

# Jesus Loves Children

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**Key Truth:** Jesus desires that Children have a personal encounter with him, and that Parents learn from their receptive faith.

As parents, we love our children. We protect them, pray for them, rejoice with them, and weep with them. Parenthood is simultaneously the easiest and hardest job in the world. Whether you have raised biological children, adopted children, or spiritual children, you know it is both frustrating and joyful all at the same time. We know this: Jesus Loves Children.

## DISCUSS

Read **Mark 10:13-16** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled “**Jesus Loves Children.**”

## DIG IN

*God desires that his children have...*

**1. A Personal Encounter with Jesus.** (Mark 10:13-14a & 16)

**Read vv. 13-14a & 16:** Describe what Jesus did for the children that were brought to him. In what ways did he bless them?

Why is it important that children have a personal encounter with Jesus?

In what ways does the church sometimes hinder the children from coming to Jesus?

In what ways do parents sometimes hinder their children from coming to Jesus?

In what ways can we bring our children to Jesus?

What does the Bible say about a parent’s privilege and responsibility to train their children? Can you think of Scripture verses to support your claims?

**2. A Receptive Faith in Jesus.** (Mark 10:14b-15)

What are some characteristics of children that we often *think* are the reason Jesus uses them as examples of kingdom citizens?

In what ways do children demonstrate receptivity?

In what ways do the Bereans of Acts 17 model that same receptivity (see Acts 17:11)?

## DO

Of the ways presented as means to bring our children to Jesus (through the Word, through worship, through our marriage, through our receptive faith), which do you plan to implement this week? Why?