“When Jesus and Children Mix!”

Mark 10:13-16
Lost 7-year-old found in Japan
Children With Nowhere To Be In Hall County!

Foster Care in Hall County, GA

175 and 200 Hall County children in foster care, but only handful placed locally. The majority (3/4) are placed outside of Hall County.

“In many cases, they are placed as far away as Savannah, GA. (Kristen Oliver, “The Times”)

Special Positioning of Children in Gospel Work

To such belongs the Kingdom of heaven .. (an example to adults) + Psalm 127:3-4

Angels assigned to children - Matthew 18:10 – Hebrews 1:14 “sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?”

"So it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish” (Matthew 18:14).
1. Jesus Wants To **Bless** Children!

Vs. 14 – “Indignant” b/c of obstacles

vs. 17 - “Permit them to come to Me!”
   Things that hinder? Get them outta way!

Vs. 16 – “He began **blessing** them!”
People Brought Children to Jesus To Be Blessed! Vs. 13

“Bless” or “Touch” = “héptō” "to modify or change by touching" – properly, "touching that influences;” touching someone in a way that alters (changes, modifies) them, "impact-touching."

The expectation of the parents and crowds
* Jesus had something for them = they ACTED! 😊

Jesus – children illustrate a Kingdom principle for all! Vs. 14
When Jesus “Blesses” A Child, They Gain...

You are uniquely made (Psalm 139: 13)

God chose you from foundation of the world to be holy and blameless (Ephesians 1:4)

* you are _wanted_
* you have _a reason_ to be here

I appointed you... (Jeremiah 1:5)
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God’s love is secure...

Hebrews 4:13 – “I know all the good and bad” and Rom. 8:37-39 – “nothing can separate us”

Romans 15:13 – All these factors woven together breed HOPE!
Barriers Between Jesus and Children

**Proximity** – “They were bringing children to Him” vs. 13 // they can’t get here themselves!

**Pride** – (opposite = humility) vs. 15 – accept / will kids DO what adults WON’T baptism

**Unbelief** – parents don’t/won’t bring them
Responding to Unbelief

Many parents will “allow” children to participate – so let’s gather that group and PTL!

Better yet, for parents to get saved themselves!

PRAY! Sunday morning prayer groups!
Portals For Children’s / Youth Ministry

All require prayer and workers!

VBS tonight (volunteers needed)

Sunday School year-round

AWANA

Youth ministries