



WEEK Nov 14 – 20

MAIN IDEA

Children matter to Jesus.

CHECK IN (HIGHS & LOWS) 15 min

A great, quick way to catch the highlights of what is happening in the lives of the people in your group is to take turns quickly sharing the “highs & lows” of your week. High: What was the highlight of your week? Low: What was the low point of your week?

SETTLE IN (ICE BREAKER) 10 min

1. What is one of your best childhood memories?
2. We are God’s children. Often we don’t like to think of ourselves as children because we want to take ourselves seriously and take pride in self-reliance. But sometimes it is good to remind ourselves how as children of God, he loves us, wants to protect us, and take care of us. Take some time to give our Heavenly Father your worries and fears or to thank him for how he has been taking care of you in this season.

DIG IN (UNDERSTANDING) 15 min

3. Read Mark 10:13-16. Why do you think people were bringing their children to Jesus?
4. Why do you think the disciples rebuked people for this?

5. What is Jesus’ response to the disciples? What does this show us about the heart of Jesus?
6. What does it look like to “receive the kingdom of God like little children”? Why is it sometimes hard to do this?
7. How can you be a blessing to children in your Christian walk? How do you hope to help little children come to Jesus?
8. Read Matthew 18:1-7. This was either a whole other instance, or a different perspective of this story. Why does Jesus include the warning about those who cause children to stumble?
9. What does this show about the heart of Jesus?

STEP UP (HOMEWORK)

5 min

10. Daily Devotion: Spend some time in the Bible and allow it to convict you. Spend some time each day giving those convictions to God and begin walking as you feel called in that area (this is called repentance). Here is the “What Made Jesus Mad” Bible reading plan. <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/15452-what-made-jesus-mad>.
11. Celebration: Make a plan to end this group season by celebrating with one another! Whether it is a shared meal, gift exchange, or playing a fun game together on Zoom, make plans to celebrate together this holiday season!