

Week 23

Jesus Blesses Children

One day, some grown-ups took their children to see Jesus. They wanted Jesus to love and bless their children.

The grown-ups and children were happy and excited. But when they got close to where Jesus was, His disciples said, "Stop! You can't come to see Jesus. He's too busy for you."

(*) Jesus heard His disciples. He said, "Let the children come to Me." And He took the children in His arms to hug and hold and love and bless them. Jesus loves all of His children, little children and grown-up children too!

Fold the family letter back so your child can focus on the big picture as you tell the Bible story. At the point in the story indicated by an asterisk (), fold the picture strip forward, overlapping part of the big picture. Talk about what has changed in the picture as you continue the story.*

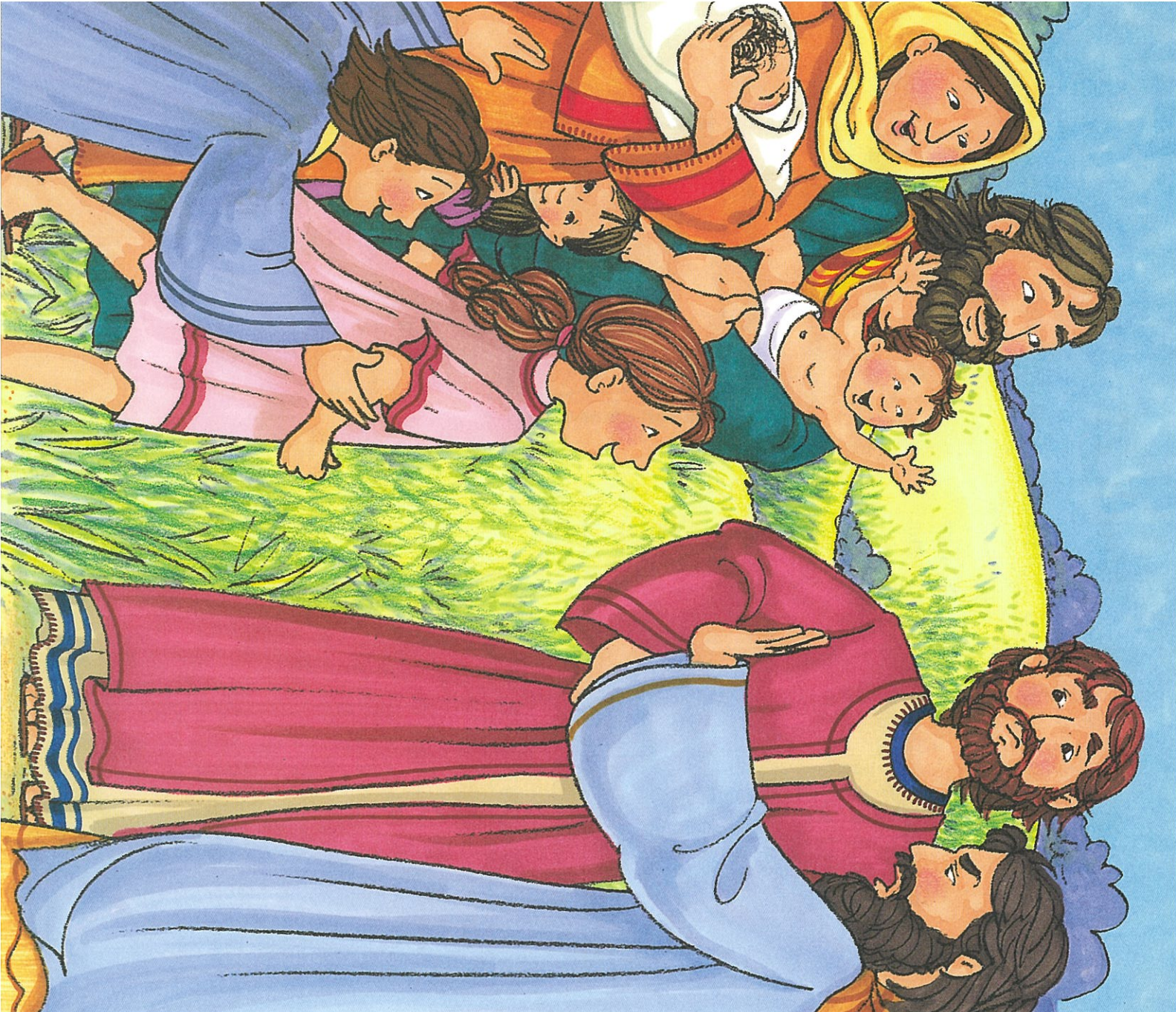
Think about It

Read the story for yourself in Mark 10:13-16 in your Bible. Jesus cares about each of you personally. Isaiah 43:1 says He knows you and calls you by your name.

Bible Words

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me."
Matthew 19:14





Dear Family,

God has placed your child in your family as a special gift and blessing from Him. You are a special gift and blessing to your child as well. Look for ways to share the love and blessings of Jesus each day. Talk to Jesus about your child. Talk to your child about Jesus.

In prayer, thank God for each person in your family. Then, trace each family member's hand onto paper. Cut out the tracings. Write the person's name and special things about that person on the hand shape. Hang the hands around a picture of Jesus (with fingers reaching out). Repeat this until the picture is surrounded with a wreath of hands. Reach out in kindness and love, as Jesus has done for you!

Read more about the Bible lesson on pages 380–382 in *The Story Bible*, available from Concordia Publishing House (CPH).