



Family Take-Home Sheet
Jesus Loves the Children
Luke 18:15-17

Jesus had some very good friends and followers called His disciples. Sometimes the disciples did some silly or unhelpful things. One day, lots and lots of people were coming to hear Jesus teach about God. Not only were grown ups coming to hear Jesus teach, but mommies and daddies were also bringing their children to see and hear Jesus. The parents wanted Jesus to spend time with their children.

The disciples were getting mad at the parents that were bringing their children to talk with Jesus! The disciples told the parents to take the little children away. The disciples didn't think that Jesus had enough time to play with children. The disciples thought that Jesus needed to do something "more important" than spend time with children.

When Jesus heard that the disciples were telling the parents and children to go away, He stopped the disciples and reminded His disciples how much Jesus loved spending time with children. Jesus wanted all the children to come to Him. Jesus had to remind His disciples how much **God Wants to Talk With Us**. Jesus said:

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." Luke 18:16

Jesus wanted to talk with the children that were coming to see Him. He wanted to hear what they said and wanted to tell them about God. **God Wants to Talk With Us!**

Jesus knew that children are special! He wanted to talk with the children and teach them about God. Jesus loves children, just like you! Jesus wants to talk with us too! **God Wants to Talk With Us!** We do not bother Him. We are important and special to Jesus – not because of what we do or how helpful or good we are. When we love and trust Jesus, we can talk with Him anytime. We can talk with Jesus through prayer. And God talks with us through the Bible, His true Word. God loves us and always wants to talk with us!

Review & Discussion

1. Who were the disciples? (Jesus' very good friends and followers)
2. Who was trying to come and talk with Jesus? (Lots of people, including mommies and daddies and little children)
3. When the disciples saw that parents were bringing their kids to see and talk with Jesus, what did the disciples do? (They told the parents to take their children and go away.)
4. Why did the disciples tell the parents to take their children away from Jesus? (They thought Jesus was too busy to talk to children and that Jesus had more important things to do.)
5. Did Jesus want to talk with the children? (YES!)
6. Did Jesus think that He was too busy or too important to talk with children? (NO!)
7. Jesus wanted to talk with the children. **God Wants to Talk With Us!**
8. What are some ways that we can talk with God? (Prayers, singing, reading the Bible)