Beginners Church Sunday 7th March 2021

Music

"Jesus loves the little children" https://youtu.be/EFtLkqs3Tlk



Prayer

A Child's Prayer Of Thanks Dear God, I'm thankful For all You give: For food, For love, A place to live. I thank you for my family too And I want you to know that I love you. rachellogo.com Amen.

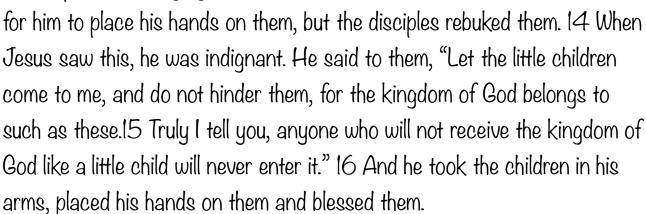
Lesson objective

Today we're going to see that God thinks children are super important!

Bible reference

Mark 10 v 13-16

13 People were bringing little children to Jesus



Mark 9 v 33-34, 36-37

33 They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" 34 But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.
36 He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, 37 "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

Intro

There are lots of times when we might get into arguments over who's turn it is, who is first in the line or who did the best. In today's story we see that even the disciples argued over who was most important! In Jesus' time a lot of people didn't think that children were very important, but that's not what Jesus thought!



Where ever Jesus went, people loved to follow him and listen to his stories and ask him questions. This time, there were lots of mummies and daddies bringing their children to see Jesus, but his disciples thought that



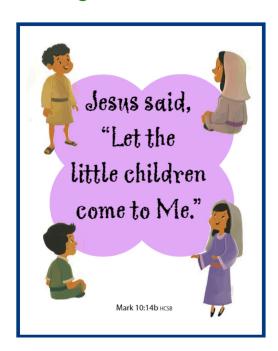
Jesus was too busy with the gown ups and seeing the children wasn't as important. But Jesus didn't like that one bit! He gave the disciples a bit of a telling off and told them not to stop the children coming to him.

Jesus had to teach everyone why children are important: He said that they know best how to trust God. If grown ups trusted God the way children do, it would be easier for them to know how to get to heaven!

Sometimes people think they are more important to God than others, but God wants everyone at any age to love him and trust him, and he thinks children are great!!

Bible story https://youtu.be/1YgoGdf-nCO

Memory verse



Quiz

- In one of the verses in the Bible it says Jesus was "indignant". That means he was cross. Why do you think he was so cross? (He didn't want the disciples to stop the children coming to Him)
- 2. Did Jesus think that answering questions was more important than blessing the children? (No)
- 3. What did Jesus do with the children? (He hugged them and blessed them)
- 4. Do you think Gods love is just for grown ups? (No! God loves everyone of every age!)

Think

Jesus often used children as an example of faith. Jesus was willing to take time to spend with children. This story helps us remember how very important children are to Jesus, even today.

Music

"God loves me" https://youtu.be/XRJvszcrTLs





Colouring page

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You could also try making and decorating some paper chain children!

