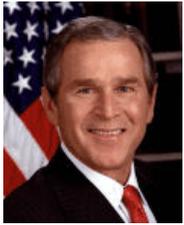


Jesus and the Children

Matthew 18:1-6; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 9:46-48



Draw a circle around the picture of the person that you think is the most important person.



Today we will hear what Jesus says about being an important person.

The Story

As the disciples were with Jesus one day, they started arguing. They wanted to know who was the most important. Jesus knew what they were thinking.

The disciples asked him, "Who is best in heaven?"

Then Jesus picked up a little child. He said, "Become like children, or you will never go to heaven. Whoever is like a little child is best in heaven. Treat little children like you treat me. The smallest are the greatest to me.

Whoever tricks a little one

to sin has sinned so badly that it would be better if a big rock was tied around his neck and he was thrown into the sea to drown.

Another time, babies were brought to Jesus. The disciples told them the people with the babies to go away.

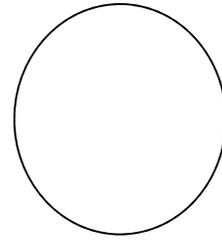
Jesus didn't like what He saw. He said, "I want little children to come to Me. Do not make them go away. The kingdom of heaven is made for them too. Older people should believe like little children do."

Then He touched the little

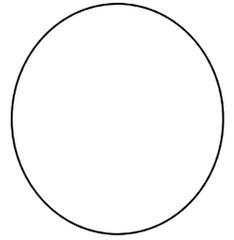
children and blessed them.

Activity One - Draw faces to answer these questions.

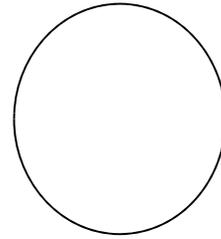
How did Jesus feel about the children?



How did the disciples feel about the children?



How did the children feel about Jesus?



Activity Two - Look at the first page of the lesson.

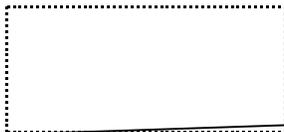
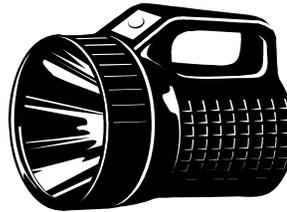
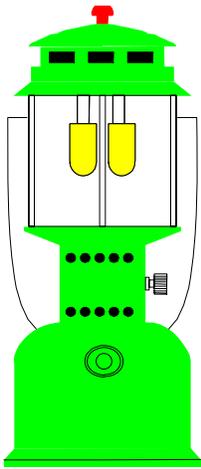
- Color the three people that Jesus said are very important.
- What makes little children so important?
- How can an adult become like a little child?

Prayer

Thank You, God, for giving me Your Word, the Bible. Thank you, Jesus, for taking all my sins away. Amen.

Activity Three - Cut out the words and glue them to the picture.

Matthew 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."



feet

light

lamp

path