

At-A-Glance: Ages 2-3 God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus Unit 3, Lesson 11

## Jesus and the Children

Lesson Aim: To know children are important to Jesus and He wants them to come to Him.

# THE WELCOME

#### **CENTERS**

COLORING CENTER: Jesus and the Children
PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: Wherever You Go

PUPPET CENTER: Jesus Loves You
BIBLE CENTER: The Bible Tells Me So

### THE WORSHIP JESUS AS LORD

It's Praise Time! Who are we worshiping in Praise Time? (Jesus.) Jesus loves when we come together to praise Him. Before we sing, let's praise Him through prayer. Dear Jesus, we praise You as Lord. May everything we do and say be for You. Amen.

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

**OFFERING:** Collect the offering.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: The Adventures of Delbert & Lello puppet

script or storybook

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE:** Practice Bible Memory Verse with the motions. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart." Matthew 22:37a

# THE WORD JESUS SAID LET THE CHILDREN COME TO HIM CLASSROOM PROMISE

Show children the mirror. Who can tell me what this is? (A mirror.) I want each of you to look in the mirror and tell me what you see. Encourage the children to say their names when they look in the mirror.

When you looked in the mirror, you saw yourself. Do you know what I see when I look at you? I see a child who Jesus loves very much. Does Jesus love babies? Does Jesus love children? Does Jesus love adults? Jesus loves people of all ages,

doesn't He? In our story today, some of Jesus' friends thought Jesus was too busy to spend time with children. Let's find out what happened. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Mark 10:16.

#### WATCH THE WORD: MARK 10:13-16

Read poem. Display visual.

- > People brought their children to Jesus,
- > Hoping He'd touch each one.
- > His followers told the parents, "No."
- > But Jesus said, "Let them come!"
- "Let the little children come to Me;
- > Do not make their way hard.
- God's kingdom belongs to such as these."
- > Then He took them in His arms.
- > He put His hands on the children
- > And blessed each little child.
- "To enter the kingdom of God," He said,
- "Believe and have faith like a child."

Who wanted the children to come to Him? (Jesus.) The more you spend time with Jesus, the more you'll see how much He loves you!

### THE WAY YOU CAN COME TO JESUS

**CRAFT:** Hugs from Jesus

**GAMES:** Jesus Hugs, Come to Jesus

**SNACK:** Hugs and Blessings

### FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE
- PRAY
- PLAY
- DISMISSAL (Coloring page, craft, Ponder, Pray & Play)

### **GOT TIME?**

**SAY & DO:** Mark 10:13-16

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Memory Verse Circle, I See

Someone Jesus Loves

STORY TIME