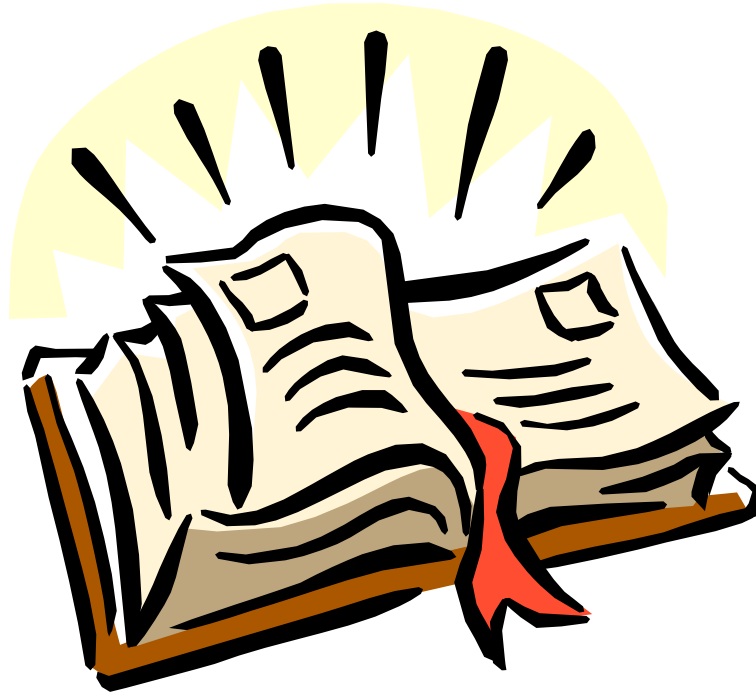


# Bible Time for Kids!



**CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF:**

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**LESSON TITLE: Jesus and the Children**

**THEME: Jesus loves you and me!**

**SCRIPTURE: Mark 10:13-16**

# Dear Parents...

Welcome to Bible Time for Kids! Bible Time for Kids is a series of daily devotions for children and their families. Our purpose is to supplement our Sunday morning curriculum and give you an opportunity to encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's Word together.

This week in Children's Church we learned about **Jesus and the Children**. The theme was "**Jesus loves you and me.**" What a special and wonderful place that children have in the heart of Jesus. When the disciples wanted to keep the children away because they thought He was too busy, He told them not to. He said, "Let the little children come to Me."

Jesus said that a child's heart is a picture of how we must be when we come to Him. We must become like little children. This week let's look at what the Bible says about God's love for us and for children. This is a great week for parents to emphasize to their children the great love that Jesus has for them.

The section of scripture that we studied was **Mark 10:13-16**. The following five devotions are based on either the scripture and/or the theme for Sunday's lesson. As a starting point it would be good for you to review these verses with your children.

These devotions are designed to help you reinforce Sunday's lesson throughout the week with your children, provide some more ideas for the application of God's Word in your children's lives and provide a tool to help in family devotions.

Obviously children at various age levels will respond to the devotional in different ways. You may want to add your own ideas to these to make them more age appropriate.

May the Lord bless you as you study His Word together!

# Overlooked!

**Text: Matthew 19:14** - "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

**Also read Matthew 18:1-4**

Jimmy was standing in line at the hot-dog stand waiting to order some food. He had been waiting for over 30 minutes! People kept coming up and standing next to Jimmy. The employees at the hot-dog stand would help the adults, but they overlooked Jimmy. Jimmy was starting to get a little impatient. "I can't believe no one is helping me," he thought to himself, "I have money. Maybe it's because I'm shorter than everyone else?"

Jimmy went over to a table and grabbed a chair. He slid the chair over to the counter and stood on it. "Excuse me, he said, could someone please help me?" One of the employees walked over to the counter and asked Jimmy to get off of the chair because he could fall off and get hurt. The employee also asked Jimmy to push the chair back over to the table. The employee didn't even offer to help Jimmy, nor did she ask him if he would like to order some food. "I can't wait until I am an adult, Jimmy said to himself, then, people will pay attention to me when I want or need something."

In today's reading we see how Jesus' disciples overlooked the children. In the days of Jesus, children were often overlooked. Today, there are also people who do not think children are important. Jesus never looked down on children. In fact, He used them as examples many times in the Bible. In our reading today we see where Jesus tells the disciples that they should be humble like the children are. An unspoiled child has the characteristics that make for humility. Those characteristics are trust, dependence, the desire to make others happy, and an absence of boasting (the selfish desire to be greater than others.) If you are overlooked by someone because you are a child, remember God values children highly. When we welcome or pay attention to a child, we welcome Jesus (Matthew 18:5).

- How do you feel when someone doesn't notice you because you are a child?
- How does Jesus feel about you?

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Overlooked:** To fail to be noticed or considered.

**Humility:** The quality of being humble, the opposite of arrogance and conceit.

# What Does God's Love Look Like?

(Part One)

**Text:** 1 John 4:8 - "He who does not love does not know God, for God is love."

**Also read 1 Corinthians 13**

Tommy looked outside and saw Eric get off of his bicycle in front of Mrs. Wilson's house. Eric went up to the door and then went inside the house. Mrs. Wilson was very old and did not come outside very often. She was 92 years old and had been living alone for over 30 years. Her yard and house needed a lot of fixing up. One day Tommy Johnson went over to Mrs. Wilson's house and told her that he would cut her grass if she would pay him. Mrs. Wilson was not always polite, and she told Tommy to go home and leave her alone. Tommy thought that she was pretty rude. "I'm just trying to help," thought Tommy. Tommy did not want to help her if that is how she was going to be. "But why was Eric over at her house now." thought Tommy.

Eric left Mrs. Wilson's about an hour later. "Where is Eric going?" thought Tommy. Why would Eric want to help that old rude lady? About 20 minutes went by and Eric returned with a bag of groceries. Eric went up the driveway and up to Mrs. Wilson's door. Eric went inside Mrs. Wilson's house again! "What's going on?" thought Tommy. How much money is Mrs. Wilson paying Tommy to go to the store?

The next day Tommy went outside to ride his bike and he noticed Eric was mowing Mrs. Wilson's yard. Tommy began to get angry and jealous because he tried a few weeks earlier to mow Mrs. Wilson's yard for some money. "Why is Eric coming to my neighborhood and cutting grass? He's taking away the money from me that I should be making." Tommy was getting very upset towards Eric. "I know," thought Tommy, "I'll get even with Eric. When Eric goes into Mrs. Wilson's backyard I will sneak over to his bike and let all the air out of his tire; that will teach him not to come into my neighborhood." **Continued on Day Three...**

- Do you think Tommy is showing God's love? Why or why not?
- Read 1 Corinthians 13 and list all the qualities of God's love.
- Do you have these qualities in your life?

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Unconditional Love:** Without any limits or restrictions.

Day Three

# What Does God's Love Look Like?

(Part Two)

**Text:** 1 John 4:8 - "He who does not love does not know God, for God is love."

**Also read 1 Corinthians 13**

**Continued from Day One...** Eric finally finished all the yard work and needed to get home. It was almost time for dinner. Eric told Mrs. Wilson he was finished and asked her if she needed anything done tomorrow. Mrs. Wilson told Eric that she was very pleased with his work and that she didn't need anything more. Eric went over to his bike and noticed the tire was flat. "Oh no!" said Eric. Eric noticed Tommy across the street with a smile on his face. "Did you see someone messing with my bike?" asked Eric. "Maybe", replied Tommy. "Did you do this?" asked Eric. "And what would you do if I did?" responded Tommy. "Nothing," replied Eric. Eric picked up his bike and began walking home.

Tommy called out, "You had better walk away, and I better never see you around here again! I mow the lawns around here Buck-o". Eric continued to walk home. He heard what Tommy said but he did not respond to Tommy's harsh words. "If Tommy only knew", thought Eric.

That evening Eric remembered to pray for Tommy's heart. Eric prayed that he would get a chance to witness to Tommy and that Tommy's eyes would be opened to see God's glory. Little did Eric know that God's glory was seen through the kindness of his heart. You see after Eric went home, Tommy went over to Mrs. Wilson's house and knocked on the door. Mrs. Wilson answered the door and said, "Can I help you Tommy?" "Yeah," said Tommy. "I noticed that Eric was cutting your grass. I just wanted to point out to you that he did an awful job and that I could do a better job and I would even charge you less than what Eric charged you." **Continued on Day Four...**

- God's kind of love doesn't get jealous of others because of who they are or what they have.
- Do you think Eric should get even with Tommy? Why or why not?
- What has God done for us to show His great love? (John 3:16)

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Jealousy:** Fearful of being replaced by another.

Day Four

# What Does God's Love Look Like?

(Part Three)

**Text:** 1 John 4:11 - "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

**Also read Leviticus 19:18**

**Continued from Day Three...** Mrs. Wilson thought about what Tommy just offered her. She looked at Tommy and said, "Tommy, I can't offer you anything. You see, Eric has been coming over here for the past few weeks helping out of the goodness of his heart. Eric does not ask for anything in return for his help. After Eric is finished here he goes to Mr. Gibson's house and helps him with his yard work. Eric has not accepted a dime!" "Wow", thought Tommy. "Why would Eric do such a goofy thing? Work without getting paid?"

The next day Tommy ran into Eric with a different attitude. Tommy asked Eric what his reason was for helping so many people without getting paid. Eric knew that the Lord had given him this chance to share with Tommy about God's great love for us. Eric told Tommy all about God's love and how He sent His Son to die on a cross for our sins. He also told Tommy that God's love is so strong that He refuses to give up on someone, no matter what kind of person they are. God's love can change anyone's heart. Eric told Tommy how he used to be and how accepting Jesus into his heart changed everything in his life. Now he wants to help others.

Tommy was able to go to church with Eric the following Sunday. Tommy saw God's love shine through Eric. Eric's prayers were answered. Tommy accepted Jesus into his heart. The following week Eric was riding his bike home when he noticed Tommy carrying Mrs. Wilson's groceries for her. Tommy winked at Eric and said, "No charge!" Eric praised God again for what He has done in Tommy's life.

- How about you? If you know the Lord Jesus as your Savior, do you love others with God's kind of love?
- Will you let God's kind of love show through your life this week?
- Remember His great love for you; then ask Him to help you show that love for others.

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**God's kind of love ('Agape):** A self sacrificing love, see 1 Corinthians 13.

Day Five

# Jesus Loves Me, This I Know!

**Text:** 1 John 4:19 - "We love Him because He first loved us."

**Also read** 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

What does the word love mean to you? Is love a warm feeling you have inside when someone cares for you? Do you see or hear of love from the radio, television, or books? Does the world give us perfect love? What we find is that the world gives us a different meaning of love than God's word does. The Bible says, "God is love" (1 John 4:8). God's love for you is a picture of perfect love. God gave us His word to tell us about His love, and He also gave us a living example! Jesus is God's Son. He showed God's kind of love to people who lived on earth with Him, and He continues to love you today with God's kind of love.

Do you know Jesus as your Savior? Do you love others with God's kind of love? Place your own name in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. Are these qualities true in your life?

YOUR NAME

- \_\_\_\_\_ takes turns patiently without getting upset.
- \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't get jealous of a friend's new clothes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't show off or act as if others don't matter.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is polite and respectful to parents and teachers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ lets someone else have the biggest piece of dessert.
- \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't call someone names to get back at them.
- \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't stay angry at someone for what he did.
- \_\_\_\_\_ looks for good in someone others say is bad.
- \_\_\_\_\_ stands up for someone whom others pick on.
- \_\_\_\_\_ believes that God can change difficult people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ encourages others to do and be their best.
- \_\_\_\_\_ refuses to give up on someone, no matter what.

# Memory Verse...

First and Second Grade

**"Let the little children  
come to Me..."**

Third Grade and Above

**"Let the little children  
come to Me, and do not  
forbid them; for of  
such is the kingdom of  
God."**

**Mark 10:14b**