

JESUS WELCOMES LITTLE CHILDREN

(Capernaum) — Jesus and his followers had just come home again after a busy trip around Galilee. They had been teaching and preaching and Jesus had been healing people who were sick. Jesus' followers saw how popular and famous he was becoming. They wanted to be sure they would get a chance to become important too, by staying close to him.

The more they thought about how important they could be by being Jesus' special friends, the more his followers argued with each other. Each one was afraid somebody else would end up more important than he would be.

Jesus finally told them that the most important people are the ones with no power or ambition. He said, "The greatest people are children and servants." Then he called some children over and put his arms around them.

Mark 9:30-37

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CHOOSE WORDS:

1. Jesus was becoming very FAMOUS.
 2. People thought they could become important just by being CLOSE to him.
 3. Each wanted to be Jesus' special FRIEND.
 4. Jesus said that the most important people were those without POWER.
 5. Jesus put his arms around some CHILDREN.

HIDDEN WORDS:

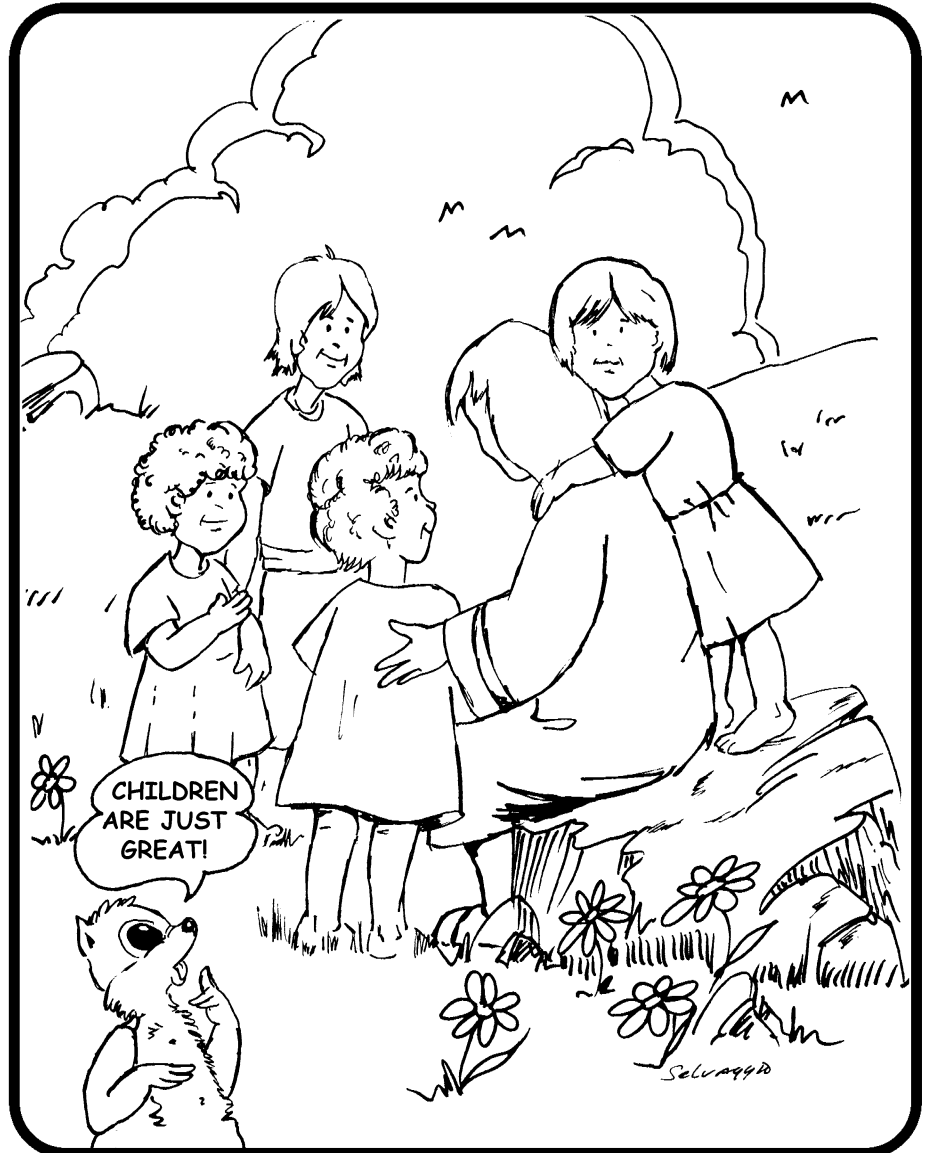
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ANSWERS

GOSPEL GRAMS



SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



Finish The Picture. Today's Gospel story tells how Jesus loved children. Here is a picture of Jesus sitting on the ground, ready to tell some children a story. But where are the children? You must draw them into the picture. Draw yourself into the picture too.



Choosing Words. Find the best word to finish each sentence, based on today's Gospel story. Choose the best word and then write it in the blank to finish the sentence.

- Jesus was becoming very _____ .
CLEAN TIRED FAMOUS
- People thought they could become important just by being _____ to him.
PLEASANT CLOSE UNKIND
- Each wanted to be Jesus' special _____ .
CHILD SERVANT FRIEND
- Jesus said that the most important people were those without _____ .
POWER TEETH ENEMIES
- Jesus put his arms around some _____ .
DISCIPLES CHILDREN SHEEP

Gus The Gospel Gopher says: "Have you ever heard somebody say, 'I'm number one!?' Jesus says the number-one people are the ones who are really weak and ordinary. Here are some words from today's Gospel story. Can you find and circle all of them in the puzzle below? Remember, some words are printed across and some are printed down."

IMPORTANT
POPULAR
ARMS

HEALING
AROUND
TRIP

CHILDREN
AFRAID

SERVANTS
MORE

Q	J	T	L	U	I	E	S	U
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