THE GOSPEL OF
LUKE
GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY

LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME

Luke 18:15-17

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"Jesus was incensed that his disciples came to a conclusion that sought to exclude children from his presence! Why? Because all people matter to him. No matter their age or status (or lack thereof), he is not too important, too busy, too taxed, or too powerful, even for children. In fact, it's just the opposite: he values and loves the children, and seeks to bless them."

– Jason Helopoulos

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Who does Jesus want you to identify with in the story?

- He wants you to see that You are the children that he is welcoming to come

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- *"He is not saying that children are so innocent and lovely that they are worthy of the kingdom of God; quite the opposite. The quality that children possess in abundance is their unworthiness; like the tax collector…, they had no resume of spiritual accomplishments to tempt them to the works-righteousness that marked the Pharisee. One of the surprises of the kingdom of God is that it is those kinds of people, and only those kinds of people, who enter into it."*

– Mike McKinley