

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

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

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 him and he was thrown into the river 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.

Passage

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Matthew 119:105



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Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

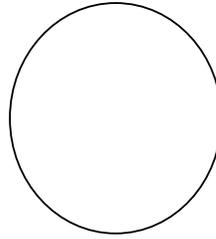
Prayer

Thank You, God, for giving me Your Word, the Bible. Thank You, Jesus, for taking all my sins away and making me one of Your children. Amen.

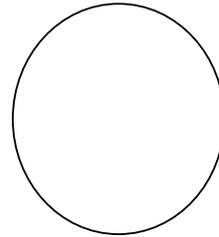


Classroom Activity - Help the children draw faces to answer these questions.

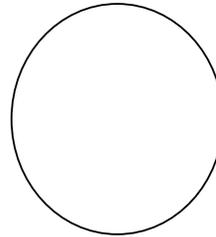
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How did the disciples feel about the children?

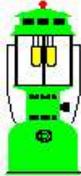


How did the children feel about Jesus?

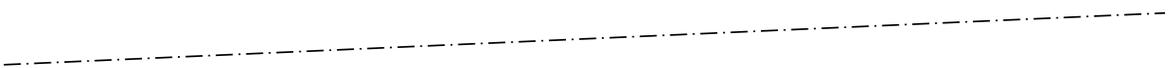


Classroom Activity - Help the children trace the two paths for this girl. Help them learn the passage using the pictures.



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Classroom Art Activity - Help the children color the poster below. Add ribbon, fabric, buttons, glitter, etc. to make the children stand out. Help the children say and sing the hymn.



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