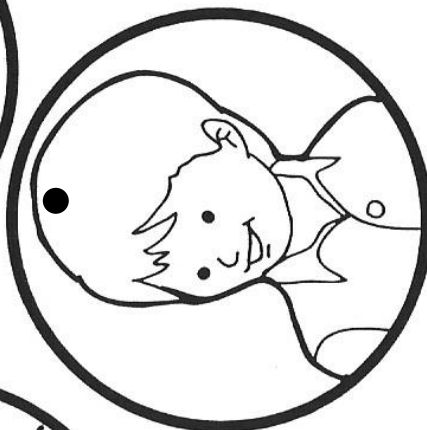
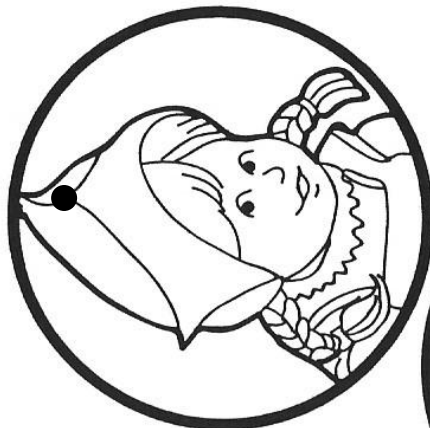
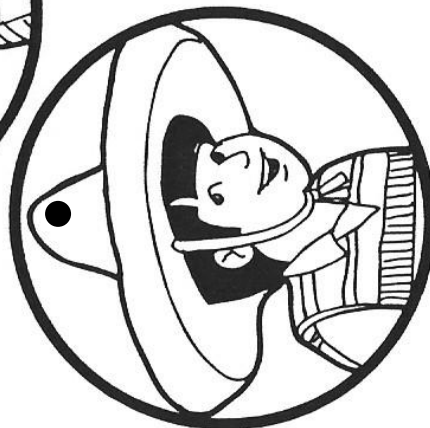
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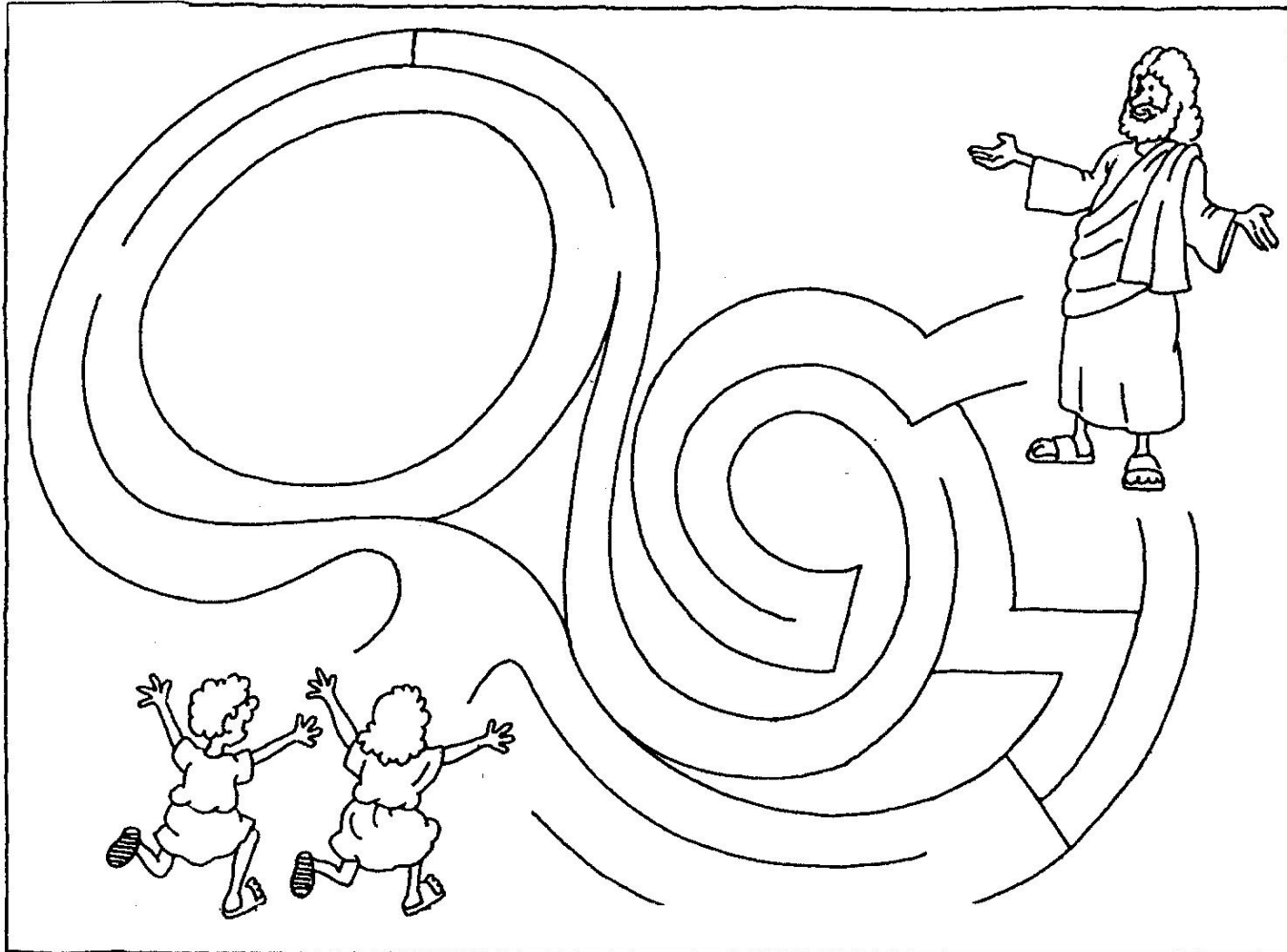
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Help the children find their way to Jesus.



Many parents brought their children to Jesus. They wanted Jesus to touch their children and bless them. The disciples thought Jesus was too busy to see the children so they tried to stop the parents from coming. But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

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Jesus loved everyone, especially children. He showed it through his words and actions. Can you tell what Jesus is saying to these kids by matching the letters to the blanks below?



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Circle 11 things wrong with this picture.

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON MARK 10:13-16

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People from all over were bringing little children to Jesus. They wanted Jesus to touch them, but the

disciples rebuked them.

Jesus was not happy with his disciples. He told them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

So Jesus took the children in his arms, put his hands on them, and blessed them.

For additional details about this story, please read Mark 10:13-16 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. Why were people bringing children to Jesus?
2. What did Jesus' disciples do when the children came to Him?
3. What did Jesus tell his disciples?
4. Why do you think Jesus took the children in his arms and blessed them?

MEMORY VERSE

"...Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Mark 10:14

FINISH THE PICTURE



Ideas For Home:

Today your child learned that Jesus loves children.

1. Have your child finish coloring this book.
2. Help your child learn the *Memory Verse*.
3. Practice the *Bible Story Rhyme*.
4. Read and discuss the bible story with your child.
5. Explain that Jesus loves your child. Discuss ways that your child can show love for others.

Bible Story Mini Book

Jesus Loves Children

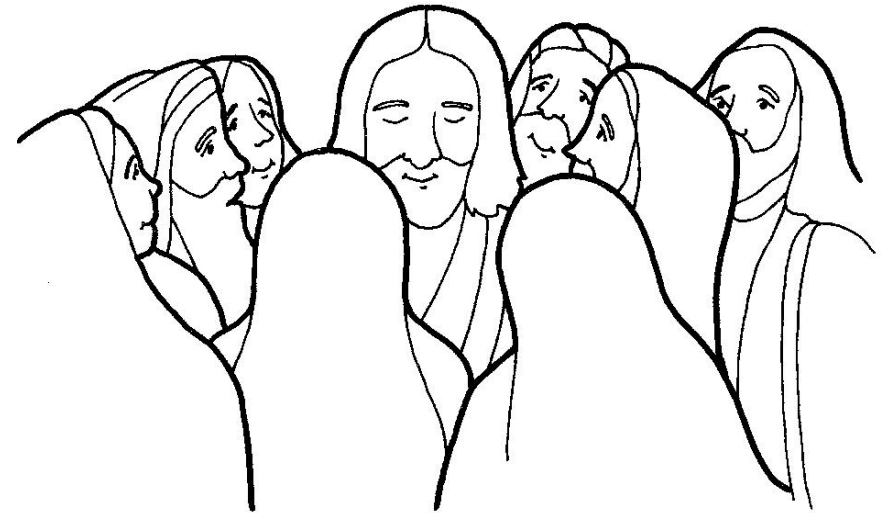


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Jesus told his disciples to let the children come to him.



Many people were around Jesus hoping to be healed.

Memory Verse

“...let the little children come to me...”
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Bible Story Rhyme

Jesus loves each girl and boy,
(Cross arms over heart)

For they bring him lots of joy.
(Place both pointer fingers on either side of your smile)



People also brought
their children for Jesus
to touch.

Have You Ever Sinned?

The Bible teaches that we have *all* sinned and do not measure up to God's glory. It also teaches that the price for sin is death which separates us from God. But even though we are sinners, Christ died for us and paid the price for our sin. We just need to ask him to forgive us and receive his free gift of salvation. Just pray this prayer, with a sincere heart, and Jesus will forgive you of your sins. You will become a child of God and live with Him in heaven.

“Dear Jesus,

Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and savior. In your name I pray, Amen.”



Jesus' disciples tried to keep the children away from Jesus.

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PRESCHOOL GAME

Supplies: None

This game will help children know how much Jesus loved little children.

Say: One day Jesus had many little children come to him. Some of the older people, called disciples, didn't like the little children getting so close, but Jesus loved the little children.

Get the children into a circle with one person acting as Jesus in the middle. Use more than one circle if you have more than six preschoolers. Have them hold hands and stretch their circle out until their arms are extended.

Have the children walk in a circle around Jesus as they sing this song to the tune of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie?":

Have you ever seen Jesus,

Seen Jesus, seen Jesus;

Have you ever seen Jesus

Turn children away?

He loves us (*walk in close to Jesus*),

We love him (*take backward steps to enlarge the circle*),

He loves us (*walk in close to Jesus*),

We love him. (*Take backward steps to enlarge the circle.*)

Have you ever seen Jesus (*walk in a circle around Jesus again*)

Turn children away?

When children come into the center of the circle, they can gently give Jesus a hug. Let Jesus pick another child to be in the center to continue play.

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PRESCHOOL BIBLE STORY RHYME



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