

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Text: Mark 10:13-16

Context - While Jesus was teaching the crowds on his way to Jerusalem, he addressed the children who were trying to approach him.

Because Jesus loves children...

1. _____ them to Jesus (vs. 13-14a)

- A. One will search Jewish and early Christian literature in vain for sympathy toward the young comparable to that shown by Jesus. (James Edwards)
- B. Are you like those who want to love children to Jesus, or are you like the disciples who have no time for babysitting? Will you work in the nursery, with preschoolers, with schoolchildren, at VBS, or with children in sports? (Daniel Akin)

2. _____ at the Kingdom's inclusion (vs. 14b)

- A. Rather than disbaring children, Jesus commends them as the true heirs of the kingdom he inaugurates. (James Edwards)
- B. Jesus commands the disciples to allow the children to come to him because they represent the kind of people to whom the kingdom of God belongs—those who come in utter dependence upon God, including especially those who are vulnerable and socially marginalized. (Eckhard J Schnabel)

3. _____ from them (vs. 15-16)

- A. Lacking status and importance, yet receiving blessing from him, Jesus says they exemplify how anyone will enter the kingdom of God (10:14–15). They display dependent reception. They contribute nothing to the blessing; they simply receive it from Jesus. The kingdom of God will be entered in the same way. (Al Mohler)
- B. We are not to be like the Pharisees, having pride in ourselves and in our own righteousness. We are to humble ourselves, acknowledging our sin, and put our whole trust and dependence in God. (Tony Evans)