

## Jesus Invites the Children to Him

### Supplies (Included)

- Gummy Worms

**Watch:** [https://youtu.be/QPDL\\_xFCqhw](https://youtu.be/QPDL_xFCqhw)

**Read:** Luke 18:15-17

### Ask:

What did Jesus do in this story? (Jesus invited the children to come to him; he taught everyone that being a little more like a child is important in order to be a part of God's family.)

How did the disciples react to what Jesus did? (The disciples did not seem very happy about the children coming to Jesus, in fact, they tried to make the children go away!)

What is something that you can learn from this story? (Even children can come to Jesus and learn from him; being like a child is important for being a part of God's Family; the disciples of Jesus were often wrong, even though they were trying their best to follow Jesus.)

### Lesson:

Jesus' disciples wanted to tell the children to get away from Jesus. They thought that children would not have anything important to learn from Jesus, and that children would just be a waste of Jesus' time.

What did Jesus think about the children?

That's right! Jesus wanted the children to come to him, to heal them, to teach them, and to love them. The disciples were wrong! Even the disciples had a lot to learn from Jesus, even though they had been with him every day for a long while. Do you think that Jesus was angry with the disciples after that because they got it wrong and tried to shoo away the children? (No!) Jesus was kind-hearted to his disciples, even when they got things wrong. Jesus had to stretch their imagination, and stretch their understanding of who was included.

Sometimes in our lives, we get things wrong too. Do you think that Jesus is angry at us when we get something wrong, like the disciples did in the story? Of course not! But we have to be willing to change and grow after we do something wrong – we can do this by following in Jesus' example.

**Activity:**

Today we have some gummy worms for you, but before you eat them, just take one and hold it. Now pull on both ends gently. What happened? It got a little bit longer right? See if it will go a little bit further... Jesus was doing some stretching to the disciples' minds when he told them that the children should also be included! Jesus can also stretch our minds and our actions to be able to be more kind and loving to everyone around us.

As you stretch your gummy worms and eat them, let's pray that Jesus would stretch us and change us little by little to be more loving and kind to everyone that we know and meet.