

## JESUS BLESSES THE CHILDREN

Let's meet a family who brought their children to see Jesus.

### Let's Get Started

**Episode Theme:** Serving Others- Jesus the Savior

1. [2 Corinthians 9:8](#) says God blesses you abundantly. How has God blessed you in the past week?
2. Jesus clearly states that children are an essential part of God's kingdom. In [Matthew 19:13-15](#), he invites a group of children to come to him. He places his hands on them, and he blesses them. Jesus also says that the kingdom of heaven belongs to those who are like these children. As you listen to this episode, think about how you are an essential part of God's kingdom.

### Memory Verse

<p>Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them.</p>

**Matthew 19:13**

### After You Listen

Today, people don't talk about blessings very often. Unless someone sneezes, and then we all say "God bless you." So, what exactly is a blessing? When God blesses us, he gives us what we need to do what he has created us to do. 2 Corinthians 9:8 tells us that God can bless us so much that we will always have what we need to do his good works. When Jesus blesses the children in Mark 10:13-16, he shows everyone that children play an essential part in God's kingdom. With our hearts, words, and actions, people of all ages can use God's blessings to serve God and others.

Read about how Jesus blessed the children in [Matthew 19:13-15](#) and [Mark 10:13-16](#). Want to dig deeper and learn more about blessings? Check out [James 1:17](#), [Isaiah 41:10](#), and [Psalm 23:1-4](#).

### Challenge

Keep track of your blessings this week. Create two columns on a sheet of paper. Title one column "How others bless me," and title the other column "How I bless others." Each day, fill out all the ways God used different people to bless you and all the ways God used you to bless other people.

### Take the Episode Quiz

**Question 1:** Why did people bring their children to Jesus?

**Answer:** They wanted Jesus to bless the children.

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**Question 2:** True or False. The temple priests tried to stop the people with the children.

**Answer:** False. Jesus' disciples tried to stop them.

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**Question 3:** Fill in the blank. "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the \_\_\_\_\_ belongs to such as these."

**Answer:** "Kingdom of God"

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**Question 4:** How did Jesus bless the children?

**Answer:** Mark 10:16 says, "And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them."

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