



Jesus Welcomes Children

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When Jesus was a grown man, He gathered a group of followers. Among these were 12 men who traveled with Jesus wherever He went. These 12 were called Jesus' disciples. As Jesus traveled, many people came to see Him. They wanted to hear Jesus' words. They wanted to be healed by Him. They wanted to see for themselves the Savior of the world, the man about whom so many people spoke.

One day people were bringing little children to see Jesus. The people wanted Jesus to talk to their children and to hold them. But the disciples were not happy when they saw the people coming. They were not happy when they saw the people bringing their children to see

Jesus. The disciples knew He was busy. They knew Jesus had many important things to do. "Go away," the disciples said. "Take your children away from Jesus."

But Jesus saw what the disciples were doing. He heard what the disciples were saying. Jesus told the disciples to stop. Jesus wanted to see the children. He wanted to see their smiles. Jesus loves children. He wants all children to come to Him. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me. God's family is filled with children."

And so the children came to see Jesus. Jesus took the children into His arms. Jesus spoke words of God's love to the children and blessed them. Jesus is the Savior of all people. Jesus loves children.

Jesus loves children.



Parents: As you hug your child, tell him or her that perhaps Jesus hugged the children He held in His arms. Assure your child of Jesus' love. Talk about prayer. Jesus wants to know what makes us happy. He wants to know about the things that hurt or trouble us. Come to Jesus right now in prayer. Talk to your child about Jesus! Talk to Jesus about your child!