

TOPHER'S WEEKLY LESSON

Wherever Jesus went, lots and lots of people followed Him. Everywhere Jesus walked, people followed him around. They knew that Jesus was special, and they wanted to spend time with Him.

One time, some of the people brought their little children to Jesus. They wanted Jesus to put His hands on their children and bless them with nice words.

But when the disciples saw all of the children around Jesus, they weren't happy. They came to the little children and said, "You're too little! You need to stop!"

When Jesus saw what the disciples were doing, He said, "No! Let the little children come to me. Don't tell them to go away. God's kingdom belongs to little children too!" Then Jesus took the children in his arms. He hugged them and blessed them with nice words.

THE BIG IDEA: JESUS WANTS TO SPEND TIME WITH ME.
BIBLE BASIS: MATTHEW 19:13–15, LUKE 18:15–16

ACTIVITY: MARCH 22, 2020

LET'S TALK TO JESUS (Response to God Activity)

Supplies: GO! Home Guide (printed on back of coloring sheet, 1 per child), crayons

Directions: Give each child a GO! Home Guide and some crayons or markers. The sheet will have a space for children to draw. Tell the children to draw a picture of Jesus. While they're drawing, ask them what they would say to Jesus if they could talk to Him.

Discussion Question: Why do you think the disciples told the little children to leave Jesus alone?

Discussion Question: Why do you think Jesus said, "No, let the little children come to me"?

Say: Guess what? You CAN talk to Jesus—it's called prayer. Prayer is just talking to Jesus. Let's say a prayer and tell Jesus all of those things you want to say to Him.

Prayer: Begin by asking if any of the children would like to pray. Allow any children who want to pray the opportunity to do so. When they're finished, close the prayer by thanking Jesus for hearing us when we pray.

**WHAT'S THE
BIG IDEA?**

