

Date	Day	Colour	Theme
16 August 2020	Jesus welcomes children	Green	Jesus loves children and welcomes them with open arms!

Bible verse:- Matthew 19:13-15

Jesus' friends, his disciples, were trying to help when they were stopping children from going to meet Jesus. They thought he was too busy with more important things to meet with them, and they didn't want him to get too tired. After all, how could he meet all those grown ups and children too?

Jesus had other ideas though. He wanted the children, and adults, to know that the children were, and still are, just as important to him as the adults were (and still are). He also wanted to teach the adults that if they wanted to understand what God's kingdom is like, to experience the Kingdom of Heaven, then they need to be prepared to trust God like children can, even when surrounded by thoughts, words or actions that might make them question God's love for them. When there are events or difficulties in life that might make grown ups wonder whether God is real, or whether God loves us, or whether God can hear us when we pray - just like children - grownups need to trust and allow God to do whatever is needed for the good of everyone.

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Further Activities

- 1) Watch the Children's Church video for this week.
- 2) Make a prayer space in a corner of your room (If you haven't already). You could have a little table, on the table put a cross and a candle (a battery operated one would be safest).
This week you might like to think of some grown ups who need us to pray for them. You might choose your Mum or Dad, grandparents, aunties, uncles or your teacher. Write your prayer, or tell God, your prayer for them. Trust that God will answer in the way that is best for them.
- 3) Colouring sheet.
- 4) I'd love to see photos if you're allowed to email them in. Ask your parents to help you. The address is:- families@graftoncathedral.org.au

