



kids

Family Devotional July 5, 2020

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth. You must change and become like little children. If you don't do this, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 18:3

Jesus, Thank you for loving me as I am!



SONG "Who You Say I Am"



Last week we talked about having faith and how the Centurion had faith to believe that if Jesus spoke it, healing would happen. He had complete faith in Jesus and what He said. Jesus was so thrilled with his faith. Did you know that there is another group of people that Jesus was so thrilled with their faith and the way they acted that he used them as an example when talking to his disciples and teaching them. Let's read Matthew 18:1-4 What question do the disciples ask Jesus? What does Jesus do when hearing this question? What is Jesus' answer to the question? Can you believe it? Jesus uses children as an example, he teaches his disciples that children are the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. He says that people must change and become like children in order to enter the kingdom of heaven. What do you think Jesus means when he says become like a child? Do you think he means that people should go back to being small, to not knowing as much a grown ups? Discuss this with your family. Now let's compare what you discussed with some of the things that Jesus loves about children:

Children are full of faith.

Children are trusting.

Children rely on others to care for them.

Children are curious, ask questions, and are excited to learn.

Children are honest and bold.

Children stop and are awestruck by all the things God has created.

When people grow up sometimes they loose some of these qualities that children have.

Jesus says that we should become like children and not loose these childlike qualities because He wants us to trust in Him and rely on Him to care for us. He wants us to be curious and come to Him with questions ready to learn His ways. He wants us to be honest and bold when talking to others. And He wants us to slow down and enjoy the world He has created for us. Often times kids are in such a hurry to grow up, they can't wait to get bigger and be able to do things that older people get to do. But how beautiful is it that when Jesus was asked, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven, that out of all the people in the whole world to choose from He chose you as an example. So remember don't be in a hurry to grow up. Stay bold, honest, curious full of faith and never loose your wonder.

Today's family activity is on the next page.



Additional Scripture To Read This Week:

-Psalm 127:3 - Isaiah 54:13 - Mark 9:36-37

How Do I See Myself?

We listed some of the things that Jesus likes about children.
Now let's take that list and ask how you see
yourself in each of those things.



What I Have Faith For
What Things Do I Trust
Who Do I Rely On For Care
What I'm Curious About
What Questions Do I Have
What Am I Excited To Learn
Ways I Am Bold
What I Look At In Awe & Amazement