LESSON 7

CHILDREN OF GOD



Aim: **To show the children that Jesus wants everybody to come to him and trust in him like little children.**

Scripture Reading: **Mark 10:13-16; 9:33-37**

Memory Verse: **Mark 10:14**

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Explain when you teach this verse that "kingdom of God" means "where God rules".

PRESENTING THE LESSON

STARTING POINT

Talk about how people want children to behave when there is a visitor in the house. They should greet the guest and then go away. The grown-ups do not want the children to disturb the visitor.

MAIN POINTS OF THE LESSON

1. Jesus was talking about important things to those who had come to listen to him. Then some mothers brought their children to Jesus so he could bless them.
2. The disciples did not want their teacher disturbed or the discussion interrupted. They tried to keep the mothers and their children away from Jesus.
3. Jesus noticed what was happening and stopped the disciples. He called the children to him, gave them special attention and blessed them (10:16).
4. **Show Picture 7 and discuss it.** Do you notice how interested Jesus is in the children? He wants to be with them! He listens to them. He wants them to trust him.

INSTIL THE MEMORY VERSE

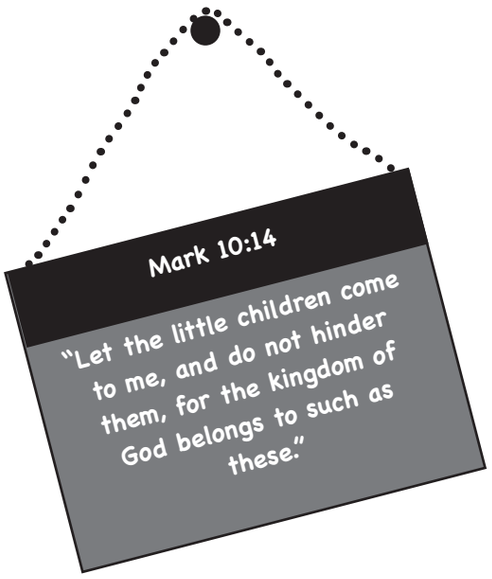
OUR RESPONSE TO THE STORY

Give an example of when a young child has to trust an adult, for example going to school for the first time or going to the hospital. In such situations, children do not know or understand what is going to happen. They just go with the adult who takes them because they trust the person.

Look,Listen&Live_Book6.indd 22 2012/09/07 15:23 PM



Jesus wants us to trust him and love him like this, no matter how old we are. That is why proud people can never be followers of Jesus. We need to trust him like babies trusts their mother to give them food and keep them safe and cared for.



Look,Listen&Live_Book6.indd 23 2012/09/07 15:23 PM