

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME

Bible Study Study Guide

People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms and blessed them." (Mark 10:13–16 NIV).

What does the Bible teach about little children? How did Jesus feel about little children? Let's dig into the Scriptures and learn together.

Luke 18:15: People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them.

- 1. What other words are used to describe children?
- 2. What did Jesus do with the children, even the babies?

Look again at Mark 10:13-16

- 1. What were the disciples trying to do?
- 2. What words are used to describe Jesus' reaction?
- 3. How are some adults indignant today regarding children coming to the Lord's house?
- 4. There are children today who are not learning about Jesus. List some examples of why.
- 5. How can we encourage parents to bring their children to learn about Jesus?
- 6. Children mentioned in other verses in Scriptures. What do these verses command us to do?

Matthew 28:19-20

Acts 2:38-39

Acts 16:29-34

- 7. How are we different from children?
 - 1 Corinthians 13:11
 - **Ephesians 4:14**
- 8. Got milk? How is our spiritual nature like a child?
 - 1 Peter 2:2, 3

God asks us to feed on His Word where we will find nourishment for our souls. Jesus gives life everlasting through the outstretched arms that were nailed to the cross for our sins and are open wide to all who believe in Him. He is speaking to each one of us when He says, "Come."

Closing Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, we cannot thank you enough for sending Your only Son to be our Savior. You have called us to be Your children and welcome us into Your loving arms. Hold us close to You and keep us on the right path as we live each day with You. In Your mercy, we pray. Amen.

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