

Dear Parents & Grandparents,

Since we are unable to do in-person children's ministry at this time, our Children's Ministry Team has been working on some things to help your children continue to learn about and worship the Lord with you at home. Each week we will post a packet that includes a number of Bible based learning activities that you can do as a family. As we are heading toward Easter, the theme for the rest of February through the middle of April is Jesus, Messiah.

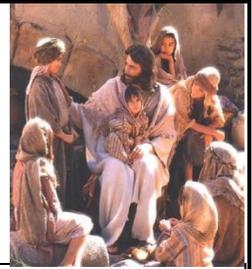
We are not expecting you to do all the activities. Please choose the activities and discussion questions that are appropriate for your child's age and interests. We are asking that every family take time to read and discuss the Bible passage as well as pray together each week. We believe this is an essential part of raising our children to be disciples of Jesus.

We are happy to answer any questions or help in any way we can. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or the church office if we can help. Feel free to send us questions, photos, comments, and prayer requests. Know that we miss teaching your children each week. We are praying for your children and your family. Blessings!

In Christ,

The Children's Ministry Team of FPCD





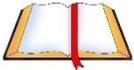
Jesus, Messiah

Key Verse: *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16*

Week 1: February 14-20, 2021

Jesus Welcomes the Children

Mark 10:13-16



Opening God's Word

As we approach Easter, our lessons will be about Jesus. The whole Bible is about Jesus. Even when His name is not mentioned, God was working out His plan for Jesus to come and rescue His people. The stories about the years Jesus walked on the Earth in human form are told in the first four books of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, otherwise known as the gospels. Some of the same stories are told in multiple books. For example, this week's story is found in Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

Read Mark 10:13-16 as a family.

Questions for Discussion:

- Why were people bringing their children to Jesus? (vs. 13)
- How did the disciples respond? (vs. 13) Why do you think they acted like this?
- How was Jesus's response different? What did He say? (vs. 15) What did He do? (vs. 16)
- Jesus loved the children and invited them to come close. Did you know Jesus loves you very much? He is not able to hug you in the same way He did the children in the Bible, but He still wants you near Him. What are some ways you can draw near to Jesus?
- Did you know Jesus was a teacher? He was teaching His disciples a new way to live and about the Kingdom of God. There is a lesson for His disciples in this story. Read verse 14-15. What does He tell them about entering the Kingdom of God?
- It may seem funny to tell grown-ups they have to be more like children if they want to be part of God's kingdom. What do you think he means? How are children different than adults when it comes to things like faith, believing, trust, love, whole-heartedness, and obedience? Ask a grown up to share their thoughts about that.



Prayer

Take some time to pray as a family. Thank Jesus for welcoming us into His Kingdom and for loving us so much He came down to Earth to rescue us. Ask Him to help you draw near to Him. Ask him to help you always have childlike faith as you learn to trust Him more and more. Continue praying however you feel led.



Family Challenge

This story is about Jesus loving the children. Children were often overlooked in this time period. Can you think of some people who are overlooked and might benefit from Jesus's love today? Come up with a plan of how you can show love as a family to someone who may be feeling unnoticed or unloved.

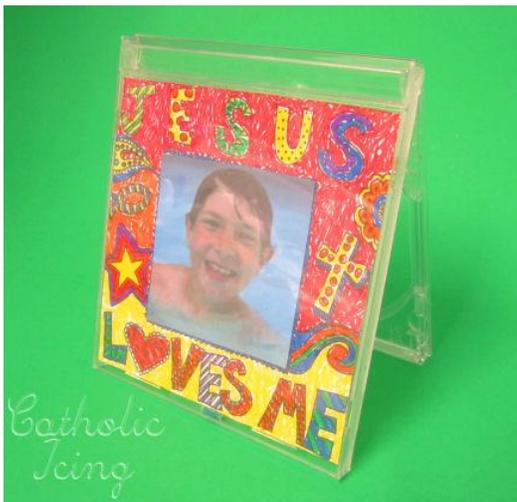


Week 1 Extra Activities



Sing and dance along with with CJ & Friends, *Jesus Loves Me Remix*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xV7XH2OgOTk>



Make this Jesus Loves Me Picture Frame. Go here for instructions:

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Memorize this month's Key Verse: *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."* John 3:16

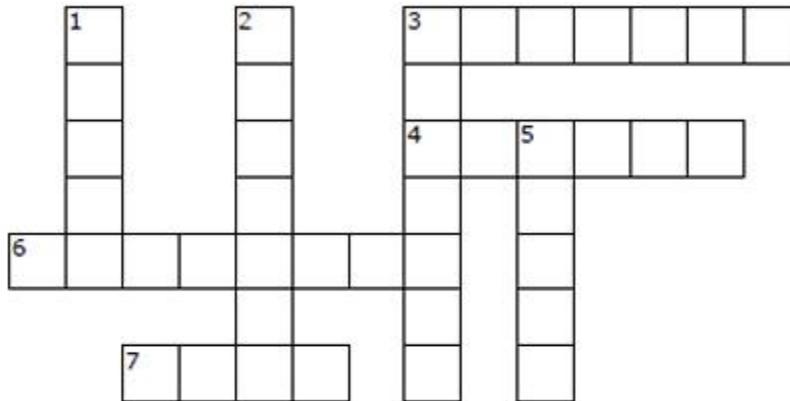


You can also complete the coloring pages, crossword puzzle and word search that are attached.

Let the Children Come



He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Mark 10:14b (NIV)



ACROSS

3. Bringing happiness, pleasure, or contentment to someone
4. Small in size
6. Sons and daughters, young people
7. The parts of the body which connect the hands to the shoulders

DOWN

1. A statement accepted as fact
2. A country or territory ruled by a king or queen
3. To be a member of a group, such as a club or organization
5. To come in contact with or to feel with your fingers

LITTLE
CHILDREN

TOUCH
TRUTH

KINGDOM
BELONGS

BLESSED
ARMS

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