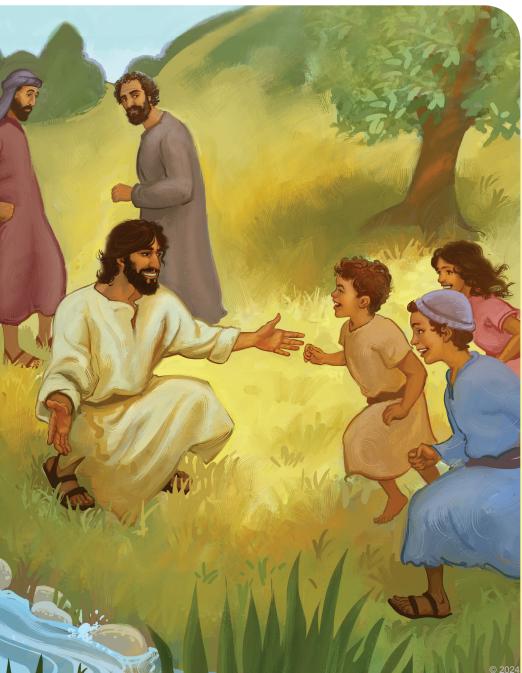
JESUS WELCOMED CHILDREN



Text Truth: Children are important to Jesus.

Bible Verse: Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me. Don't stop them." Mark 10:14

Bible Verse Paraphrase: Let the little children come to Me. Mark 10:14

MARK 9:33-37; 10:13-16

Everywhere Jesus went, people followed Him. The people listened to Jesus teach about God.

Once when Jesus was in a house in Capernaum, Jesus talked about who would be with Him in heaven. Jesus' disciples had been arguing about this. Jesus then reached out to a child near Him and He held the child. Jesus said that whoever welcomes little children also welcomes Jesus. Jesus meant that God wants us to love and obey Him just as children love and obey parents.

Later, some families took their children to see Jesus. The mothers and daddies wanted Jesus to touch their children and pray for them.

Jesus' disciples saw the mothers and daddies trying to get close to Jesus. The disciples said, "Don't bother Jesus. He is busy. He does not have time for these children."

The children and families must have been sad when they heard these words.

Jesus heard what the disciples said to the families. He was sorry to hear what the men said. Jesus turned to the grown-ups and children and said: "Let the children come to Me. Do not send them away. Everyone should love God like these children love God."

Then Jesus touched the children and put His arms around them. Jesus told the children God loved them very much.

Lifeway

Help the Children Get to Jesus

Follow each path to lead the families and children to Jesus.

Jesus talked about children and wanted to spend time with them. Children are important to Jesus.