

Mark 10: 2 - 16

Who of us doesn't love seeing children enjoying themselves?

It brings joy to our hearts to see their excitement, the light-heartedness, and the simplicity of children.

They trust people, they are hopeful, and they are spontaneous, responding to life moment-by-moment.

His disciples tried to shoo the children away, thinking that Jesus didn't have time for them. Jesus had important people to speak with.

But for Jesus, it was important to spend time with these children. He enjoyed being with them.

He also enjoyed bestowing a blessing upon them.

Jesus could see that many of the adults in his world had lost their joy in life. They were weighed down by burdens and responsibilities; they no longer responded to life in the way that children do.

The children could accept Jesus - his every word and action - in a way which adults could not.

They could accept that Jesus was there for them, and that he loved them. The adults wanted to analyse Jesus' words and motives. They weren't ready to take Jesus at face value.



That is why Jesus said that, "whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child, will never enter it."

God wants our trust, and our acceptance.

What do you have to overcome in order to be able to give Him that trust and acceptance?

Blessings from Meg

Remember: Daylight Saving

3 October 2021

Clocks Forward 1 Hour



A phone was overheard talking to her daughter:

That's right dear

Our ancestors even had tails.

Mark 10:2-16 (NIV)

² Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

³ "What did Moses command you?" he replied.

⁴ They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."

⁵ "It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied.

⁶ "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.'

⁷ 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife,

⁸ and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰ When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this.

¹¹ He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her.

¹² And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery."

The Little Children and Jesus

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them.

¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

¹⁵ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

**Little children, little children,
Who love their Redeemer,
Are the jewels, precious jewels,
His loved and His own.**

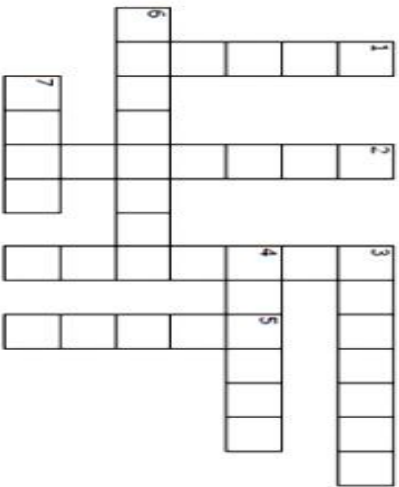
Refrain:

**Like the stars of the morning,
His bright crown adorning,
They shall shine in their beauty,
Bright gems for His crown.**

~ from *Jewels* by William O Cushing 1856

Let the Children Come

He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Mark 10:14b (NIV)



ACROSS

3. Bringing happiness, pleasure, or contentment to someone
4. Small in size
6. Sons and daughters, young people
7. The parts of the body which connect the hands to the shoulders

DOWN

1. A statement accepted as fact
2. A country or territory ruled by a king or queen
3. To be a member of a group, such as a club or organization
5. To come in contact with or to feel with your fingers

W B U Z E F L Z J L G M O W L
 I E S T E Y T C Y M I S Y A Q
 M D J M C V A I H G O T N R K
 J Y O G V H E N N I X B T E X
 R C Y G U T J I Y R L E I L U
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PEOPLE	JESUS	INDIGNANT	GOD	ENTER
BRINGING	TOUCH	COME	BELONGS	ARMS
LITTLE	DISCIPLES	HINDER	TRUTH	HANDS
CHILDREN	REBUKED	KINGDOM	ANYONE	BLESSED