

The Little Children and Jesus—[Mark 10:13–16](#)

Topics:

Assumptions, Blessing, Children, Humility, Inadequacy, Kingdom of God/Heaven, Salvation

Open It

1. *What's the best thing about being a child?
2. How should children be treated differently from adults?
3. In what ways do children think differently than adults?

Explore It

1. Why were people bringing their children to Jesus? ([10:13](#))
2. How did the disciples react to this situation? ([10:13](#))
3. *How was Jesus different from the disciples? ([10:13–16](#))
4. What about Jesus surprised the disciples in this situation? ([10:13–16](#))
5. How did Jesus respond to the disciples sending the children away? ([10:14](#))
6. What do Jesus' actions tell us about His attitude toward children? ([10:14](#))
7. *What did Jesus want His disciples to do? ([10:14](#))

8. Why did Jesus want the children to come to Him? ([10:14](#))
9. What unique connection do children have to the kingdom of God? ([10:14](#))
10. What can we learn from children about the kingdom of God? ([10:15](#))
11. How did Jesus want people to respond to Him? ([10:15](#))
12. *How did Jesus treat the children He met? ([10:16](#))

Get It

1. What does it mean that “the kingdom of God belongs to such as” little children?
2. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God like a little child?
3. *What about the behavior of children does God want us to copy?
4. *How can we have the same attitude toward God that children had toward Jesus?
5. How should we treat children?
6. How do you think your church needs to change the way it treats children?
7. How can we receive the kingdom of God “like a little child”?
8. What does Jesus’ display of emotion in this account tell you about Him?

9. In what specific ways do you need to change your attitude toward God?

Apply It

1. What concrete steps can you take this week to imitate Christ's love and compassion for children?

2. *In what concrete way can you depend on God in your day-to-day affairs?