

# JESUS & THE LITTLE CHILDREN



**Bible Reference: Mark 10:13-16**

**Date: 4/12/26**

**Age: 2's/3's**

**2nd Service**

**Memory Verse:**

**“Do everything in love.”  
1 Corinthians 16:14**

**Theme:**

**God's Love  
Never Stops**

## Schedule

- **Arrival/Attendance/Directed Play.....10:40-11:05**
- **Clean Up and Gather For Story.....11:05-11:10**
- **Bible Story.....11:10-11:25**
- **Craft/Coloring Page:.....11:25-11:35**
- **Friends from Afar.....11:35-11:45**
- **Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer.....11:45-11:55**
- **Snack Time at Tables.....11:55-12:05**
- **Free Choice Play.....12:05-12:15**

## Notes and Reminders

**Happy April! We hope you had a wonderful Easter! For the remainder of the spring, we will learn about a few more stories from the New Testament, and then we will loop back around to several stories from Old Testament. We can't wait to see what God will teach our kiddos!**



# OUTLINE



## Arrival/Attendance/ Directed Play

10:40-11:05

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door. Set up the activities and introduce the children to the lesson through these activities. Encourage the kids to participate in both activities as they play together. You may need to ask the kids to come to the different areas so everyone has the opportunity to participate.

### Play Red Light, Green Light

- Play a form of “Red Light, Green Light” to help the kids understand the story. Bring a green piece of paper (for the green light) and a red piece of paper (for the red light). Explain to the kids that they will tiptoe forward when they see the green sheet and tiptoe backwards when they see the red sheet. Share that the children were going to Jesus (hold up a green light) when Jesus’ friends told them to go away (red light). Jesus saw this and asked them to come (green light). Play several times or take turns in letting kids hold up the sheets
- **SAY** You all paid very careful attention to when there was a red light and a green light in our game! In our story today, we are going to learn what Jesus said that gave the children the green light to come be with him!

### Sing “Jesus Loves Me”

- Sing the familiar children’s song ‘Jesus Loves Me.’ Teach the children the motions and sing the song together. Lyrics:
  - Jesus loves me, this I know,
  - For the Bible tells me so.
  - Little ones to Him belong,
  - They are weak, but He is strong
  - Yes, Jesus loves me!
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  - Yes Jesus loves me!
  - The Bible tells me so!
- **SAY** You have such beautiful singing voices! I had so much fun singing this song with you because it helps me think about Jesus love for us! Lets all find a spot to sit on the carpet so we can hear our story about how Jesus shows love to the children around him!





## Clean Up and Gather for Story

11:05-11:10

Invite the children to begin cleaning up toys and putting away their activities at 9:10. Then remind them to meet at the carpet for Bible story time. Remind the children that we are going to do our best to be good listeners.

## Bible Story

11:10-11:25

### Welcome Song

- Welcome all the children by singing their welcome song
- (Tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
- First let's clap our hands like so
- Then reach down and touch our toes
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
  - You can call a group of children names to welcome them and they can stand up and wave if you'd like.

The words from today's story are written below. They are taken from pages 409-412 in the Beginner's Bible (2005/2016 edition). Feel free to use the printed images in your bin or the physical Bible in your room to tell the story.

### Jesus and the Children

- The children loved to spend time with Jesus.
- But the disciples didn't understand. They said, "Stop. Don't bother Jesus. He is just too busy."
- Jesus told the disciples, "let the children come to me. Do not keep them away. You must become like these little children if you want to enter God's kingdom."
- Then Jesus blessed the children.





## Craft/Coloring Page

11:25-11:35

After the story, have the children go to their tables and prepare for a craft to go along with the lesson. Our **BIG IDEA** of the week is: **God's Love Never Stops!**

Pass out a Jesus Loves You bracelet to each child and place crayons at each table for children to decorate their bracelets. Bring stickers around and allow children to add stickers if they would like. When children are done decorating they may put their bracelet in their bin to wear later or they can wear it now by slotting the heart together as shown in the picture below.

As children finish, distribute the coloring page with today's story on the back for children to continue coloring. Have the children place both the craft and coloring sheet in their bin when they are finished.



## Friends from Afar

11:35-11:45

You will find today's activity for Friends from Afar in the Binder on the counter. The information for this month's Global Partner family and an activity to learn about where they are serving are included. Necessary supplies are located in your bin.





## Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer

11:45-11:55

There is a list of songs for today's lesson on the TV. Use the directions located with the remote to access them.

**Prayer** (Use these words, or your own, to pray about today's Bible lesson. Take time to listen to prayer requests from the children and pray for them as well!)

- Dear Jesus, thank you for loving us while we are small. Help us to be close to you and follow what you want us to do. In your name we pray, Amen.

### Memory Verse

- "Do everything in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14
- Explain to the children that God tells us to love everyone around us! Even when we don't like someone, we can show them how much we love them because Jesus loves them. Teach the children the motions for this verse:
  - Do everything- draw a big circle with both hands
  - in love- make a heart with both hands
  - 1 Corinthians 16:14- hold up the number 1 with one finger

## Snack Time at Tables

11:55-12:05

Prior to serving the snack have the children use hand sanitizer before choosing a seat at the table. Each child will have veggie straws on a napkin and a small cup of water. **NOTE:** some children with allergies will have their own snack or drink...parents usually remind shepherds of this at drop off. If a question, please contact Kid Min Staff in hallways. Thanks.

While the children are eating their snack, please read the read aloud book that is in the bin labeled Read Aloud book for snack time. Thanks.





## **Free Choice Play**

**12:05-12:15**

Once the snack and read aloud are finished, the children may choose free play until their parents come to pick them up.

At dismissal, please make sure to check the child's tag number to match the parent's tag. Have the children take home any papers from their bin. Finally, check them off the attendance as being picked up (the last column for the date).

Thanks so much for shepherding the little ones this week. We appreciate you!





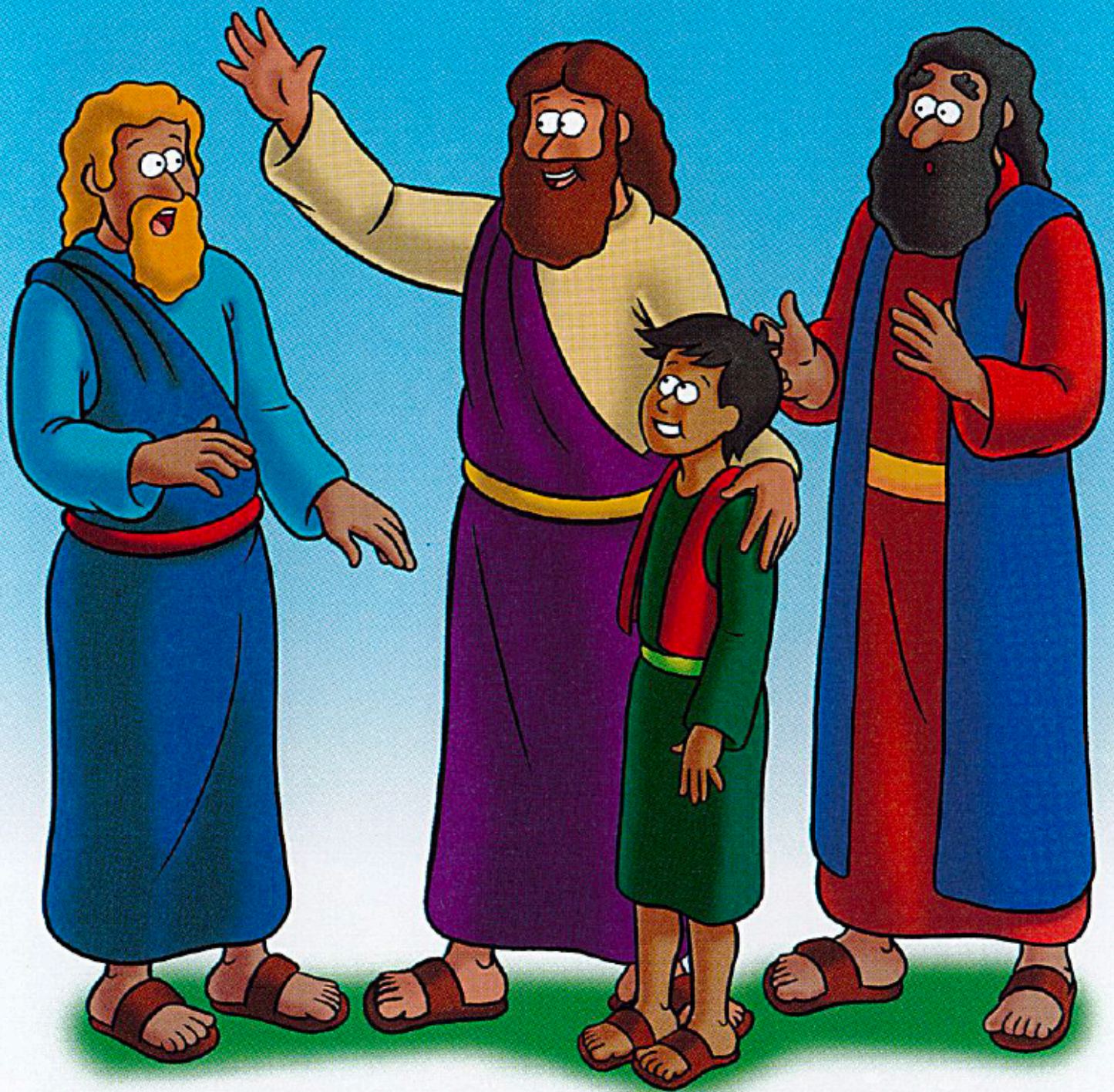
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Matthew 19:13–15; Mark 10:13–16; Luke 18:15–17

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# Jesus loves the children.

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One day Jesus was teaching His friends and other people about God. They were listening carefully to what Jesus was saying. Just then, a group of people came to see Jesus.

Jesus and His friends looked at these people and saw that it was children and their parents. The children and their mothers and fathers were so excited to see Jesus.

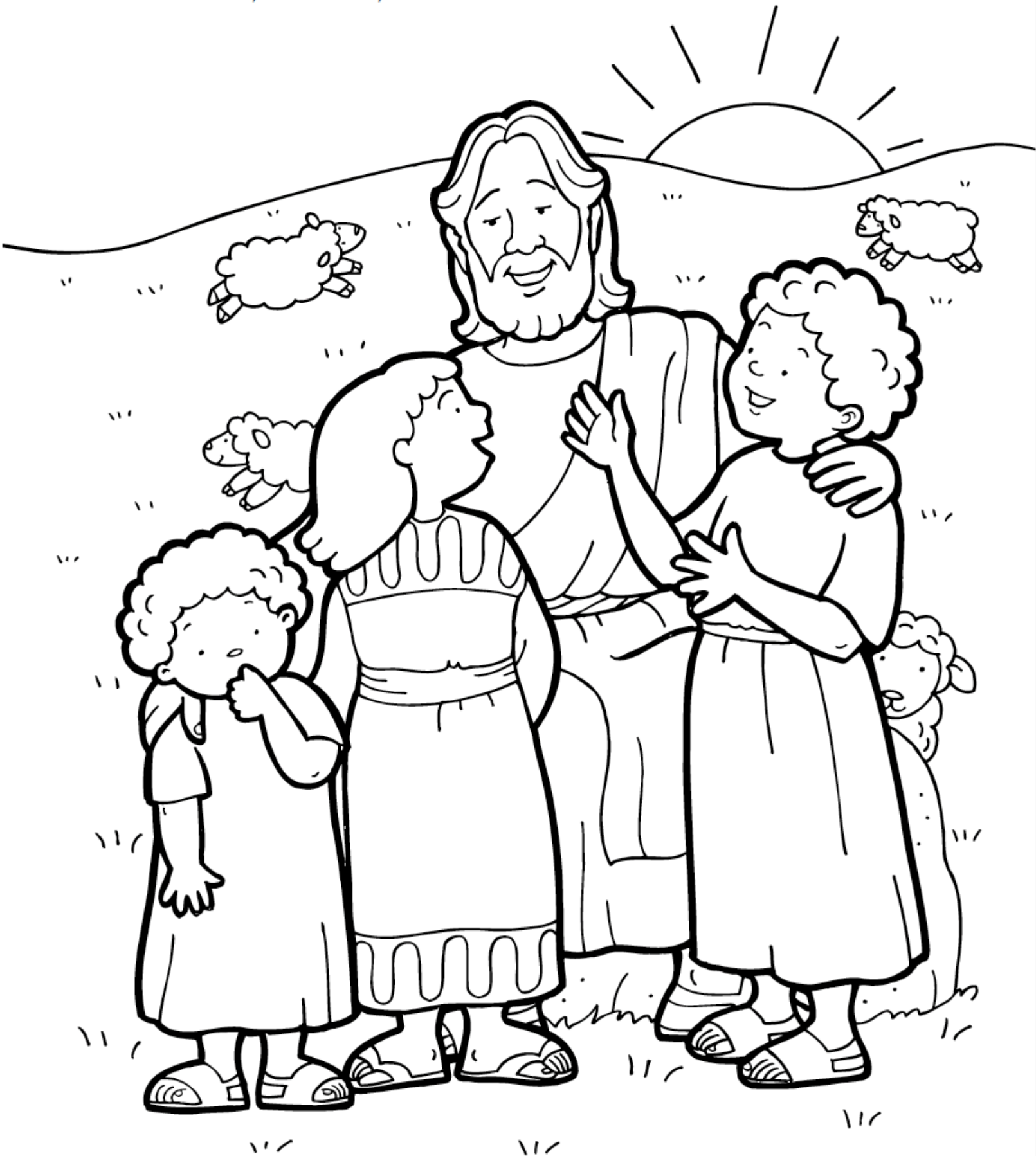
But when they came near to Jesus, His friends thought that Jesus was too busy to talk to the children. Jesus' friends said, "Don't bring those children here!" The children and their parents were sad to hear those words. They started to walk away.

But wait! Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me! I want to see them!" Jesus was not too busy to see the children! Jesus loved them!

Right away, the children ran to Jesus. They crowded close to Him. Some even climbed up on His lap. Jesus put His arms around them. What a happy day! The children knew Jesus loved them!

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