

# Jesus and the Children

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



## The Story

The disciples argued about who was best. Jesus knew what they were thinking.

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

Then Jesus picked up a little child. He said, "Unless you are converted and become just like children, you will never go to heaven. Whoever treats a little child well, treats Me the same way and whoever treats Me kindly treats the Father the same way. Whoever is least among you will be great. But whoever tricks one of these little ones to sin is in big trouble. It would be better for him to have a huge stone around his neck, and to drown in the deep sea.

Another time, they also brought babies to Jesus so He could hold them and pray for them. The disciples saw the people bring the children and told them 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. Whoever does not have a child-like faith, will not be in heaven." And He touched the little children and blessed them.

## Review

1. Color the people who were mad.
2. Why were they mad?
3. Color the people Jesus was happy to meet.
4. Why was He happy to meet them?
5. Color the person who took away our sins so we can go to heaven.
6. Why did He die for us?

## Activity - Complete the Crossword Puzzle below.

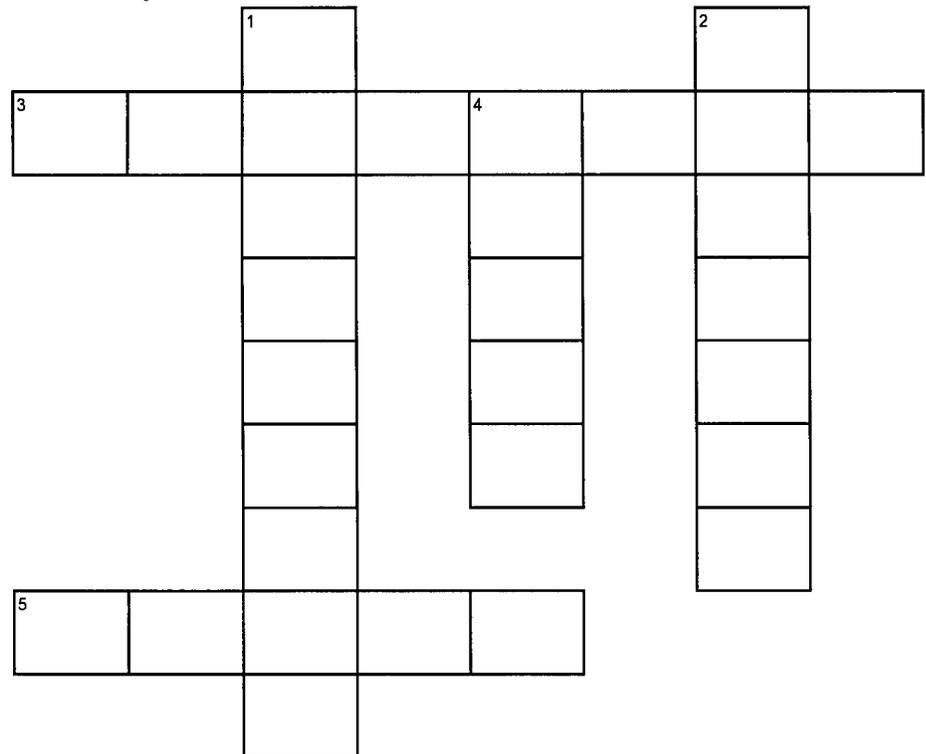
### Across

- Whom did Jesus touch and bless?
- What did the people want Jesus to do for the children?

### Down

- Who didn't want the children to come to Jesus?
- Little children can also \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus.
- What would happen to people in the sea with stones around their necks?

## Activity



## Passages

Mark 10:14 - Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God."

Psalms 119:105 - Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

## Hymn - TLH 627 v. 1, 2, 4

Gracious Savior, gentle Shepherd,  
Children all are dear to Thee;  
Gathered with Thine arms and carried  
In Thy bosom may they be;  
Sweetly, fondly, safely, tended,  
From all want and danger free.

Tender Shepherd, never leave them,  
Never let them go astray;  
By Thy warning love directed,  
May they walk the narrow way!  
Thus direct them, thus defend them,  
Lest they fall an easy prey.

Let Thy holy Word instruct them;  
Fill their minds with heavenly light;  
Let Thy powerful grace constrain them  
To approve whate'er is right;  
Let them feel Thy yoke is easy,  
Let them prove Thy burden light.

## Talking to Jesus

Thank You, God, for loving little children.  
Thank You for sending Jesus.  
Thank You Jesus for Your blessing.  
Help us to live as Your children. Amen.