

Let the Children Come
Mark 10:13-16

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NOTES

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Suggested Questions for Individual
Study or Group Discussion*



- How are experiences of children today different from your own childhood? How might that shape their introduction to Jesus?
- Read *Mark 10:13-16*. If you could give a title to this short story, what would it be and why?
- What motivates the following: the parents who bring children to Jesus? The disciples who rebuke the parents? Jesus who is indignant with the disciples?
- What is the kingdom of God? How is it something that belongs to those like children, and yet is also something to receive and to enter?
- What allows a child to receive the kingdom of God differently than an adult? How must we likewise be childlike (without being childish) in our coming to Jesus?
- Whether intentional or not, how do people hinder children from coming to Jesus today? What examples have you seen?
- Who are some specific children in our congregation and/or our community you can bless in Jesus' name? What steps will you take to do that? How can your small group or others support and pray for you as you do?

For Family Discussion: Ask: *What is the best thing about being a kid?* Read Mark 10:13-16. Ask: *Can you describe what it was like with Jesus that day, who was there and what they were doing and saying? What does Jesus want for children? What would it feel like to have Jesus hold you in his arms and bless you? What would you say to Jesus in response?*

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.