

Children's Church Lesson: Jesus Blesses the Children

Bible Story: Mark 10:13-16

Key Verse: "Let the little children come to me." (Mark 10:14)

Lesson Focus: Jesus loves and cares for all children.

Lesson Plan

1. **Welcome and Opening Prayer:**
 - Begin with a prayer, thanking Jesus for loving and caring for each child and asking Him to help them understand how special they are to Him.
 2. **Bible Story** (Mark 10:13-16):
 - **Tell the story** of how people brought little children to Jesus for blessings, but His disciples tried to stop them. Jesus told His disciples to let the children come to Him because the Kingdom of God belongs to them.
 - Use a gentle, engaging tone to emphasize how much Jesus loves and values children.
 - Visual aids or role-playing can help children understand the story better. You can ask one child to pretend to be Jesus and others to be the children, showing how Jesus welcomed and blessed them.
 3. **Key Verse:**
 - Practice saying the key verse: "Let the little children come to me." (Mark 10:14).
 - Explain that Jesus loves every child and wants them to come to Him because they are special to Him.
 4. **Discussion:**
 - Ask the children:
 - How did Jesus treat the children in the story?
 - Why do you think Jesus wanted the children to come to Him?
 - How does it feel to know that Jesus loves you?
 - What can we do to show others that Jesus loves them too?
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Activities:

1. **Jesus Loves the Little Children Craft:**
 - **Supplies:** Paper, crayons or markers, stickers, heart cutouts.
 - **Instructions:**
 - Give each child a sheet of paper with a simple drawing of Jesus and children.
 - Have them color in the picture and add stickers or heart cutouts to represent Jesus' love for the children.

- As they work, remind them that Jesus cares for all children, no matter where they are or who they are.

