

# STOWMARKET BAPTIST CHURCH

# SUNDAY BIBLE CLUB

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Hello

The teachers are really missing seeing you on a Sunday, but we pray that you are all keeping safe and well at homes.

I hope you enjoy this story from the Bible.

Love Liz

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This week's story can be found in the Bible in Mark chapter 10 verses 13-16, which says:

<sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup> And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

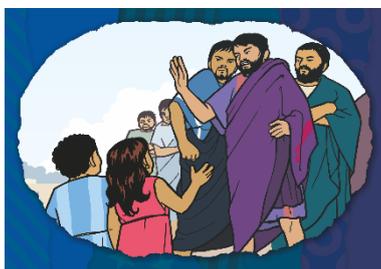
Before we start today's Bible story, you need to go and look in a mirror! Who did you see? Yes, it was you and I hope you were smiling 😊. But did you know you are a very special person?

Let's learn the Bible story.

When Jesus was here on earth, there was always a big crowd of people with Him. People followed Jesus as He travelled about. Jesus was kind and helped people, He made them better and told them all about His Father God.

One day, lots of families came to see Jesus, not just the grown-ups, but the children too, even little ones, just like you! The mums and dads knew Jesus was God's son and they wanted their children to know Jesus, too.

It is important to know Jesus and today we can still know Jesus by learning about Him in the Bible and praying to Him.



Jesus' disciples were with Jesus. They weren't happy when they saw all the children coming. Perhaps they thought Jesus was too busy, or too tired or did they even think that little children don't matter? So, they put up their hands to stop the children coming. "Go away and don't bother Jesus", they said.

And they spoke crossly 😡 to the mums and dads for bringing the children to Jesus.

I think the children felt sad 😞 their faces would be sad and they would have turned away slowly. So, Jesus didn't want to see them. That made them very sad.

But stop... wait! A strong clear voice calls out "Let the children come to me!" Who was talking? Who wanted to see them? It was ....

# Jesus

Jesus is never, ever too busy to listen to children.

Jesus never, ever thinks you are too small to talk to Him.

Jesus always has time to listen and hear what you want to tell Him.

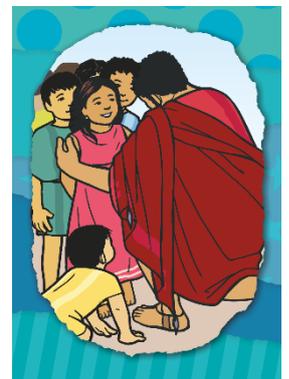
Remember, if you love Jesus, He is the friend who will always be with you.

The children were really excited 😄 that Jesus called them to come to Him. Jesus told the grown-ups that they should "love Me, just like the children do".

Jesus lifted each child up in His arms and blessed them, that means Jesus asked God to help each child and make them happy.

We will only be truly happy when we have asked Jesus to take away our sin and come into our lives. If you do that, Jesus will always be your friend.

So, do you think Jesus would welcome you today or will He ignore you? Jesus always welcomes children, He made each one of you and each one of you is special, to Him.



*Dear Jesus*

*Thank you that when you were here on earth you loved little children. Thank you that you listen when I pray to you. Please help me to talk to you every day and be your friend.*

*Amen.*