

FamilyPage



Jesus asks all of us to become like little children. In so doing, he puts worldly goals and human imperfection in their place. Keep this message in mind when interacting with your children. To help them live out today's message, institute the following family project, "Instruction Booklets for Jesus Models."

1 For your booklet, you will need several pieces of typing paper, folded in half.

2 On the cover, paste the finished picture from the front of this bulletin.

3 On each page, write something about Jesus and have your child add some way he or she will follow his example. For instance, if you write *Jesus loved everyone*, your child might add, *I will be especially nice to some-*

4 *one today.* Or if you write, *Jesus prayed*, your child might add, *I will remember my prayers every day.* These ideas are just to get you started. The rest is up to you.

The humility, trust, obedience, and forgiving nature of little children, their ability to see someone without judging, and many other characteristics make them wonderful Christian examples for people of all ages.

Answer to
Circle of Love:

Let them come to me.



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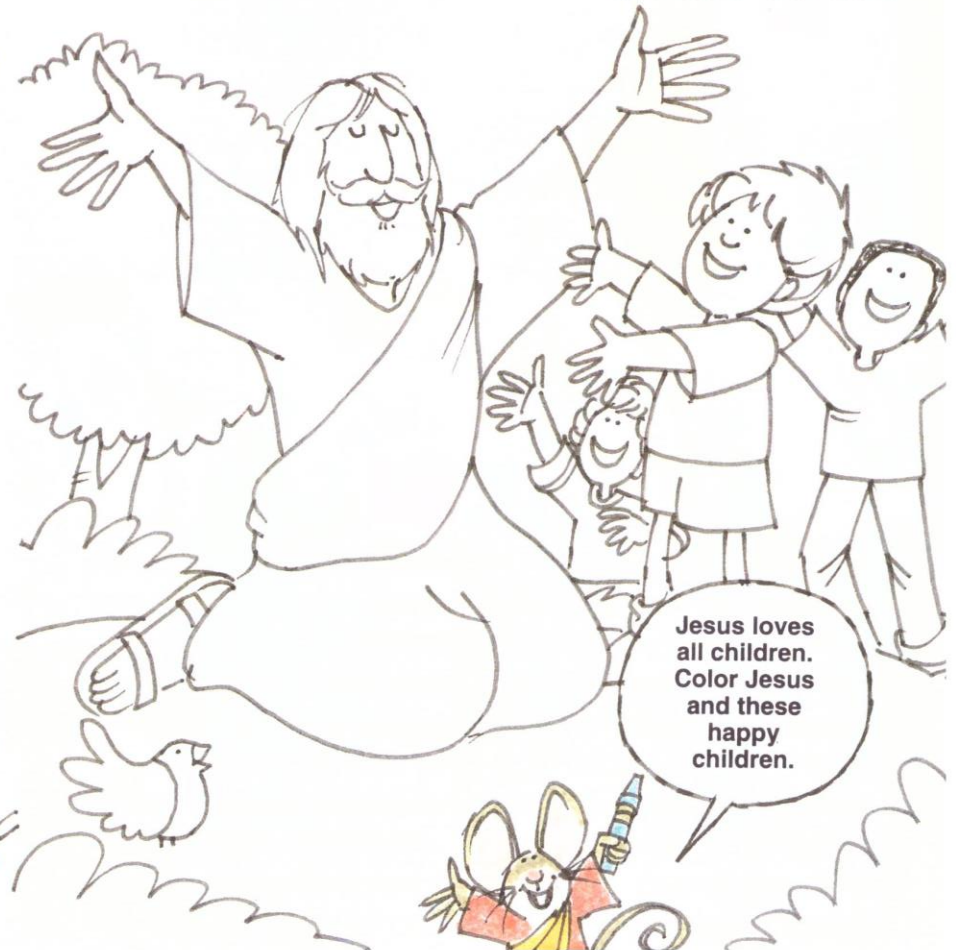


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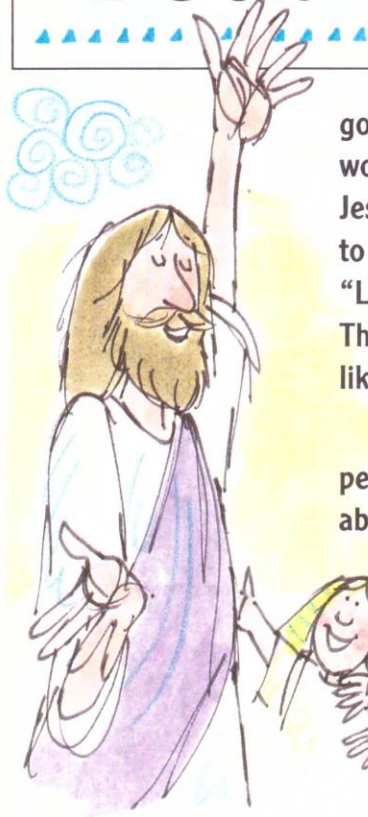
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Let the Children Come to Me



Just Like You!



This week's gospel story is about Jesus and children. Jesus was talking about God. The people all crowded around to hear the good news. Some children came up to Jesus. They wanted to hear the

good news too. Jesus' friends were worried that the children would bother Jesus. They scolded them and told them to go away. But Jesus said a loving thing: "LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME!" Then Jesus told the grownups to become like little children.

Why, do you think, Jesus tells the people to become like children? What is it about children that Jesus loves so much?

Children know how to listen and how to learn from others. Jesus wants everyone to listen and learn from him. Children try to obey their parents, to do what grownups ask of them. Jesus wants all people to obey the Father in heaven. Children trust the

grownups around them and know how much they need adults to take care of them and protect them.

Jesus wants his people to trust God and realize how much they need God to care for them and protect them.

When you listen and learn, when you obey your parents, when you trust in others, you are exactly the way Jesus wants all of his people to be. Then Jesus will say of you, as he said in this week's gospel, "LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME!"

YOU can be a model for Jesus!



Circle of Love

To decode the message of Jesus that surrounds this circle of love, read every other letter. You will learn how Jesus feels about you and about all children.

