

Jesus and Children

BIBLE PASSAGE: Mark 10:13-31

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who came to see Jesus? (the little children.)
- Who tried to keep the children from Jesus? (the disciples)
- Did Jesus want the children to come to Him? (yes)
- Why does Jesus want you to come to Him? (because He loves you so much)
- Do you trust that Jesus does all things well? How can you show that you trust in Him?
- What did today's story teach you about Jesus and who He is?

BIBLE LEARNING ACTIVITIES

*Recall the Bible Story

Things you need: "Jesus and the Children" coloring page and crayons

As your child colors, discuss today's Bible lesson.

*Jesus and the Children

Things you need: Paper, crayons, scissors

Read Mark 10:13-16 with your family. Talk about how Jesus' followers tried to keep the children from coming to Jesus. Jesus wanted the children to come to Him. He hugged and blessed the children. Children are very special to Jesus. Follow the directions provided to make a paper dolls chain. Then, cut the chain in half and create a cut out of Jesus. Put Jesus in between the cutouts of kids. Finally, have your child color the kids and Jesus. Jesus took the children into His arms and blessed them. You can come to Jesus too.



*Hugs from Jesus

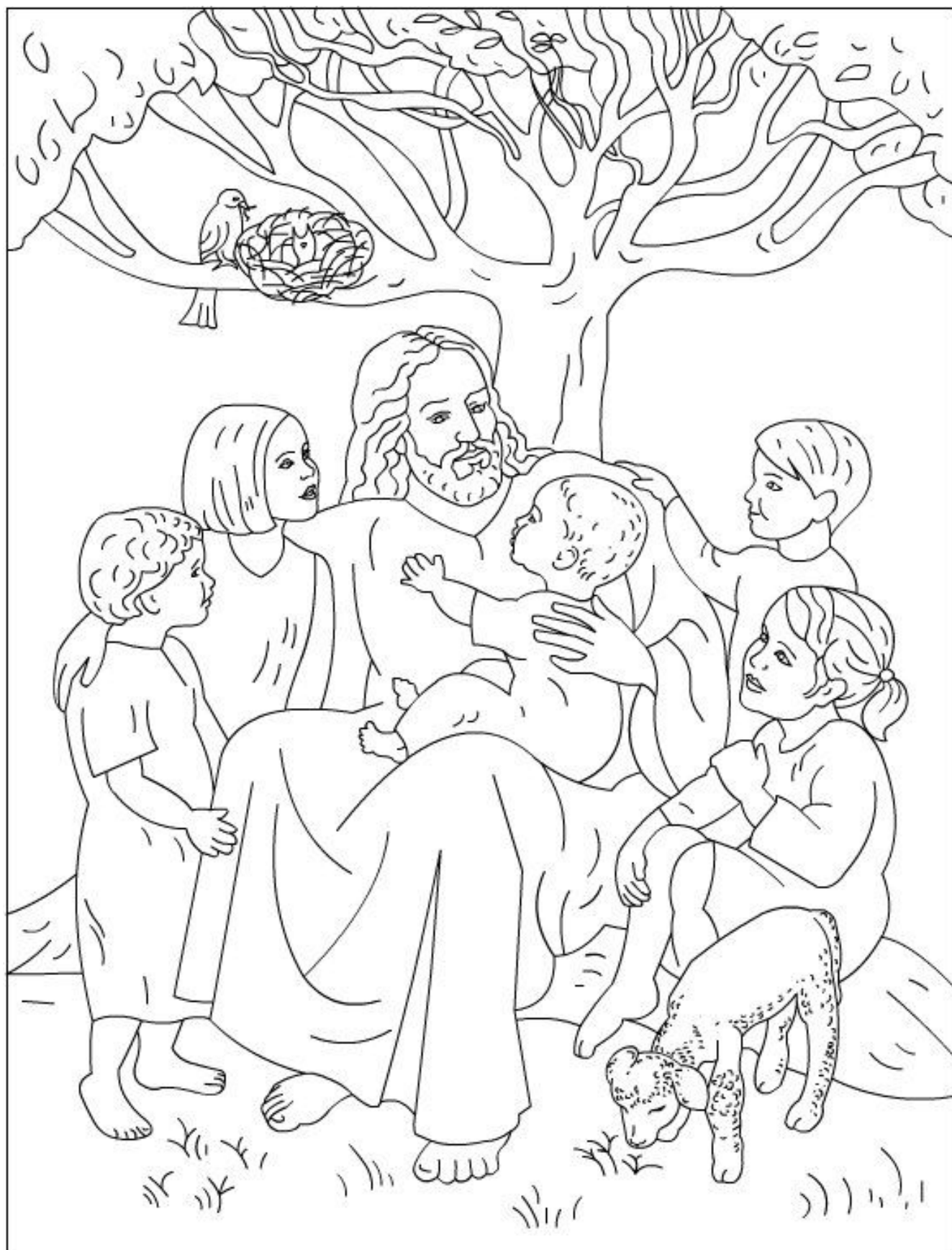
Things you need: "Jesus and Heart" coloring page on sturdy white paper, glue and crayons

Print and have your child cut out Jesus and the heart. Have your child fold Jesus' arms forward. Then, have them color the picture of Jesus. They can draw a picture of themselves on the heart shape. Next, they will glue the heart shape onto Jesus' body. Have them move Jesus' arms forward and over their picture to show how He hugs us. Remind your child that when they see this picture of Jesus they can remember that He wants us all to come to Him. He loves you very much. Sing together the song, Jesus Loves the Little Children.

*Pray

Things you need: Nothing

Pray this prayer together: "Lord, thank you for loving us as your children. Help us know we are special to you. Amen."



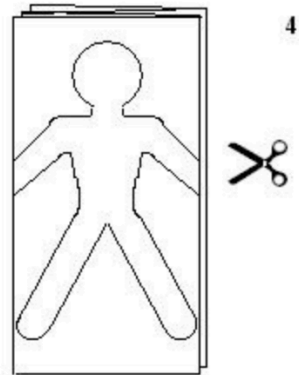
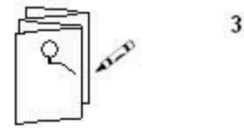
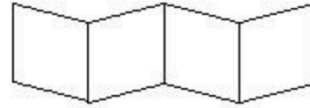
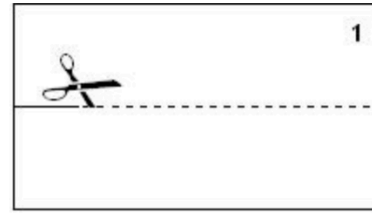
Paper Dolls

Making a chain of paper dolls is a classic paper craft that every child should do. It's fun, easy, and may become a tradition in your family. This project requires scissors so adult supervision is recommended.



Paper Dolls Instructions

1. Take a piece of paper (8.5" x 11") and cut it lengthwise.
2. Fold it into quarters accordion (pleated) style.
3. Draw a figure of a person on the top layer. Be sure that the arms extend beyond the edge of the folded sheet. You can draw your own figure or use the templates below.
4. Cut the figure out and unfold. You will get a chain of dolls holding hands.



To have more dolls in your chain, use a larger sheet of paper and fold more pleats before cutting. Alternatively, use more than one sheet of paper and connect the figures with tape.

You can decorate the figures with eyes, nose, mouth, hair, and clothes. You can make variations such as paper figures that

- wear dresses (women),
- look like teddy bears, or
- like ginger bread men.

Template option: Print and cut out the figure you like and use as a template for making your own dolls.

