

## READ IT

This week's Bible story is

### Jesus Blesses the Children

from Mark 10:13-16.

#### Jesus came for everyone, even little children!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Jesus
- Children
- Disciples
- Parents
- God's family

Stories of Jesus helping children can be found in all four Gospels! Jesus blesses children in Luke 18 and Matthew 18. In Mark 5, he heals a sick little girl, and he heals a little boy in John 4.

#### Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 328-333

Spark NRSV Bible page 1113

#### Family Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending your son for everyone—kids and grownups! Help us to always keep our childlike faith in Jesus. Amen.

## TALK ABOUT IT



### Family Conversations

- 1 Have you ever been around adults who thought they were more important than kids, like the disciples in the story?
- 2 How do your teachers, pastors, and coaches show you that you are worthy even though you are a kid?
- 3 What does Jesus mean when he says that you must "love God like a child"? Can adults do this as well as kids?
- 4 Talk about a time when there was an important person around who took the time to talk to kids even if he or she was very busy.



### Eye Spark

At church, at school, or when you go to a friend's house, notice how adults in your life make you and your friends feel important. All people, especially kids, have a place in God's family!



### Ear Spark

When you hear the word "love," remember that you are a child of God and God loves you very much!

## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

Make a list of Bible stories that highlight the achievements of children. Read one each night before bedtime. Examples could include the story of David and Goliath or tales of various kings and queens who ruled at a young age. Talk about how kids can play a role in God's kingdom even though they are young.

### For younger kids

Invite a friend to church with you on Sunday who might not already go with his or her own family. Tell him or her about God's love for children.

### For older kids

Go online and search for Christian organizations where families can sponsor children living in poverty. Consider whether this is something your family would like to do. How else could you show God's love to a poor child besides offering a financial contribution?

