

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: Jesus Loves Us

SCRIPTURE: Mark 10

WORD OF WONDER: From John 3:16

Hello friends, my name is _____, and it's so good to see you today! Let's start by checking out our ping pong jar. What do we need to do to earn a ping pong ball?

Allow kids to answer: Bring a friend, say Word of Wonder, bring your Bible, bring an offering.

Great job! Now, why do we bring an offering?

Allow kids to answer.

That's right! Everything we have is a gift from God. When we give money, it helps us do special things on *Serve the City* days. We use the money to help people in our neighborhoods and to show them God's love.

Giving is one way we can help others and tell them about Jesus!

Thank you for giving! Let's have a fun time today!

Let's start by doing our Declaration together. Remember these are truths from the Bible we can hold onto always.

Prayer of Invitation

God, thank You for bringing each of us here to worship You today. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to understand how much You love us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

God's Big Story

Bible Time Rhyme

I open my Bible, and what do I see? *(Hold your hands together, then open your palms, as if opening a book.)*

God's big story, waiting for me! *(Point to yourself.)*

Let's hear part of God's big story, which comes from the book of Mark in the Bible. It's the second book of the New Testament.

Read the God's Big Story Script provided or read [Mark 10:13–16](#) from the Bible. You can also print the Bible Story Picture to give the kids a visual depiction as you tell the story.

GOD'S BIG STORY SCRIPT

Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about when Jesus spent time with children. Let's find out from the Bible what happened.

One day, some parents wanted to bring their children to Jesus to meet Him. Jesus was with His friends—the disciples. Can you say, “disciples”? Encourage the kids to say the word.

Disciples are the people who were close with Jesus.

When the parents arrived with their children to meet with Jesus, the disciples told them to go away! Point to the door.

They thought Jesus was too busy and wouldn't want to spend time with a bunch of little kids!

When Jesus heard what His disciples did, He was so upset! Throw your hands in the air, as if you're really upset.

Jesus told the parents to bring their children to Him. He didn't want anyone telling them to go away!

He opened His arms and welcomed the children. Give a big air hug.

He blessed them and told everyone He loves kids! There is a special place for kids in the kingdom of God. Kids are so important to Him.

Jesus loves you, and Jesus loves me! Always remember that.

Watch God's Big Story

Watch the [Jesus and the Children God's Big Story!](#)

Worship

Connecting the Wonder Truth

Our Wonder Truth today is **JESUS LOVES US. Where did you see our Wonder Truth happen in the story? Allow kids to answer freely.**

This story was not the only time when Jesus spent time with kids. Before this part of God's big story, Jesus took another a child in His arms and taught His disciples that welcoming little children in His name is the same as welcoming Him (see [Mark 9:33–37](#)). There were other times when Jesus cared for children—He noticed, healed, and blessed them.

Word of Wonder

WORD OF WONDER

God so loved the world. He gave His one
and only Son.

—from John 3:16

Our Word of Wonder for the Hanging Out with Jesus series is from [John 3:16](#). Let's practice saying the Word of Wonder together.

In today's God's big story, we heard about how Jesus welcomed children. Our Word of Wonder tell us God loves the world—that includes children! Let's practice our Word of Wonder.

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **GOD**—*Point up to God.*
- **SO LOVED**—*Hands on heart.*
- **THE WORLD.**—*Hands in a big circle over your head.*
- **HE GAVE HIS ONE**—*Point up with one finger.*
- **AND ONLY SON.**—*Hold your hands out on either side (like a cross).*
- **FROM JOHN 3:16**—*Hold your hands together as if opening a book.*

Prayer Journal questions:

- How can you tell God loves and cares about you?
- How does it make you feel to know that God loves you?

Watch the Word of Wonder Video