

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me.
The kingdom of God belongs to them."





Mini Lesson: New Testament

STORY: **Jesus Blesses Children**

THEME: **Jesus loves you and blesses you.**

Read the Story

Sit in a low chair or on the floor with a Frolic First Bible. Ring a chime or use another sound to call children to story time. Gather them into a story-time circle.

Imagine that Jesus was visiting today. What would you do? How would you say hello to Jesus? What would you want to tell him? Listen while children share. **Let's hear a story about a time Jesus blessed some children.**

Hold up the Frolic First Bible and read the story from pages 30–31. Finish your storytelling with the statement at the end of the story: **Jesus loves you and blesses you.**

More Story Fun

Hold up the Frolic First Bible for all children to see.

Point to the angry faces. **I see some angry faces. The angry disciples told the children that Jesus was too busy. What does your angry face look like?** Make angry faces together.

Point to the sad faces. **Look at the sad faces. The children were sad because they wanted to meet Jesus. What does your sad face look like?** Make sad faces together.

Point to the happy faces. **Here there are happy faces! The children were happy to meet Jesus! So were their parents! What do your happy faces look like?** Make happy faces together.

Jesus touched the children's hands and blessed them. Jesus blesses children. Let's practice blessings too! Begin by chanting this blessing with the children: **God bless you!** Now make this blessing into a game by together blessing the chairs, table, floor, toys, and other objects in the room. End by blessing each other.

Prayer

Finish your time together with a prayer.

**Dear God,
Thank you for loving and blessing us.
Thank you for helping us bless others.
Amen.**

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