

Jesus Receives Children: Don't Hinder Them

Mark 10:13-16

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1. We must receive **children** like Jesus: verses 13-14 (9:35-37)
 - a. Bring them **regularly** (verse 13) - They were bringing children to Jesus.
 - b. Receive them **readily**- (verse 14) - let them come.
 - c. Hinder them, **never!** (verse 14) Do not forbid them.
 - i. Never **diminish** the value of a child.
 - ii. Never **dismiss** the participation of a child
 - iii. Never **disappoint** the love of a child
 - iv. Never **destroy** the trust of a child
 - v. Never **doubt** the faith of a child
 - vi. Never **distance** yourself from contact with children.

2. We must receive **Jesus** like children (verse 15)
 - a. Children are **trusting**
 - b. Children are humble
 - c. Children are **dependent**
 - d. Children are accepting
 - e. Those are the requirements for a person to come to Jesus.

3. We must bless children like Jesus (verse 16)
 - a. **Publicly**
 - b. Personally

Faith is not **childish** but God does require **childlike** faith.