

GLENVIEW NEW CHURCH SUNDAY MORNING PROGRAM
Primary Lessons: Phase 1 – Lesson 25
The Little Children (Mark 10:13-16)

I. Underlying Ideas for the Teacher

- A. We should look to the Lord and be guided by His Word.
- B. The Lord and His angels are constantly caring for us and leading us toward heaven.
- C. Childlike innocence, which is a willingness to be led, keeps us open to heaven and to the Lord, enabling us to receive the kingdom of God as a little child.

II. Story Circle

- A. Introduce the Story
 - 1. Many people came to the Lord while He lived here on earth. Some came to be healed. Some came to learn from the Lord how to be good. There were others who came to find fault with the Lord or because they were curious about Him. But many, many people came to see the Lord.
 - 2. (Can you remember some stories about a multitude of people coming to hear the Lord speak?) Men, women, and children came to the Lord.
 - 3. Today we will hear about one time when the Lord was teaching people near the Jordan River, and children were brought to Him.
- B. Tell/Read the Story
 - 1. Read aloud Mark 10:13-16.
- C. Ideas to Discuss
 - 1. Why did they bring young children to the Lord? (So He could touch them.)
 - 2. What did the disciples do when they saw the children there? (They scolded the people who brought the children to the Lord.)
 - 3. Why do you think the disciples did that? (They probably thought Jesus was too busy teaching to spend time with children.)
 - 4. How did Jesus react when He saw the disciples scolding the parents? (He was displeased [bothered] by what He saw happening.)
 - 5. What did the Lord say to His disciples? ("Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.")
 - 6. Then the Lord spent time with the children. What did He do with them? (He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.)

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D. Further Ideas

1. The Lord loves children. He loves all people, and He takes care of us all. But sometimes we don't want the Lord to help us. We want to take care of ourselves, and we imagine that we don't need Him. But when we turn away from the Lord, we are also turning away from heaven. Without the Lord, we tend to be selfish and to disobey His commandments.
2. In our story, the Lord said, "Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." What did the Lord mean by that? He was saying that you have to be like a little child to live in heaven. A little child needs his parents to take care of him, and he knows it, doesn't he? He is sad if he gets lost or if his parents are gone for a long time. The Lord wants us to look to Him, our heavenly Father, the way a little child looks to his parents. He wants us to follow Him and do all that He says so that we may live in heaven someday.

III. Enrichment Activities

A. Music

1. "All that the Lord has spoken," HYMNAL #245.
2. "Father in heaven," HYMNAL #152.

B. Activities

C. Project: THE LORD WITH THE CHILDREN

1. Draw or glue a picture of the Lord in the middle of a large white piece of paper. Then draw many children all around Him.
2. Put the following text on the picture: "And Jesus said to them, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them.' And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them."

IV. Teaching Aids

- A. Pictures of the Lord with children.

V. Further Reading for the Teacher

- A. Dole's BIBLE STUDY NOTES, Vol. 5, "Little Children" (Mark 10), pp. 97-113.
- B. THE SOWER, Vol. V, Mark 9:30-50; 10:13-16.