

When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.

Program A-2

Jesus Blesses the Children

Matt. 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17

Easter Series: Lesson #1

Bible Verse: **Jesus blessed the children. Mark 10:16**

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: Jesus loves children

Prop ideas: Puppets/dolls to act out the Bible Story

Crown (represent king and his importance), children are more important than a king

Songs: *Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world / Jesus loves me*

SAMPLE STORY

Jesus was out teaching the crowds. Many people were bringing little children to Jesus and asking that he touch them and pray for them. There were so many people always wanting to see Jesus. The disciples of Jesus (his followers) thought that Jesus was too busy to spend time with the children. They told the parents not to waste Jesus' time. But they were wrong! Children are very important to Jesus. Jesus told his disciples "Let the little children come to me. Do not keep them away. The kingdom of heaven belongs to ones like these." Can you imagine the children running to Jesus? Maybe they ran and jumped in his arms. Once they came to him, he placed his hands on them and blessed them. Jesus wants you to know that you are important, too. He wants to bless you as well.

FYI

First Session Classes will be:

Parents' Blessing

Parachute Fun

Making Paper Plate Crowns

MAKE PUPPETS

- Materials: Popsicle sticks
Coloring Sheet w/children figures and Jesus
Tape or glue (In room)
Crayons (In room)
- Do: Help the children color and cut out a few child figures. Let each child cut out one Jesus and color. Tape or glue to the Popsicle sticks. Encourage the children to act out the Bible Story or another story.
- Talk about: Jesus loved children. He loves each of us, too. Jesus knew that children were very important and it was important to bless them.

COLORING PAGE

Materials: Jesus Loves the Children Coloring Page
Bible Verse Stickers
Crayons/markers (In room)

Do: Give each child a page to color.
Add a Bible verse sticker when finished.

Talk about: What do you see in the picture? Do you think Jesus was happy to see the children? If you had been a child with Jesus, how would you have felt?

MAZE RACE

Materials: None

Do: Using chairs and tables, create a maze in the room. Have the children 'race' through the maze. (One child at a time. They are not to race against each other. You can either time them, or conduct it like a relay where the object is to get **everyone** through as quickly as possible).

Talk about: Maybe the children raced to Jesus when he said "Let the little children come to me."