



Friends of Jesus and Mary

XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 2, 18-24; Psalm 127; Hebrews 2, 8-11; Mark 10, 2-16

...Let the children come to me....

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. *For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* So, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate." In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

Reflection

The gospel first speaks about marriage, then speaks about children. Children learn to love God and others from a loving family. People were taking children to Jesus, but the disciples tried to stop them. Why? (They felt it was more important that Jesus talk to the adults.) What does Jesus tell them? (He said angrily, "Let the children come to me; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.") Describe children. (Simple; trusting of adults; they return love with much love...) Jesus says, "The kingdom of God belongs to such as these." How does Jesus want all of us to be so we may enter God's Kingdom? (He wants us to be simple; trusting in God and His Word; and to return to Him and others the great love He gives us every day.) Jesus showed how much He loves children when He hugged them and blessed them.



Activity

On the following page, fill in the blanks with the words from the gospel. On the other page, color, cut, and decorate the hearts. Glue a stick to the back. Say the prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Prayer

Lord, thank you for your love. Help me to love you more each day and to always trust you. I pray for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not trust, and do not love you. Amen.

Song: Jesus Loves Me, CPH VPS (Ctrl Clck) <https://youtu.be/Sa-DxCITXw> (2-6 yrs.)

Jesus Loves Me, Lifetree Kids (Ctrl Clck) <https://youtu.be/PhHhvn-ZmU4> (7+ yrs.)

PPT: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Ja1qg0fBVmwtiR1rBCXiN2iIDBTINg9U/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true>

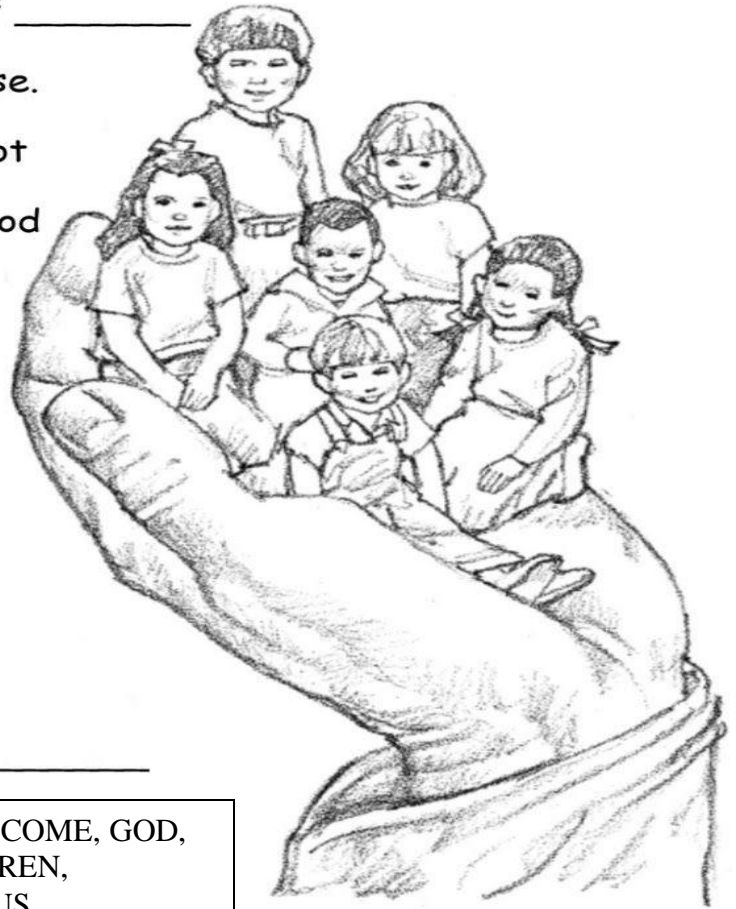


Jesus Blesses Little Children

Some people brought their _____
to _____ for him to place his _____ on them.
The _____ saw them
and _____ them for doing so,
but Jesus _____ the children to him and said,
"Let the _____ to me
and do not _____ them,
because the _____ of _____
_____ to such as these.

Remember this! Whoever does not
_____ the Kingdom of God
like a _____
will never enter it.

Luke 18: 15-17



Jesus loves _____

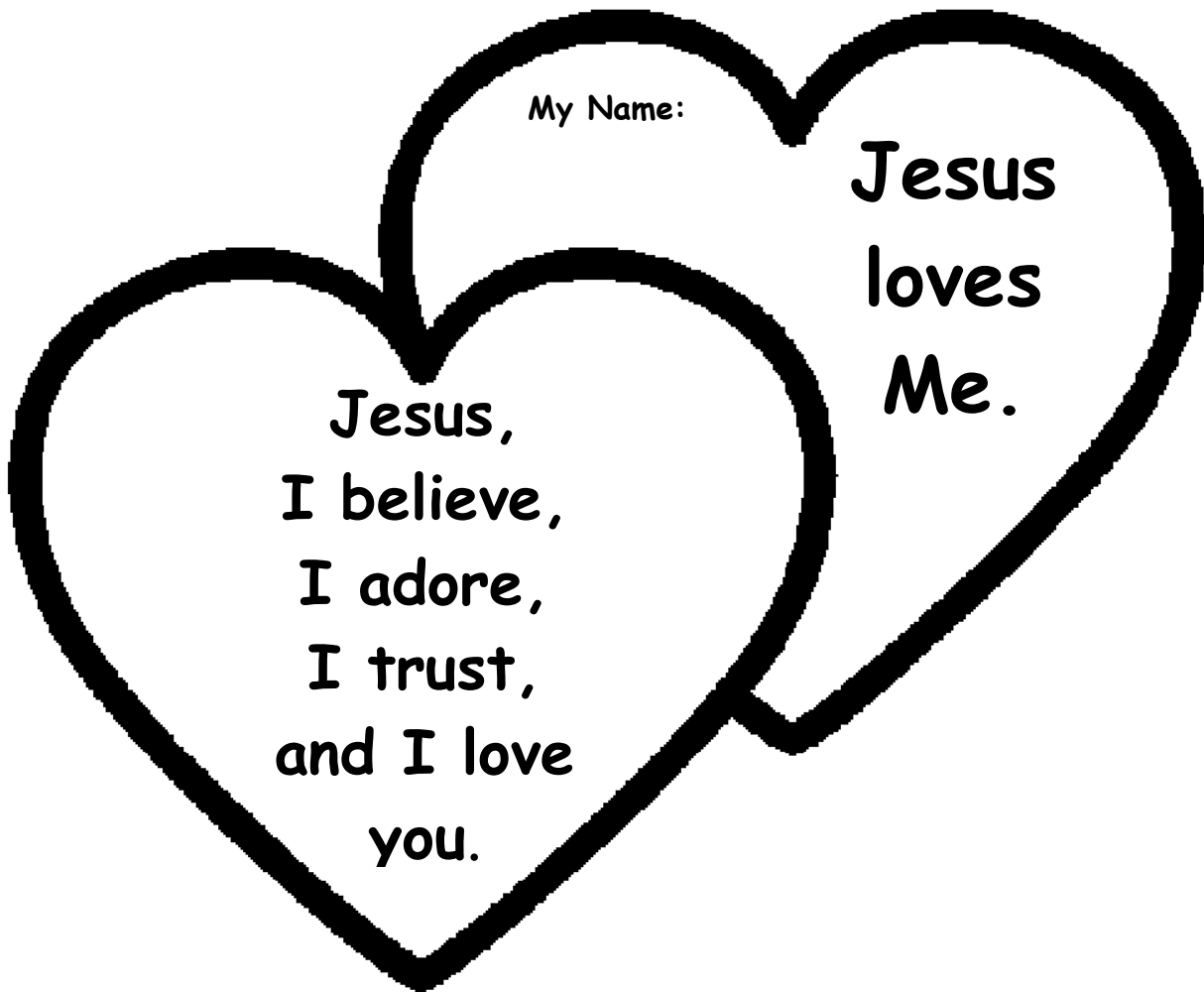
Choose from these words: BELONGS, REBUKED, COME, GOD, CHILD, ACCEPT, CHILDREN, CALLED, CHILDREN, KINGDOM, PREVENT, DISCIPLES, HAND, JESUS.



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