



Jesus Welcomes Children

Mark 10:13–16



In class today . . .

. . . we remembered Jesus welcoming little children. It

made us feel good to know that, even if we are small, Jesus loves us and cares for us.

Talk with your child about . . .

. . . how to be a welcoming family. What things does your family do to make others feel welcome in your home? How is that like Jesus welcoming children?

Read the Bible Story

Determine a reading place in your home, and spend regular time reading the Bible and other books with your child. Find and read today's story in a child-friendly Bible. Wonder together about what God is saying to you through the story.

Talk about Feeling Welcome

Ask your child:

- When have you felt especially welcome in church? When have you not felt welcome?
- In which parts of our church building do you feel most welcome?
- In which programs at our church do you feel most welcome?
- Which people make you feel most welcome?

As a way for your child and you to show appreciation to the people in the church who make him or her feel welcome, suggest that your child make a thank-you card for one or more of these people. Deliver the cards personally.

Make a Collage

Write *Jesus Welcomes Children* on the top of a piece of poster board. Search magazines for pictures of children. Tear or cut the pictures from the magazines, then glue them to the poster board. Both rough and smooth edges look fine in a collage, and pictures can overlap.

Main Idea

Jesus modeled an open and all-embracing welcome.

Something to Remember

"Let the little children come to me."
—Mark 10:14

Catechism Question

Question 26. What did [Jesus] do during his life on earth?

He called disciples to follow him. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, blessed children, befriended outcasts, required people to repent, and forgave their sins. He taught people not to fear, but to trust always in God. He preached the good news of God's love and gave everyone hope for new life.

—*Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Ask your child:

- When have you welcomed a child in our neighborhood or your school?
- How could you welcome another child to our church?

Learn Sign Language

Practice making the hand sign for *welcome* (as shown). Ask your child what he or she thinks it means to welcome someone.

