

Little John Meets Jesus

Key Word: **Indignant**

Key Verse: Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs. *Mark 10:14b*

John was the youngest of seven brothers and sisters. He was short for his age and very shy. Often he could be seen hiding behind his mother's skirts or his dad's workbench or even behind his oldest brother's knee.

At supper one night, his parents were discussing a man called Jesus who was to be speaking near the sea to a gathering of people. John's dad really wanted to go and so did his mom. "But what will we do with the children?" his mom asked. "We will bring them along. They are well-behaved and they will listen to what Jesus is saying," his dad answered.

Early the next morning, they started toward the sea. They could see many other families traveling toward the place where Jesus was expected to speak. It was very crowded when they got there. John hid between his parents. He heard one of the men

there saying, "Keep your children over here, away from the crowd."

Just then John saw a very gentle man place his hand on the shoulder of the man who was scolding the parents. "Let the children come to me, do not stop them." Then this gentle man reached down and lifted John up in his arms. John was not afraid. He could feel Jesus' love. Jesus continued,

"Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." He smiled at John, then he blessed John and his brothers and sisters and his parents.

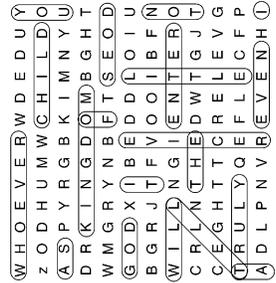
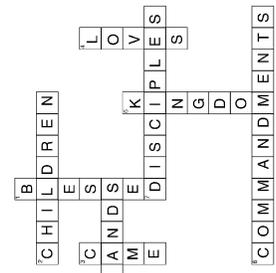
Questions

Why did the disciples want to keep the children away?

What does Jesus mean when he says we must believe as children?

Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story is from **Mark 10:2-16**



- PICTURE DIFFERENCES**
1. HAND
 2. MOUTH
 3. GRASS
 4. BUSH
 5. HAIR
 6. SANDAL
 7. HEADPIECE
 8. BIRDS
 9. SLEEVE
 10. SANDAL

Answers

CROSSWORD

WORD FIND

Word Find

Twenty words of a verse from today's Gospel story are hidden in the puzzle below. Circle each word as you find it. Remember, they could go across, up, down, or diagonally. The first one is done for you.

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 D R K I N G D O M B G H T
 W M G R Y N B F T S E O D
 G O D X I B E D D L O I U
 B G R J T F V O O I B F N
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Crossword Puzzle

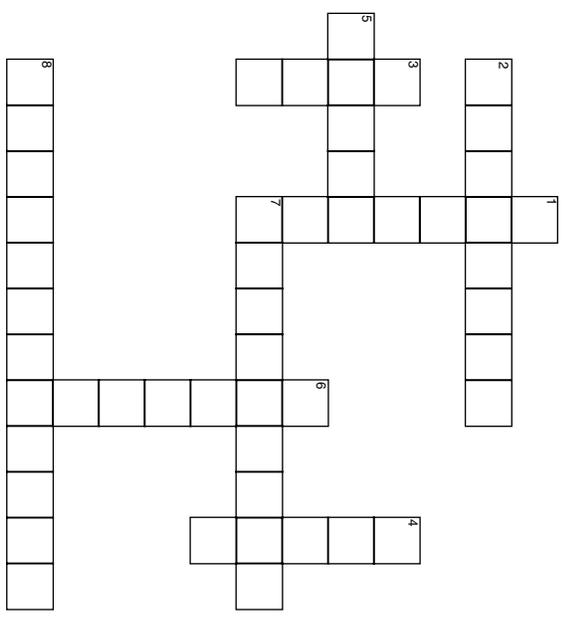
Complete this crossword puzzle using the clues from today's Gospel story. Read the clues, then fill in the squares below.

ACROSS

- 2. Jesus said to bring the little ____.
- 5. Jesus holds the children with his ____.
- 7. The ____ spoke sternly.
- 8. The ____ help you live your life for God.

DOWN

- 1. Jesus ____ the little children.
- 3. All the children ____ to Jesus.
- 4. Jesus ____ everyone.
- 6. The ____ of God belongs to the children.



Picture Differences

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.

