

Story 3 : Jesus loves the little children

Main Bible verse
[Matthew 19:14]

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me.
Don't keep them away.
The kingdom of heaven belongs to people like them."

Jesus arrived in a Jewish village with his disciples to preach the Word of the Kingdom of God.

Wherever Jesus went crowds gathered.

Among them were parents who had brought their young children with them.

The children were so excited at the thought of meeting Jesus! There He is! Jesus is over there!

The children jumped up and rushed to Jesus' side.

But when the children tried to get closer to Jesus, the disciples blocked them and their parents.

Jesus, who had seen everything, scolded the disciples.

"Let the little children come to me! Do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to those like these children! My dear disciples, I tell you the truth, you must receive the kingdom of God like a little child - if you do not, you will never enter it." Jesus was welcoming of little children.

He would hold them in his arms and place His hand on them and bless them. Wherever He went,

Jesus was welcoming of children - He did not think of them as disruptive.

He loved them and was very fond of them.



Activity 1.

Answer the following questions.

a. Why did Jesus say not to keep children away from him?

b. What did Jesus do with the children who came to him?

c. Read Matthew 19:13-15 and answer: What did parents want when they brought their children to Jesus?

● **Read and memorize the Bible verse. (Matthew 19:14)**

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Activity 2.

Which way should children choose to meet Jesus?

Choose one number from 1–10 that will allow you to meet Jesus. Go from left to right and when you meet a vertical line, move up or down until you meet Jesus.

