

Welcoming Jesus

Key Word: **Arguing**

Key Verse: Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. *Mark 9:37a*

Jesus loved children. Whenever he would be speaking to the crowds, children would be sitting with their parents and quietly listening to him. The children loved him very much.

As Jesus became more and more popular, the crowds began to get larger and larger. The disciples knew Jesus loved to teach the crowds and to speak to the people, but they also knew that he needed rest. He had been working so hard, and he was very tired. The crowds seemed to be getting larger all of the time and they were more demanding of Jesus' time.

The disciples wanted to be important and to be the best friends to Jesus. They thought they knew what was best for Jesus.

One day, as the crowds began to gather around Jesus, several children ran toward him. The disciples tried to chase the children away. They asked

nicely, but Jesus overheard what they were asking.

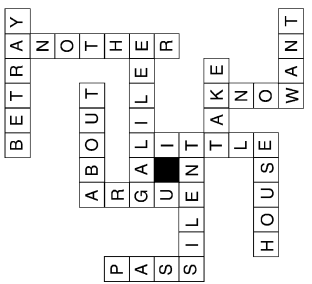
Jesus made them stop. He wanted the children to be near him. He told the disciples, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name, welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The disciples still had a hard time understanding what Jesus meant, but they did not push the children back away from him after that. They allowed all of the children to be close to Jesus.

Questions

Why did the disciples try to keep the children away from Jesus?

Why did Jesus say that welcoming children was important?



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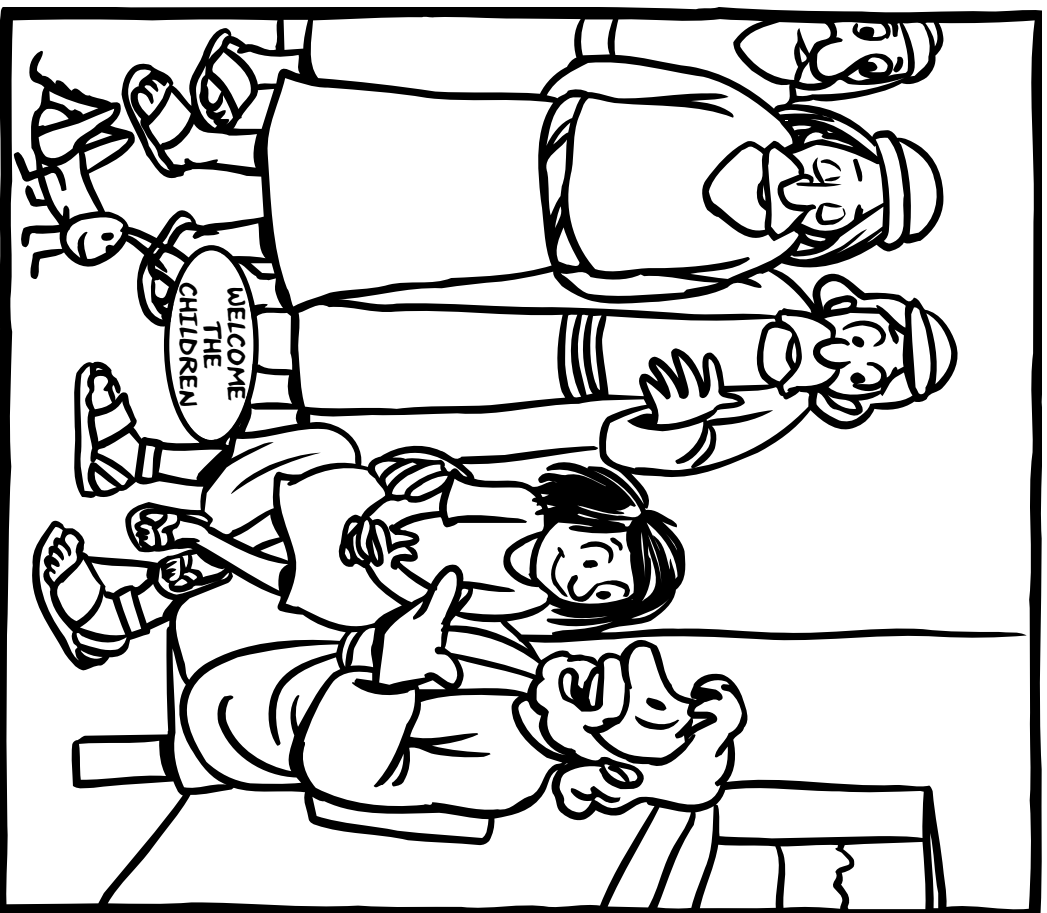
FALLEN LETTER

WHOEVER WANTS TO BE FIRST MUST BE LAST OF ALL AND SERVANT OF ALL

PICTURE DIFFERENCES

1. EYES
2. VASE
3. BELT
4. HAT
5. BUTTONS
6. WINDOW SCENE
7. JESUS' EAR
8. SHORTER CLOTHES
9. BEARD
10. CHAIR BACK

Answers



Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
Mark 9:30-37



Crossword Without Numbers

Fill in the empty boxes with letters that will spell one of the words at the left.

4 Letter Words

- PASS
- KNOW
- TAKE
- WANT

5 Letter Words

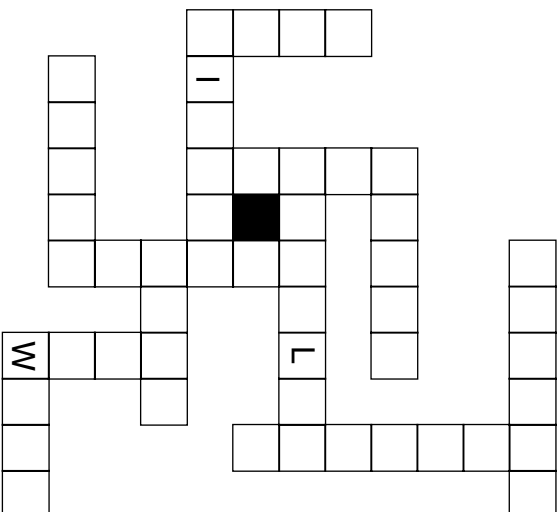
- ARGUE
- ABOUT
- HOUSE

6 Letter Words

- BETRAY
- LITTLE
- SILENT

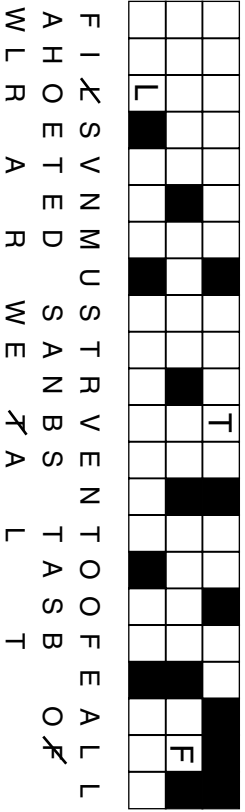
7 Letter Words

- GALILEE
- ANOTHER



Fallen Letter Puzzle

Place one letter from each column into the spaces above to rebuild the words. The phrase is a verse in today's Gospel story. One column has been done for you.



Picture Differences Puzzle

Below are two drawings from today's Gospel story. The bottom drawing has ten differences from the top drawing. Circle each difference as you find it.

