

LEVEL 1 CHILDREN'S LESSON – LESSON 21

Year 2 – GOD IS LOVE

<u>UNIT 4:</u>	Jesus Teaches of God's Great Love Jesus's Ministry
<u>Lesson 21:</u>	Jesus Calls the Children
<u>Scripture:</u>	Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17
<u>Objective:</u>	For the child to learn that Jesus loves and welcomes children into His forever family.
<u>Story Overview:</u>	Jesus took time from His teaching to spend time with the little children. He wanted to share God's great love with them.
<u>Memory Verse:</u>	John 13:34 – "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." (Shorter version: <i>"Love one another."</i>) John 13:34)
<u>Memory Verse Song:</u>	John 13:34 – Sung to the tune of a favorite song in your country

Bible Story: Get ready! Let's go to see Jesus. I imagine you would be just as excited as the boys and girls were in our Bible story today. They heard about how wonderful Jesus was, and they knew He taught all about God and how much God loved them. Now they were going to get to see Jesus and maybe even talk to Him!

The children and their mothers hurried down the road to where Jesus was teaching. As they got closer, they became excited about being able to talk to Jesus. As the mothers tried to move their children through the crowd to get closer to Jesus, they were turned away. Jesus's helpers said the children shouldn't bother Jesus when He had work to do. Jesus was too busy and didn't have time to see the children. The helpers told them to go away.

The mothers and children were sad! They had come all that way, and Jesus was too busy for them. The mothers and children sadly turned to go back home. Wait, someone was calling them. As they looked around, they saw Jesus was calling them! "Do not go away," Jesus said. "Come, children, come."

Then Jesus said to His helper, "Let the little children come to Me; don't send them away." As Jesus said this, the people in the crowd made a pathway so the mothers could bring their children to Jesus. Jesus smiled as the children quickly ran to Him. He took each of them in His arms and hugged them. He let them sit in His lap as He talked to them. The mothers were happy as Jesus put His hands on the children and prayed.

Life Application: We need to tell God we have done wrong things and want not to do them anymore. Each of us needs to tell Him about wanting Jesus—God's gift of love—to be his or her Savior and to come into his or her heart and life. When we do that and believe in Jesus, we have the right to become children of God—to be part of His forever family.

We may do wrong things again, but if we tell God about them and are sorry, God forgives us, and we can **never** be out of His family again. Isn't that wonderful? Let's talk to God now. (Leader: lead in prayer, emphasizing God's love for each child.)

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