

THE CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY
CHILDREN'S MEETING LESSON (Pre-K&K)

Lesson #76

Date:

SUBJECT: Jesus, Friend of Children

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16

AIM: To have the children know that Jesus is a friend to all children.

MEMORY VERSES:

1 John 4:19 "We love Him, because He first loved us."

CONTENT: Over the last few months we have been learning about Jesus, God's Son. We heard how He was born and how He grew up. We heard about some of the miracles that He did and we heard some of the stories that He told while He was on the earth. From hearing about Jesus we know that He loves us and that He cares for us very much. Today we are going to hear about a part in the Bible that shows how Jesus loves the children.

One day Jesus was talking to a crowd of people. Many people came to hear Him speak. That day some children came too. They wanted to see and hear Jesus speak. Probably many of them came with their parents. I am sure they were very excited.

When these children got to where Jesus was speaking, it was very crowded. Now, these little children, do you think they could see Jesus? I'm sure many of the children were small just like you. Everyone was probably taller than them. They wanted to get closer to see Jesus. But when the disciples saw the children trying to get closer to Jesus they yelled at them to go away.

I'm sure the children felt very sad and upset. They would have to go home without seeing and talking to Jesus. They would have to go home without praying with Jesus.

Then they heard a voice! It was Jesus' voice! Jesus was telling His disciples don't let the children go! Jesus was very unhappy that His disciples were sending the children away. "Allow the young children to come to me: do not forbid them..." (Mark 10:14) Jesus said. Jesus wanted to see the children. He was very happy that the children wanted to see Him.

Jesus opened up His arms to them and picked them up. Jesus held them in His arms and blessed them all. The children knew Jesus loved them. They loved Him too. They knew Jesus was a friend to all children.

Teach the children this song:

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong. They are weak but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

CRAFT: Find a picture of children sitting with Jesus. Explain to them that none of us has ever seen Jesus' face, but we know His face must have been kind and gentle and loving. The children weren't afraid of Him. They knew Jesus loved them. And we know Jesus loves us too!

SONGS: #91, #93, #94, #114, #121

91 JESUS' LOVE IS VERY WONDERFUL

Jesus' love is very wonderful (3x)

O wonderful love!

So high – you can't get over it,

So low – you can't get under it,

So wide – you can't get out of it.

O wonderful love!

93 JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN

1. Jesus calls the children dear,

“Come to Me and never fear,

For I love the little children of the world;

I will take you by the hand,

Lead you into the land,

For I love the little children of the world.”

(Chorus)

Jesus loves the little children,

All the children of the world;

Red and yellow, black and white;

They are precious in His sight.

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

2. Jesus is the Shepherd true,

And He'll always stand by you,

For He loves the little children of the world;

He's a Savior great and strong,

And He'll shield you from the wrong,

For He loves the little children of the world.

94 JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE ONES

1. Jesus loves the children

Just like me, me, me,

Jesus loves the children

Just like me, me, me;

Children just like me

Sat upon His knee,

Jesus loves the children

Just like me, me, me.

2. Jesus loves the children

Just like you, you, you,

Jesus loves the children

Just like you, you, you,

Children just like you,

Save them thru and thru,

Jesus loves the children

Just like you, you, you.

114 JESUS IS THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND

1. I am just a little girl but I love Jesus,

I am just a little boy but I love Jesus,

We are little children but we all love Jesus,--

Jesus is the children's friend.

2. Ev'ry day we sing and play and talk with Jesus, -- (3x)

Jesus is our guide and friend.

3. Anywhere He leads us we will gladly follow, -- (3x)

Follow Jesus all the way.

4. He will lead us onward in His purpose today, -- (3x)

Glory to His holy name.

5. We will live forever with our lovely Jesus, -- (3x)

Precious Savior, Lord and King.

121 WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

1. What a Friend we have in Jesus,

All our sins and grieves to bear!

What a privilege to carry

Ev'rything to God in pray'r!

O what peace we often forfeit,

O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry

Ev'rything to God in pray'r!

2. Have we trials and temptation?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged,

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful?

Who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness,

Take it to the Lord in prayer.