



Family Worship Guide 26

Kids Are Valuable

Watch Video

This is a very special video to me. The young lady on the video playing “Mariah” is really Kristyn, who was one of the kids in our church’s kids’ ministry when we lived in Kokomo, Indiana. Kristyn is now a full-time staff children’s pastor at a large church in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, where she loves on kids for Jesus. She is living out 3 John 1:4 for me, “*I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.*”

It would give me great joy to know that you are following Jesus!

Click below to watch the Jesus and the Little Children video:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/ymboap9kgccc9fe/Jesus%20and%20the%20Little%20Children.mpg?dl=0>

Talk Time

- Have you ever felt unimportant or unwanted?
- Do you ever feel like you’re unimportant or unwanted with God? Do you ever feel like you bother Him?
- Maybe you thought God was for adults only and He wasn’t interested in kids.

Here’s the truth: God cares about YOU so much! You are so special to Him! He created you, and He loves you. In fact, Jesus got ticked off at the disciples when they tried to keep the children away from Him, because He loves them so much!

He loves His children who have ADHD. He loves His children who are in wheelchairs or who have handicaps. He loves His children who are from other countries or who speak another language. He loves His children who are orphaned. He loves the kids who are smart and are in accelerated classes. He loves kids who make bad grades in school. There is nothing you could do to make Jesus love you more, or nothing you could do to make Him love you less. You are His child, and that’s why He loves you.

Jesus wants to bless YOU! He wanted to pray over the children. He wanted to spend time with them. He wanted a relationship with them. And He wants that for you, too.

Look Up and Read Out Loud

- Matthew 19:14
- Mark 10:16

Check Out a Sunflower

If you have some sunflower seeds around that you like to snack on, get them out. If not, we’ve included a picture of some seeds. You’re supposed to pop a shell in your mouth, break it open with your teeth so you can eat the seed inside (which is really yummy), and then spit the shell out. (It’s not yummy!) If you’ve never had them, ask an adult to get you some the next time they go to the store.



Look at a sunflower seed. It doesn't look like much, does it? It isn't very pretty or impressive. It isn't very big or powerful. But it has a big purpose! Its purpose is to grow, be beautiful, and make lots more seeds!

Did you know that a tiny little sunflower seed can turn into the sunflower you see in the next picture? Sunflowers can grow to be 5-12 feet tall! Whoa baby! This sunflower is over the lady's head! A full-grown sunflower is brightly colored and produces a lot of seeds and flowers.



You might think you're small and don't have a great purpose, but like this sunflower seed, you have something great inside you! You can live for God your entire life. He has a special plan written in you that no one else has.

Every person is valuable to Jesus. Do you know why the disciples tried to keep the children from getting to Jesus? Because they thought the children were unimportant! They thought that adults deserved His time but that children didn't deserve Jesus' time! But Jesus told the disciples that children were very valuable to Him.

Measure for Yourself

Sunflowers can be 5-12 feet tall. Measure how tall that is. Is it higher than your ceiling? A sunflower started as a little seed and became a super tall beautiful flower. Each person starts out as a small child, but God has BIG plans for each one! God has a big, wonderful plan for YOU!

Prayer

Use this special time of prayer to bless your child(ren). **Hold on ... don't get intimidated by this!** When an adult individually prays over a child, the impact it has on that child is indescribably amazing and life-giving! Just calmly say, “(Child's name), I'd like to pray a blessing for you.” Then, place your hands on their shoulders or hold them in a big hug, and speak words of affirmation over them. Here's an example (but the age of your child will determine how much you actually say).

God, thank you for this special gift, (child's name). Your Word tells me that You have a great plan for their life, and that (child's name) is valuable to You. Surround (child's name) today, and always, with Your presence, and help him/her to remember how much You love him/her. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Please don't skip over this opportunity to love your child in a new way.

Decorate Cupcakes

Make some cupcakes together as a family. Have lots of fun decorating them! Challenge your child to decorate their cupcake(s) to tell something about them—something they love to do or just their name. Remind them that Jesus thinks they are pretty special ... and very, very valuable.

