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LIFE OF JESUS

What Jesus Thinks About Kids

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Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

Leader Tip: Before starting, invite 4 kids up for a role play. Explain that three kids will be treated nicely and one will be left out. Encourage the kids to play along with you as you give special attention to the three and ignore the other. Then, ask the group of three how it felt to feel important. Ask the one what it felt like to be ignored.

Before we get into our lesson, I have a question for you guys. Have you ever felt unimportant because you're just a kid? (allow kids to answer). Yeah! Maybe it was because your parents wouldn't listen to you, or some adults didn't take your idea seriously. (If you used the leader tip, ask the group what they would've felt like if they were the one left out). Feeling left out or ignored is the worst! But, today we're going to learn that being a kid isn't so bad after all!

In today's lesson, we're going to talk about what Jesus thinks of kids. He thinks you're super important!

We'll learn more about that in a few minutes, but first let's stand and sing a song!

Song

We Will Dance

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together: Jesus thinks that kids are SUPER important. **(Repeat)**

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- Who got mad when some people brought their kids to see Jesus? (Jesus's disciples)

- What does Jesus think of kids? (he thinks they're SUPER important)
- True or False: Jesus taught that you have to be like a kid to really know God. (T)

Jesus taught this because kids think a lot differently than adults. A lot of adults think they can do things all on their own. They think they know what's best. A lot of kids aren't like that! Kids know they can't do things on their own. They have to rely on other people to help and take care of them. Kids have no problem admitting that they don't know it all. And that's the attitude God likes. He wants us to rely on him instead of relying on ourselves. He wants us to follow his plan instead of doing what we think is best. That's what it takes to really know God! That's why Jesus said that people should be like kids!

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"Let the children come to me (move hands towards self as if telling to come). Don't stop them! (shake finger "no") For the Kingdom of God (point up) belongs to those who are like these children (point to kids)." Mark 10:14b *(Repeat)*

The "b" at the end of that just means it's the second half of a longer verse. This verse doesn't mean that Jesus doesn't care about adults or that adults won't go to heaven. Jesus loves adults, too. Jesus' point was about having the right attitude. We should all approach God the same way, whether we're a kid or an adult. We need to trust and depend on Jesus, not ourselves.

So, kids, when you feel hopeless or bored because you're a kid, remember this lesson. Jesus thinks that you're super important.

Now, let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Live it Out

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

Jesus thinks kids are SUPER important. *(Repeat)*

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and release the kids to small group.