

Grade level: second grade

Lesson concept: Children are important to Jesus.

Lesson objectives:

1. The student will correctly identify several ways he can show love to Jesus.

Materials needed: Bible, one “yes” word card and one “no” word card for each student

Lesson structure:

Review:

We have learned that Jesus did many miracles which showed the people He loved and cared for them. Jesus even died on the cross to take our sins’ penalty and to show His love.

Today, we will learn about some more people that Jesus loved.

Introduction:

Has anyone ever told you that you are not big enough to do something? Sometimes it is hard to see other people doing things and feel like you are not big enough or important enough to do it too. Jesus wanted to show the children that they mattered to Him. Listen closely so you can learn what He did.

Lesson progression written in outline form:

- A. The crowds of people gathered around where Jesus was sitting.
- B. The parents brought the children who wanted to see Jesus.
- C. The disciples, Jesus’ special helpers, turned the children away.

1. The disciples thought that Jesus had more important things to do than to be surrounded by the children.

*How do you think the children felt when the disciples told them they could not go to Jesus?

2. Jesus was displeased with what His disciples had done (Mark 10:14).

D. Jesus loved the children.

1. He told the disciples to let the children to come to Him.
2. Jesus touched and blessed the children, showing them that He loved them.
3. Jesus never turns away someone who comes to Him.

E. You and I should live lives that show Jesus that we love Him.

1 John 4:19 states “We love him, because he first loved us.”

*What does this verse mean?

*Do you know any other ways Jesus shows His love for you?

The concept application activity (and evaluation):

Each student will hold up a word card with “yes” or “no” printed on it to tell whether or not the following actions (that the teacher states) are ways he can show Jesus he loves Him.

1. Reading the Bible
2. Lying to a teacher so your friend does not get in trouble
3. Praying
4. Obeying your parents
5. Singing songs about Jesus
6. Throwing your Bible on the ground