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**CBSI Preschool Year 2**  
**Lesson 21**

**JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN**

*"Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it at all."* (Mark 10:15)

Some people— parents, big brothers or sisters, or perhaps even some of the friends of Jesus—were bringing children forward to Jesus as He taught the crowds in the countryside; and the disciples rebuked them.

Little children were just little children. They weren't important, were they? Well, of course, they would be one day when they grew and became adults. When they could take responsibility and think better and do grown-up things. Little children are simple. They play, they cry, they pout, they know when they are naughty, they laugh, they believe....

But they are just little children. Adults could understand what Jesus was saying. Adults needed to hear, not little children. Adults take care of children. They can teach the children about Jesus. The children should not get in the way so that the adults could learn.

This may be how the disciples were thinking. But can you imagine how you would feel if your little child had such an opportunity to come to Jesus personally? To have the man Jesus Christ, Who was God incarnate upon earth, take your little child into His arms and bless him and lay His hands upon him?

And who is a child? A human being who has a longer time (usually) ahead to be a human being than any adult. And a child has the innate ability to receive Jesus in a way that no adult has—in a childlike manner.

Not childish, which would be immature, silly. Adults can be childish and no one (adult or child) likes them very much that way. But childlike, which is innocent, trusting. As a rule, society (for the most part) feels that an adult who is innocent and trusting is a foolish person.

In today's deteriorating morality, if an adult like this can be taken advantage of, it is his or her own fault. A person should be craftier, worldly wise, astute.

**How should one be in coming to Jesus? To God the Father?**

Let's face it. We can't get close to God by our craftiness, by our worldly wisdom, or by our own devices. We must become like a child. *"Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it at all."* (Mark 10:15).



We must put aside our preconceived ideas and truly look at Him and listen...hear Him and let Him speak to our hearts of His love for us and His Father's love for us. We cannot figure it out; we must simply open up to the wonder of it all. And receive it. Receive Him. Receive all that He has for us. And not try to earn it or pay Him back.

Does a little child think he can deserve love like this? No, but he's able to accept it! Does a little child try to pay back a wonderful gift he receives? He knows he can't; he takes it and says "Thank you!" He may be so appreciative that he will try harder to please. He may even try to give a little gift of love in return—but he knows it doesn't match in value. And, of course, we all know that—being human—he'll not be a perfect little being.

**But God still loves him. And, in the same way,  
He loves you and me!**

