

Series "The God Who Serves"
"Children In Jesus' Arms"
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"Children don't need to be adults to come to Jesus, but adults must become like children to come to Jesus."

Hebrew Culture Already Elevated Children – Genesis 30:1 – "Give me children, or else I die."

Hannah prayed for a child, Samuel – "God has heard"

This passage is recorded in Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17

Mark 9:14-10:52 – Lessons For Discipleship: Critical Instruction for the training of His disciples. Mark 10:13-16 – Lesson On Children

The Thought Of Our Passage: "Jesus Says Adults Need To Be Like Children If They Are Going To Enter The Kingdom Of God."

- 1. Verses 13-14 – The Advocate Of Children Is Jesus**
- 2. Verse 15 – Children Model How To Receive Jesus**
- 3. Verse 16 – Children Belong In The Arms of Jesus**

1. Verses 13-14 – The Advocate Of Children Is Jesus:

Mark 10:13

"And they were bringing children" – The Context – Jesus has just spoken about divorce to the disciples, (Mark 10:1-12); now He speaks about children.

"bringing children to Him" – literally "bringing in waves, our groups to Jesus."

children – general word "an infant, or a half-grown boy or girl"; Luke 18:15 – babies "babe, suckling's, infant"; Matthew 19:13 – some

children, "little one, infant"; We are speaking of infancy to possibly 3 years of age. Mark 10:16

In the Jewish culture the father was responsible for the spiritual training of the children.

"to Him so that He might touch them;" – Matthew said, "Lay His hands on them and pray." Gen 9:26-27 – Noah blessed Shem and Japheth. Gen 26 Isaac blesses Jacob, Esau; Genesis 48:14 – when Jacob laid his hands on Joseph's boys to give them a blessing.

Parents Should Bring Their Children To Jesus:

How does one bring their children to Jesus?

1. Through Prayer
2. Through Instruction

Eph 6:4

Deut 6:4-9

3. Through Example

Deut 6:4-6

Prov 1:8

"rebuked" – "to reprove, censure severely, reprimanded them, charge one with wrong"

Why did the disciples do this?

1. Disciples believed children were an interruption
2. Children Were Of Little Importance

Mark 10:14

Jesus Loves All Children: But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant – Literally "much grieved, to be very grieved, very angry, irate to severely reprimand"

Luke 18:16 – "But Jesus called for them," (Parents)

Jesus Christ, Advocate For Little Children!

Jesus performed many miracles on children.

Lesson On Discipleship: Never Hinder Children Coming To Jesus –
“Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them;” – Literally
“always let them come to me.”

Mark 9:36-37

Children Have A Special Place In Jesus’ Kingdom: “for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” What is the kingdom of God? – “ruling and reigning with Jesus Christ, heaven, belonging to Jesus, entering life, everlasting life, being saved.”

“to such as these.” – Whole category, whole class of beings to which these babies belong. Literally, “The Kingdom of God belongs to these kind, babies, infants, little children.”

Deut 1:39, Ezekiel 16:21 – my children (Pagan children sacrificed)

Babies before they reach accountability for believing or not believing, are under special divine care. 2 Sam 12:23 – “I will go to him”

Matthew, Mark and Luke all follow up this incident with the story of “The Rich Young Ruler”, Mark 10:17

Babies Are A Powerful Illustration That Salvation Is By Grace.

2. Verse 15 – Children Model How To Receive Jesus:

Mark 10:15

“Truly I say to you,” – Literally “This is of a great truth; listen up, this is important”

We Must Enter The Kingdom Like A Child: “whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it at all.”

“shall not enter it at all.” – Greek double negative – “shall never, never, enter”

What Characteristics Should We Learn From Children?

1. Children Are Teachable
2. Children Are Simple/Uncomplicated

3. Children Trust – (Until adults mess them up)
4. Acceptance Of Authority
5. Humility
6. Children's Sense Of Wonder

3. Verse 16 – Children Belong In The Arms of Jesus:

Mark 10:16

Safety in His arms – Is. 40:11

“and began blessing” – “ferverently blessed them”

“laying His hands upon them.” – Praying for them

Application:

1. Parents Are Responsible To Bring Their Children To Jesus. We Bring Them Through Prayer, Instruction And Example.
2. Jesus Christ Is The Advocate For Little Children. Before A Child Is Accountable For Their Actions, They Have A Special Position Of Belonging To The Kingdom Of God.
3. Lesson On Discipleship, Children Are Loved By Jesus So We Should Never Hinder Children From Coming To Jesus.
4. In Order For Adults To Enter The Kingdom Of God, We Must Learn From Children. To Be More Teachable, Simple/Uncomplicated, Trust God, Accept God's Authority, Humble One's Self, And Not Lose Our Wonder Of God.