

Jesus welcomes children

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Reading: Mark 10: (2-12), 13-16
Families matter

Colour, cut'n'paste

This colouring sheet can be used in a variety of ways.

Colouring sheet:

Children can colour in the pictures of the children at the bottom of the page, then cut each child out and paste them around Jesus. One child fits behind Jesus' left shoulder. The baby sits on Jesus' lap. The others are running towards him.

Wall Mural or Collage:

- Photocopy each individual picture onto A3 sized paper. Make sure you enlarge each picture to the same proportions. (ie, *all* 142%, or *all* 200%)
- *If you want to make pictures larger than A3 photocopies:* Cut out shapes and put them on the OHP to enlarge the image onto the wall. You adjust the size by varying the distance of the OHP from the wall (the further away, the larger the picture, the closer to the wall the smaller the picture.) Again, make sure you enlarge each picture the same amount; i.e. once you have set your distance from the wall, leave it in the same place for enlarging all pictures.
- Put as large a sheet of paper or cardboard as you want onto the wall and trace around enlarged shapes.
- If you want details (eyes etc) you can make dotted lines with a pin along the details on your original picture to make it easier to trace them onto the collage outline. Transfer all clothing etc details as well. Alternatively, transfer details by drawing them on yourself.
- Using materials that are appropriate to the picture (e.g. wool for hair, coloured paper or material for clothing, something rough or metallic for the rock Jesus is sitting on) let the children work in groups on each individual picture.
- **NB: Cut the pieces of material or paper into useable-sized pieces before the session.**



In the first part of this week's reading Jesus emphasises the importance of taking family seriously.

In the second half he puts children — and their mothers — up there with what is most important to God.

- Use a fairly quick-drying, not-too-wet glue that you can brush all over the picture. Glue sticks will stick most things on quite well, but the glue will dry before you get all the bits stuck on, so apply it to one portion of the picture at a time. If using a PVC glue, you can water it down a little to make it spread more easily and go further, but it will take too long to dry if you put too much water in (Ratio: 1 part water to 4 or 5 parts glue)
- Take a larger piece of paper for the background. Place Jesus in centre. Add fringed green crepe paper for grass, and/or paint the ground brown. Children can help position the other figures on the rest of the picture.
- Write a simple sentence under the finished picture, using the children's words if possible, to say what the picture is about.

Flannelgraph:

Alternatively, shapes can be enlarged on the photocopier and used for flannelgraph pictures.

Stick puppets:

The figures can also be adapted for stick puppets. Paste them onto pop-sticks. Children can use their stick puppets to help re-tell the story afterwards.

A simpler colouring-in sheet:

If you wish to make a simpler colouring-in sheet of the *Jesus and the children* sheet, simply cut out, assemble and glue the pictures to make the completed picture, then photocopy for a straight forward colouring-in picture.

Write a simple sentence in dotted letters on the bottom for children of pre-school or early school age to trace over and read together.

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Jesus and the children

Mark 10: 13-16

Colour in the pictures of the children at the bottom of the page.
Cut each one out carefully and paste them around Jesus.
The baby sits on Jesus' lap.
One child fits behind Jesus' left shoulder.
The others are running towards him.

Look up the Bible reference and find out what Jesus said to the children and their mothers. Write his words in his speech bubble.

