Jesus Loves Children

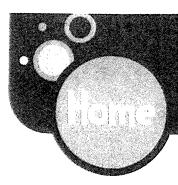




Get to know someone Jesus loves. Form pairs and work together to complete this page for each person.

All About Me

My name:		I am years old.
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The Greek word for children used in Mark 10 is paidia. (That's the word Jesus would have said aloud!) That word covers an age range of babies to preteens.

What places in your town aren't very "kid-friendly"? Perhaps certain restaurants, movie theaters, and workplaces aren't places kids readily go.

Jesus' disciples would add wherever Jesus was to that list. They assumed that proximity to Jesus' was a kid-free zone. And boy were they wrong!

Mark 10:14 reveals that Jesus cared about children. Jesus loves children, and he pointed to kids as examples of what God wants from his grown-up children, too. As God's children, we're all allowed—in fact welcomed—to have a pure and simple dependency on God. We don't have to muddle through life on our own. Jesus' love and attention will carry us through!

And, parents, don't forget to watch for ways your children show you what Jesus' love is like. "For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children." Enjoy your front-row-seat view of this truth as you spend time as a family this week.



Say & Pray

Then have a family group hug and let the youngest kid pray for each person. Thank Jesus for loving each person.

Read & Do

Read Mark 10:13-16. Play a game like "Mother May I?" One person stands away from the family and grants permission for family members to move closer in fun ways. Thank Jesus for welcoming kids to be his close friends.