

Virtual Sunday School Lesson

Jesus Blesses Children (Mark 10: 13-16)



Bible Verses (NIV):

Mark 10: 13-16

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Activity: Jesus Loves Children

Theme: Dedicating our children to God.

Supplies: A Children's Bible

Lesson:

I want to begin our lesson this morning by reading a couple of verses from the Bible to you. (Using a Children's Bible, open it to Mark 10:15-16, but with the Bible turned UPSIDE DOWN.) Hmm, I seem to be having trouble reading this morning. I wonder what is wrong? Can any of you help me figure out why I am having trouble reading? (The children will, no doubt, recognize that your Bible is upside down and will tell you that you have your Bible upside down. If not, discover it yourself.) Oh, my goodness, I have my Bible turned upside down! No wonder I couldn't read it. Let's try again. (Turn the Bible upright and read Mark 10:15-16.)

My little mistake of having the Bible upside down reminds me of a mistake that the disciples of Jesus made on the day that we read about from the Bible this morning. Many people were bringing children to Jesus so that he could lay his hands on them and bless them. The disciples scolded the parents because they thought they were bothering Jesus. They thought that Jesus would be pleased, but he wasn't.

Rather than being pleased, Jesus was angry with his disciples and said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! The Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." Then Jesus took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.

I imagine that the disciples thought that they were being helpful to Jesus. He had been working very hard teaching, healing the sick, and feeding the multitudes. Perhaps the disciples thought that Jesus needed some rest, or maybe they thought that the children might keep Jesus from doing something more important. But, just like my mistake of having the Bible upside down, the disciples had their thinking turned upside down. They thought that the little children were a bother to Jesus, when instead, Jesus wanted everyone to be more like the little children. Jesus loves everyone — especially little children!

We all need to remember that Jesus would never want us to keep children away from him. In fact, Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Closing Prayer

Our Father, help us all to come to Jesus as little children. Trusting him and putting our faith in him. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Thanks to www.sermons4kids.com

Video: Let the Children Come: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPDL_xFCqhw

Gracelink productions; Children are welcome in God's family.

Duration: 5:12

Video: Everything is Beautiful: https://youtu.be/0a45z_HG3WU

Ray Stevens Music: Here is the 1970 Grammy-Award winning song "Everything Is Beautiful" by Ray Stevens.

Duration: 3:44

Craft: Jesus Loves Me Magnets (Preschool)

Supplies: "Jesus Loves Me Magnets" page, crayons/markers, scissors, magnets, glue
Directions: Print off "Jesus Loves Me Magnets" page on cardstock for children to color and cut out. Glue a magnet to the back of the image for children to hang on fridge, or any other metallic surface.



Craft: Children of the World Mobile

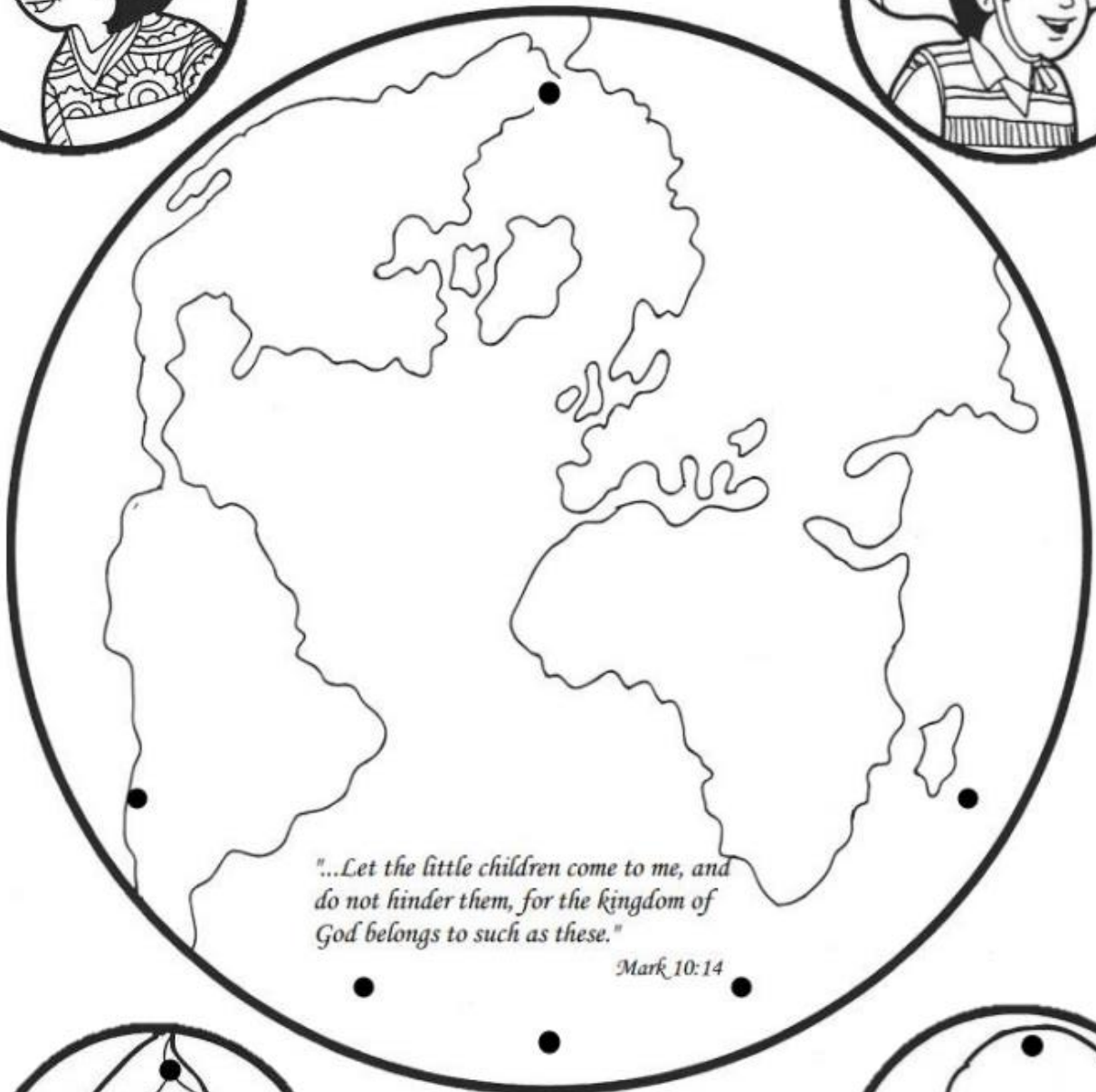
Supplies: "Children of the world" page, crayons/markers, hole punch, yarn, scissors
Directions: Print off on cardstock a copy of the "Children of the world" page for each child to color and cut out. Use the hole punch to punch five holes along the bottom edge of the earth and one in each child circle. Feed a piece of yarn through the holes to connect each child to the globe, tying each end.. Punch one hole at the top of the Earth to add a length of yarn to hang.





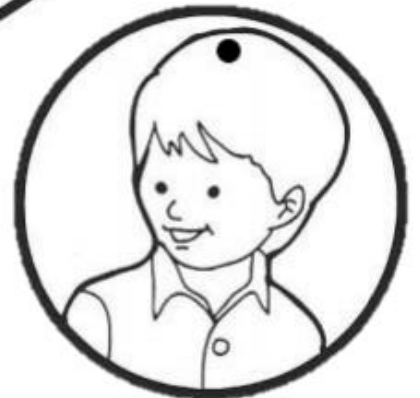
Jesus Blesses Children

Children of the World



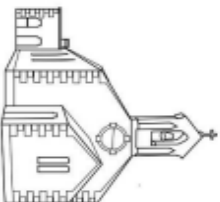
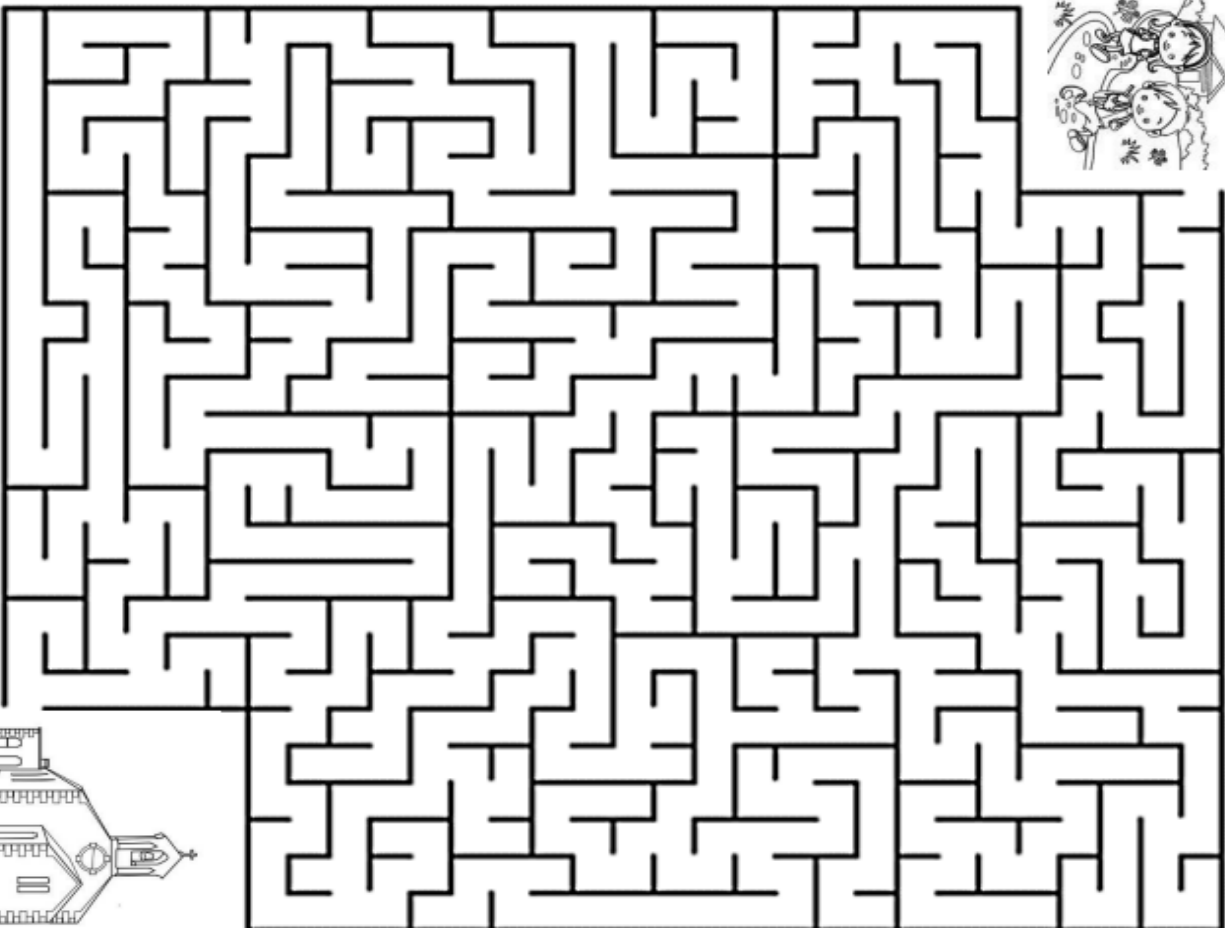
"...Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Mark 10:14





Jesus loves the little
children



Jesus Loves the Little Children

And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them. Mark 10:16 (NIV)

Based on Mark 10:13-16 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words..

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

12-9-20-20-12-5 _____

3-8-9-12-4-18-5-14 _____

20-15-21-3-8 _____

20-18-21-20-8 _____

11-9-14-7-4-15-13 _____

2-5-12-15-14-7-19 _____

1-18-13-19 _____

2-12-5-19-19-5-4 _____

LITTLE	CHILDREN	TOUCH	TRUTH
KINGDOM	BELONGS	ARMS	BLESSED