

Lesson 117: Jesus Blesses the Children

[Mark 10:13-16](#)

Youtube Link for Teachers: <https://youtu.be/iWs3r6QEhRE>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/oLD9kyRNBp8>

Worship Theme: God loves children.

Memory Verse: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Mark 10:14b)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. The Love of Jesus <https://youtu.be/W7hfRd0undE>
2. Jesus Loves Children https://youtu.be/8iUI62Zo_Co
3. Jesus Loves Me This I Know https://youtu.be/R4MEw0jzZ_E

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "Family in Christ"

Materials needed: Kroma



1. Divide the children into 2-3 groups and give each group a kroma.
2. The purpose of this game is to make sure everyone stands on the khroma without touching the ground.
3. When the teacher instructs the group to fold the kroma, they have

to fold it in half. Continue to fold the kroma in half and make it smaller and smaller, and the children will have to hold on to each other and help each other so that they don't touch the ground.

4. The team who could stand together without touching the ground wins the game.
5. After the game, explain to the children that we need to help each other so that we can all learn the love of our Father God. God loves children and we need to tell others about it!



Introduction:

Who do you think is the most important person in Cambodia? Who is the most important person in your village, family, or school? Why are they important? People often only care about those who are important. Does God only love important people too? No! God loves everyone including little children! Today, let's learn how Jesus showed his love for children!

Bible Story:

Jesus was a very important person during his time. Everyone wanted to meet Jesus and learn from him. They also wanted Jesus to bless them and heal them. Many miracles were performed by Jesus and many people gathered to meet Jesus.

One time when Jesus was busy teaching, some parents wanted their children to be blessed by Jesus. But Jesus' disciples thought he was too busy, so they told the parents to take the children away. When Jesus heard them tell the children to go away, he got upset! He said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Mark 10:14b).

Then the children went happily to Jesus, and he laughed and played with them. The bible says that Jesus took the children in his arms! Can you imagine Jesus lifting you up and carrying you? Jesus wanted to show everyone that he loves children!

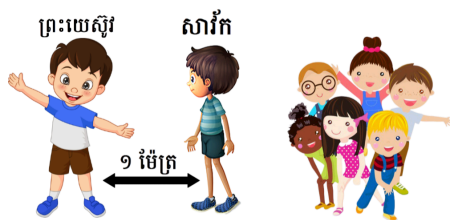
Jesus loves you! He is never too busy for you and loves to spend time with you. You

can run to Jesus any time you want and he is ready to listen to you and carry you in his arms. In fact Jesus wants us to live with him forever in his kingdom. But not everyone knows that Jesus loves children! We must tell our friends that Jesus loves children so that they can also enter the kingdom of God with us!

Questions to discuss:

1. Why did everyone want to meet Jesus? (to learn from him, to be blessed, healing, and other miracles)
2. Who told the children to go away? (the disciples of Jesus)
3. Who got mad at them for telling the children to go away? (Jesus)
4. What did Jesus do when the children came to him? (Jesus carried them in his arms and blessed them)
5. Who can you tell about Jesus so that they can be loved by Jesus too? (Let the children answer)

Game: “Disciples Stop Children from Meeting Jesus”



1. Select 2 children, one to be Jesus and the other one to be a disciple.
2. Jesus stands at the other side of the classroom and the disciple stands about 1 meter from Jesus and get ready to play “Red light, green light.” The rest of the children stand at the other end of the room.

3. When the disciple faces the wall, the children can start to walk quietly toward Jesus.
4. If the disciple sees any children moving when he turns to look back, they need to sit down. When the disciple turns to the wall again, the rest of the children can move toward Jesus again. Keep playing the game until some children get close enough to touch Jesus.
5. After the game, explain to the children that Jesus loves all little children.



Memory Verse:

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” (Mark 10:14b)

Craft: “Jesus Loves Me”

Materials Needed: Print craft sheet

1. Print and give the craft sheet to everyone.
2. Tell the children to read the memory verse together and have them draw a picture of them and Jesus.

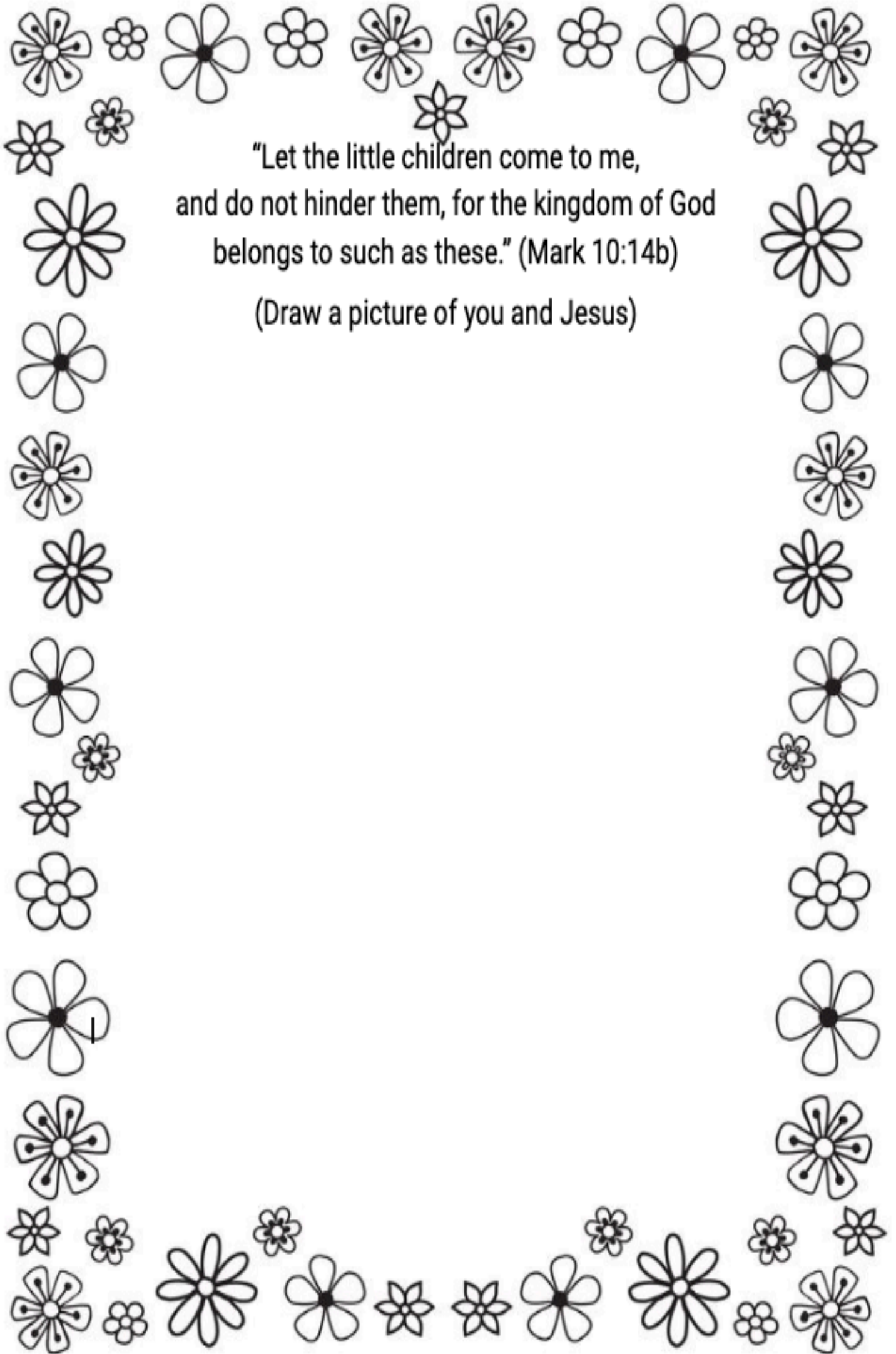
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Teacher’s Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Jesus, the Lord Almighty who created the world and conquered death, cares about each baby, each child, each youth, and each adult. Important people often associate only with other important people—they don’t want to waste their time on people who will not be of help to them. But Jesus is different! Jesus is passionate about you and wants a friendship with you. He loves everyone the same. Can you imagine the depth of Christ’s love for you? Read Romans 8:38-39, and remind yourself of Savior’s love for you. Then think about this question: Do you follow your Lord’s example? Who can you love with the love of Jesus?

Jesus Loves Me



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(Draw a picture of you and Jesus)