

Children: Gift and Model

Mark 9:36 – 37, 42; Mark 10:13 - 16

Devotional Reading: Psalm 8

**Background Scripture: Matthew 18:1 – 6; Mark 9:36 – 37, 42;
Mark 10:13 – 16; Luke 2:1 - 20**

LESSON AIMS: the students will:

- **Summarize** Jesus’ interactions with children in Mark 9 and 10
- **Assess** daily habits against the backdrop of Jesus’ invitation to become “like children”
- **Repent** of ways he or she has been like the disciples, rebuking [even internally] the “least of these”

INTRODUCTION: What constitutes true greatness? Jesus defines greatness in radical terms - - through humble service and compassionate care, particularly for the most vulnerable, such as children. Welcoming a child is equivalent to welcoming Christ Himself. Jesus includes people are inexperienced, vulnerable, and people who are new to the faith. Causing these people to stumble and preventing them from accessing the truth has severe consequences.

Key Verse: *¹⁵ Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.* *Mark 10:15*

LESSON OUTLINE:

Jesus and a Child	Mark 9:36 – 37, 42
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Disciples and Children	Mark 10:13 - 16
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SUMMARY: In a world where people constantly strive for personal success, recognition, and greatness, Jesus presents a radically different vision. According to the values of God's kingdom, true greatness is not defined by status, influence, or personal achievement. It is defined by integrity, compassion, selfless service, and a deep commitment to the well-being of others.

QUESTIONS:

1. *What does Jesus mean when He talks about receiving people in His name?*
2. *What do you think parents hoped Jesus' touch would do for their children?*
3. *How can we be childlike in faith without being childish?*

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<i>DAY / DATE</i>	SCRIPTURE	
<i>Mon., Apr. 13th</i>	A Heritage from the Lord	Psalm 127
<i>Tue., Apr. 14th</i>	My Child, Be Eager to Learn	Proverbs 2:1 – 6
<i>Wed., Apr. 15th</i>	Do Not Despise the Little Ones	Matthew 18:7 – 14
<i>Thur., Apr. 16th</i>	Obedience That is Acceptable Before God	Colossians 3:20 - 25
<i>Fri., Apr. 17th</i>	Praise from Infants	Matthew 21:8 – 9, 15 – 17
<i>Sat., Apr. 18th</i>	Good Deeds of Children	Proverbs 20:7 – 12
<i>Sun., Apr. 19th</i>	Let the Little Children Come	Mark 9:33 – 3; Mark 10:13 - 16