

Jesus and the children



Read it from the Bible

Mark 10:13-16

'... "Let the children come to me! Don't try to stop them. People who are like these little children belong to the kingdom of God."' Mark 10:14

Tell the story

"We're going to see Jesus!" the children were calling to everyone they saw. "We're going to see Jesus!" they told their mums and dads.

"Yes, isn't it exciting?" their parents said. "We're nearly there."

The children raced on, looking forward to seeing Jesus, who was so kind and who told such wonderful stories! But before they could reach Jesus, they met some men who frowned at them. The men shouted to the mums and dads, "Take the children away! Jesus is too busy to see them!"

The children stood still. They were very disappointed. But Jesus saw what was happening. He stopped what he was doing. Jesus called to the men, "Don't stop the children. They are very special. I always have time for them."

Then Jesus stretched out his arms and the children ran to him. Jesus prayed for them and talked to them. The children felt happy because Jesus wanted to see them.

Talk to God

Thank you, God, that you really love children and want us to get to know you.

Use the picture

1 You can use the picture as an introduction to the Bible story or to help you review the story together.

2 Look at the picture of the children going to Jesus. Ask the children, 'Which child would you like to be?' Let them colour in that child.

3 Ask, 'Who are you going to see?' 'What does he say to you?' 'Is he pleased to see you?' Let them colour in Jesus.

4 Say that each and every child is loved by God. Colour in all the other children in the picture – because Jesus welcomes all children!

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