



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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Jesus Wants to Be with Children!

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READ

Mark 10:13-16

PLAY A SHOOING GAME

You'll need:

- ◆ 1 stuffed animal
- ◆ Hula hoop or just tape a circle on your floor (really anything to make a circle)
- ◆ Balloons – blown up, one for each child (small balls would work too)

- Put the stuffed animal in the center of the hula hoop or marked off circle

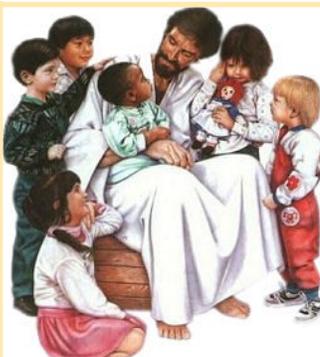
SAY: For this game you are going to try to shoo your balloon into the circle and touch the stuffed animal. You won't throw or carry the balloon just shoo it into the circle by patting it with your hand. (If you need to, demonstrate how to bat or shoo the balloon)

- Without telling the children, start working against the children trying to keep the balloons out of the circle and away from the stuffed animal. Play as long as the kids are interested in playing

ASK: What did you think when I started pushing your balloons away?

SAY: Our game was like the Bible story today. I tried to keep your balloons away just like people tried to keep children away from Jesus. But Jesus didn't like that because Jesus Wants to Be With Children (clap it).

- Look at Images of Jesus and Children:



- Take time to look at and examine the images.
- Talk about who is in each picture.
- Imagine what the children in the picture are thinking and feeling as they are shooed away and then hugged by Jesus.
- Wonder about the grown ups in the images and why they didn't want children to be close to Jesus.
- Finally, wonder about Jesus and what Jesus might have said to the children then and what Jesus might say to you today if you could hug him.

COLOR/PAINT A BLESSING

- Print the Blessing page. If you don't have a printer, take time to write out the words and draw something similar. Paint or color your blessing. Put it up in your room, on the refrigerator, or in your family room as a reminder of God's blessing.
- Share Blessings at Home

FAITH5 IS A SIMPLE DAILY ROUTINE TO BEGIN FAITH FORMATION IN YOUR HOME:

- Share your highs and lows
- Read a Bible verse or story
- Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows
- Pray for each other's highs and lows
- Bless each other
- You can find videos and more information here: <https://faithink.com/the-faith5-steps>

Ideas for Blessings to Use at Home:

- ◆ The Bible is full of blessings (some of the following are my paraphrases)
- ◆ You are fearfully and wonderfully made by God (Psalm 139:14)
- ◆ Do not fear for God is with you. Do not be afraid because God is with you. May God strengthen you and hold you in God's hand (Psalm 41:10)
- ◆ The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your heart and your mind (Philippians 4:7)
- ◆ You are created in the very image of God. God sees you and calls you good. See that image of God and goodness in all you encounter today. (Genesis 1: 26 – 31)
- ◆ May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord smile on you and gift you grace. May the Lord look you full in the face and give you peace. (Numbers 6: 24 – 26)

God continues to talk to us today. We can find words of blessing in many contemporary people and places:

- ◆ Winnie the Pooh: You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think and loved more than you know.
- ◆ Kathryn Stockett in the movie/book, The Help: You are kind, you are smart, you are important.
- ◆ Maya Angleou: You alone are enough. You have nothing to prove to anyone. (I would add – God loves you just the way you are)
- ◆ Mr. Rogers: You are special. You are the only one like you. I like you in the day and the night. You are special.

If you are using one of these blessings you can always add – You are loved by God and me.

- Bless both the children and other adults in your home. This can be a powerful way to remind each other that you belong to each other and to God.
- Look for and name your blessings this week. I pray you find blessings in your home, outside in nature, and in unexpected places.

Grace, peace and much love,

Mrs. Renee