

# St Wilfrid's Family Focus

14<sup>th</sup> June 2020 - Jesus and the children

Welcome to this week's Family Focus! A weekly opportunity for you to gather together as a family and spend some time with God. As usual there is a story to read, some things to wonder about, a song to sing and some suggestions for activities and prayer. Use them in whatever way works best for you. We pray that you will know that God is with you as you meet together today, wherever you are. Have fun!



## Story – Jesus and the children

This week we find out what happened when some little children came to see Jesus. You might like to read this story in a Bible. You can find it in Matthew 18, Mark 10 and Luke 18. You can also watch this version of the story from “The Jesus Storybook Bible” by Sally Lloyd Jones, on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9ARfuxlpy4>





I wonder...

It is great to ask questions about Bible stories, and to wonder what God might be saying to us through them. Perhaps you could have a think and a wonder about some of these questions with other people in your family.

O I wonder why the disciples tried to stop the children seeing Jesus?

O I wonder where you would be in the story...

Would you be in the crowd?

Would you run to Jesus?

Would you do something else?

O I wonder which part of the story you liked best?

O I wonder what this story tells us about Jesus?

O I wonder what this story tells us about what we should do?

**But Jesus called the children to him and said,  
“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,  
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.**

Luke 18:16

This is a well known verse from this week’s story. It reminds us that God loves everyone; it doesn’t matter who you are or how old you are. **You** are important to God. He wants us to come to him and talk to him, just like the children did.

This verse also tells us to be like little children in the way that we love God. Think about what babies and small children are like. They are so curious and full of wonder about everything around them and they are very open and trusting. They don’t worry about what is going to happen tomorrow but are fully involved in what is going on right now. God wants us to be more like this in our relationship with him.



## Songs

Here are a couple of songs...

This is a song to listen to together. Whilst you listen to the song perhaps you could think about our story. Jesus really wanted to talk to the children and he really wants to talk to you too. You can talk to Jesus right now. You can shout, whisper or keep your thoughts in your head, You can tell Jesus anything you want, he is listening.

Let the children come – Hillsong Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yCl4oyrO75U>

This is a song to jump and dance around to together!

Hey! Jesus Loves Me!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oliRIM6iw3c>



## Paper chain prayers

For our prayer this week, you may like to make a paper chain of people.

(instructions here: <https://www.kidspot.com.au/things-to-do/activity-articles/craft-paper-chain-people/news-story/ee4c2c58f340cd6e512810fca2972148>)

Write the name of a friend on each person. You can also decorate your people.

Pray for each of your friends. Ask God to look after them and pray that they will know how much God loves them.



## Activities

This is an activity to help us remember that Jesus loves children all over the world.



1. Print the template. (See below)
2. Colour and cut out all of the pieces.
3. Colour a paper plate blue.
4. Glue the continents onto the painted paper plate. (Please don't use the continents for a Geography lesson though!)

5. Cut off any excess overhang to leave a perfect round paper plate.
6. Glue the children to the outskirts of the plate.
7. Finally, glue the cross to the plate.
8. You could write the verse from our story (Luke 18:16) on the back of your plate.

### **Hand print art**

(If you feel like getting the paints out and don't mind getting a little bit messy!)



Every person in your family makes a painted hand print.  
Once the paint is dry, write these words on the fingers. (1 word on each finger.)

**I am special to God.**

**Have fun!**



