

Christ and the Children

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

*And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them,
and blessed them.* Mark 10:16

The multitudes brought their young children for Jesus to bless, but the disciples told them to go away, feeling that Jesus should not be bothered with children (see Matthew 19:13; Mark 10:13; Luke 18:15).

“But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such

is the kingdom of God” (Mark 10:14; see also Matthew 19:14; Luke 18:16). Jesus then taught that only those people who accept the gospel with the faith of a little child could enter the kingdom of God (see Mark 10:15; Luke 18:17).

Jesus loved the children and took them in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them (see Mark 10:16).

Summary

Many people brought their children to be blessed by Jesus. The disciples thought Jesus should not be bothered and sent them away. Jesus told the disciples to let the little children come to Him.

Then He taught that only those with the faith of a little child can enter God’s kingdom. Jesus welcomed the little children into His arms and blessed them.

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