

# Jesus is Calling



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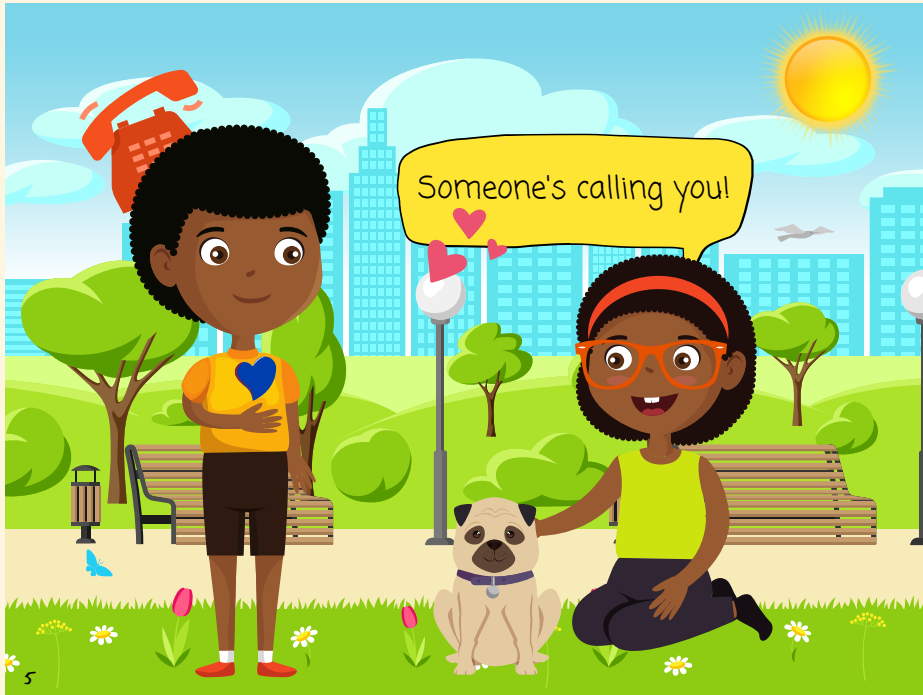
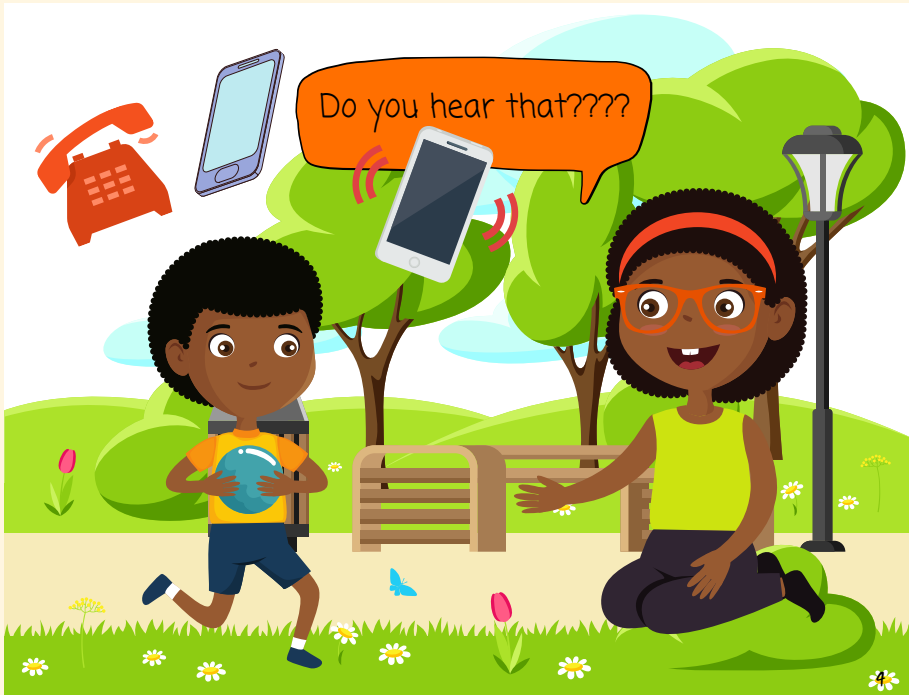
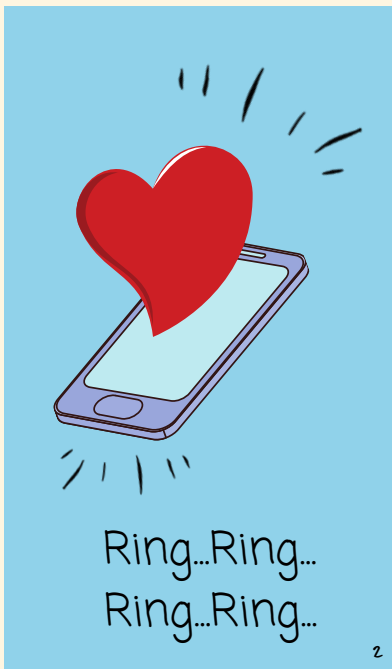
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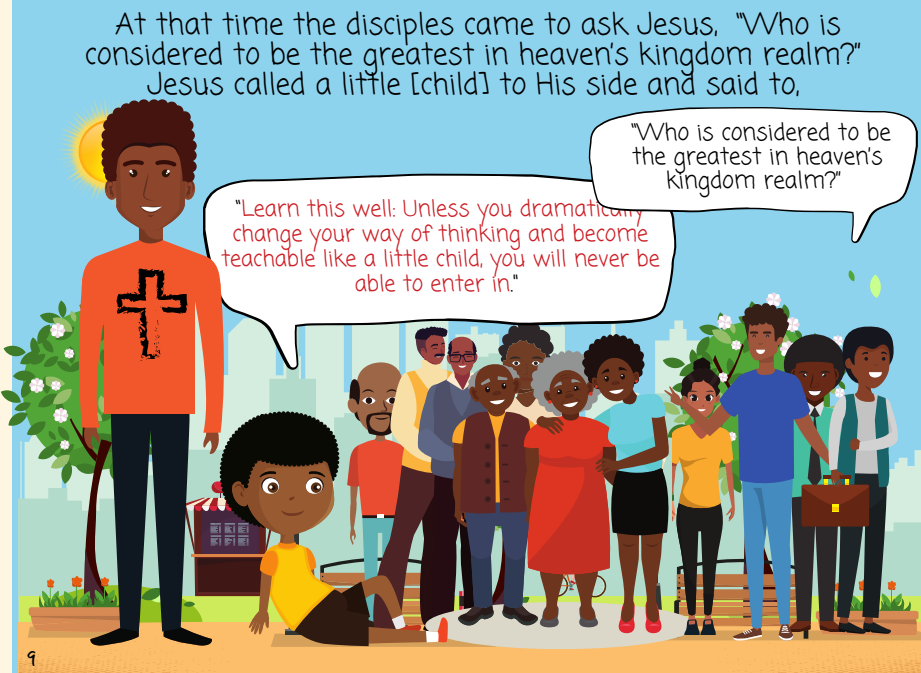
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"Whoever continually humbles himself to become like this little child is the greatest one in heaven's kingdom realm. And if you tenderly care for this little one on My behalf, you are tenderly caring for Me."

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"Wow! So His disciples, the men and women who followed Jesus were in competition."

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They wanted to know who's going to be #1 when we get to heaven.



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Notice that Jesus called a little child.



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# KIDS QUIZ

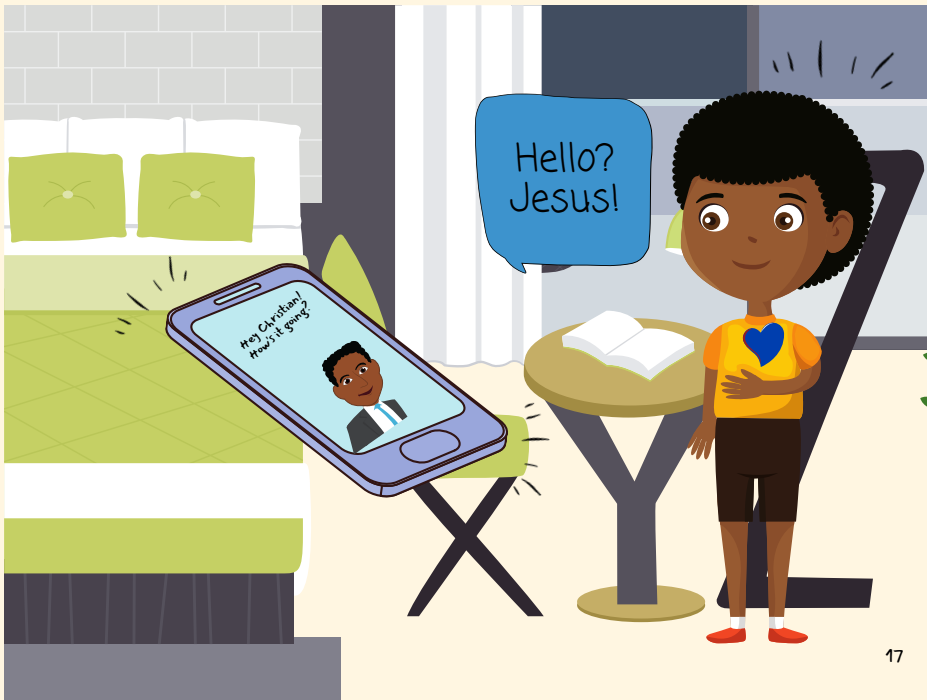
Why do you think it's important for the kid to answer?

Write your answers in the caption.

Answer #1

Answer #2

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Once the child responds, Jesus sits him in the middle of everybody. That means all the disciples could see the little child.



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Answer #1

Answer #2



# KIDS QUIZ

Why do you think Jesus put the child in the front of the adults?

Write your answers in the caption.

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So, when Jesus calls you, He calls you by your name because He knows you. I like how the child trusts Jesus.

# KIDS QUIZ

Why do you think the little kid trusted Jesus?

Write your answers in the caption.

Answer #1

Answer #2



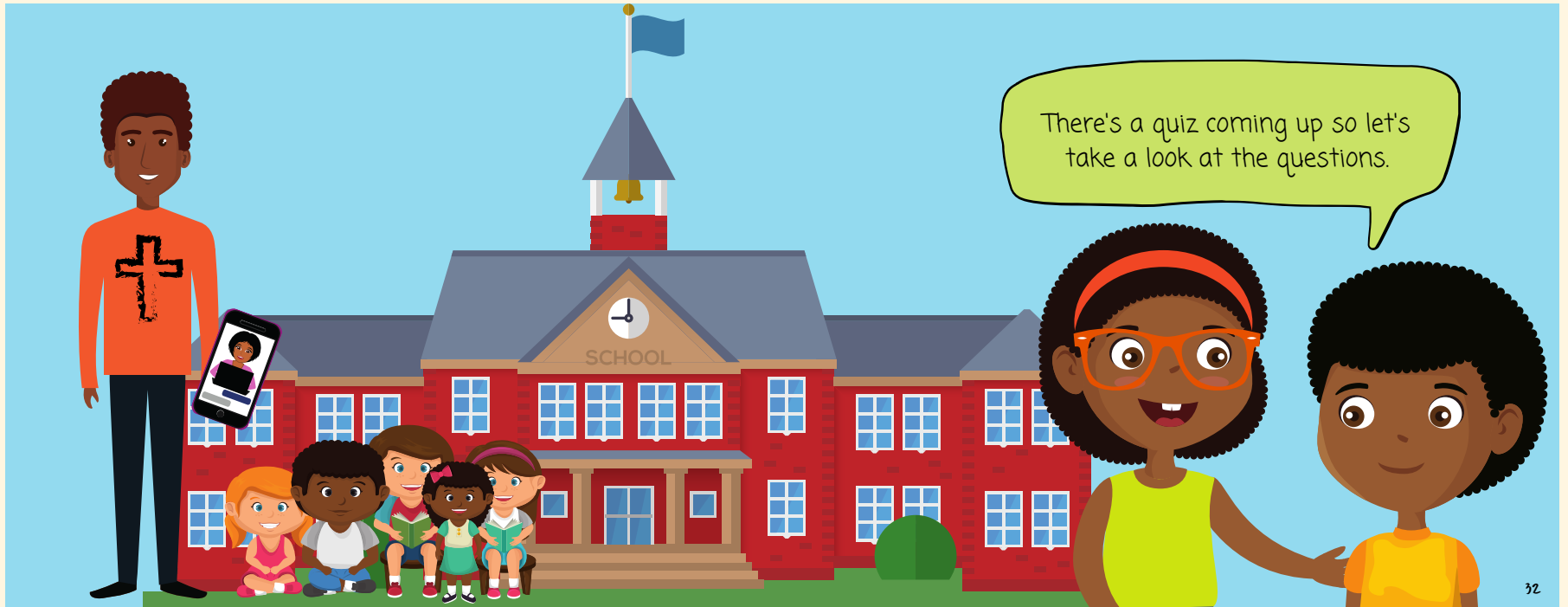
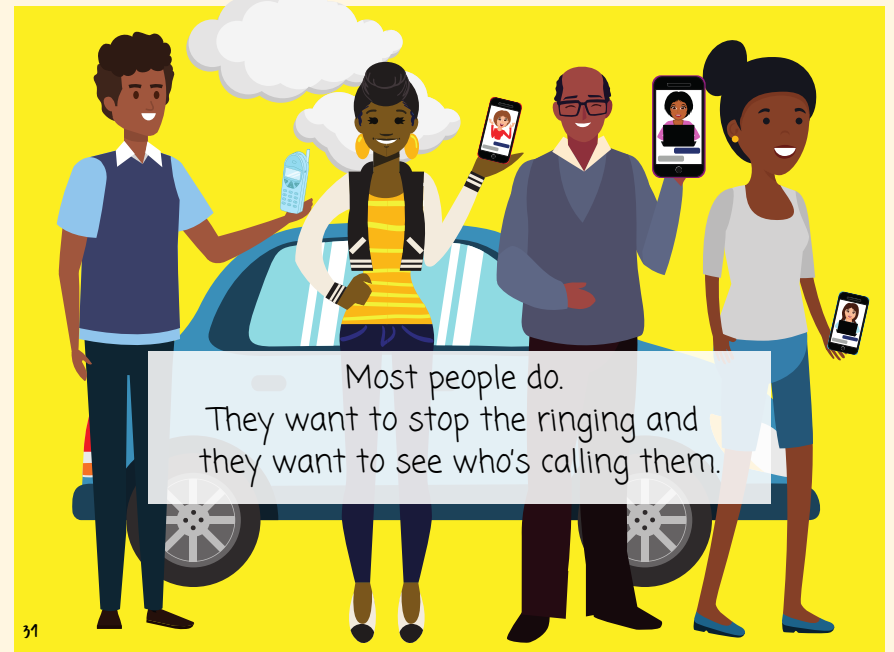


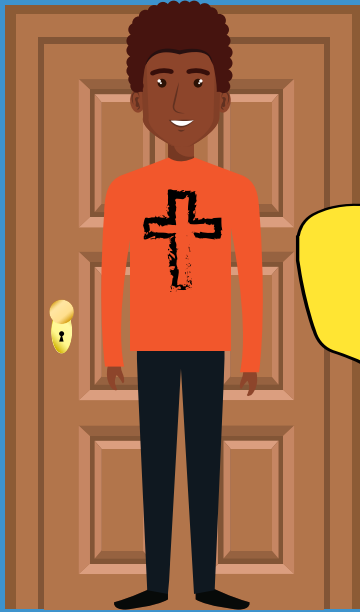


When someone is calling you, and you ignore them, that shows you don't respect them.

And when someone is calling you, and you answer that shows you respect them.

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Answer #1

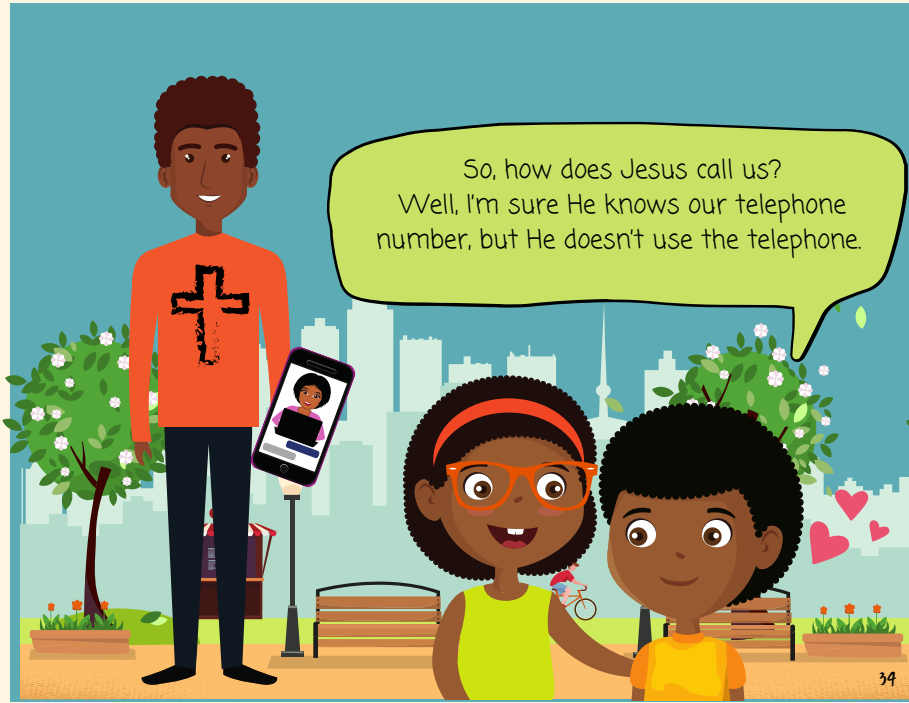
Answer #2

Answer #3

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How does Jesus call us?  
What other ways could someone call us?

Write your answers in the caption.

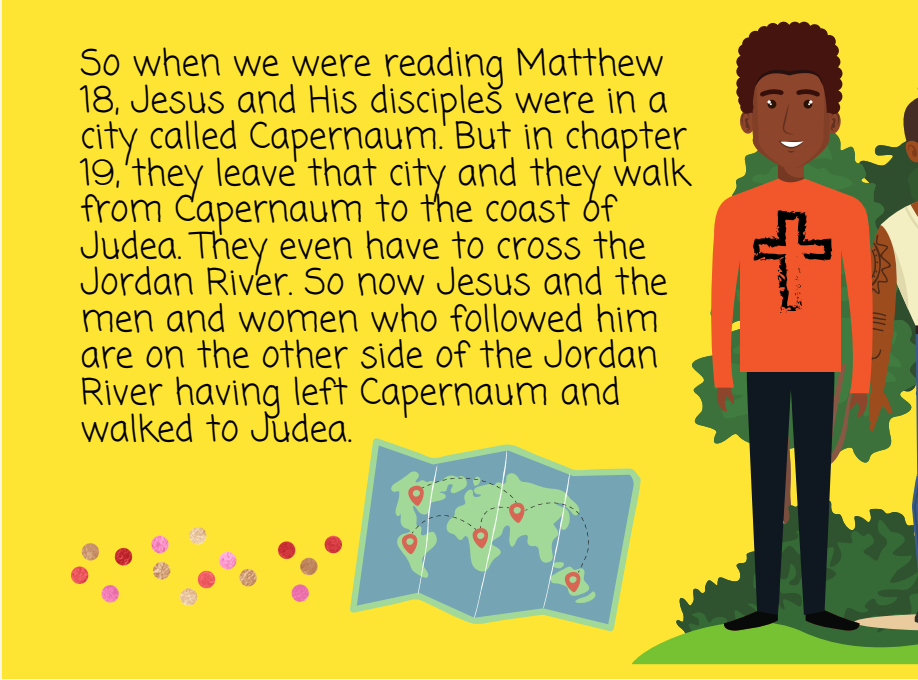
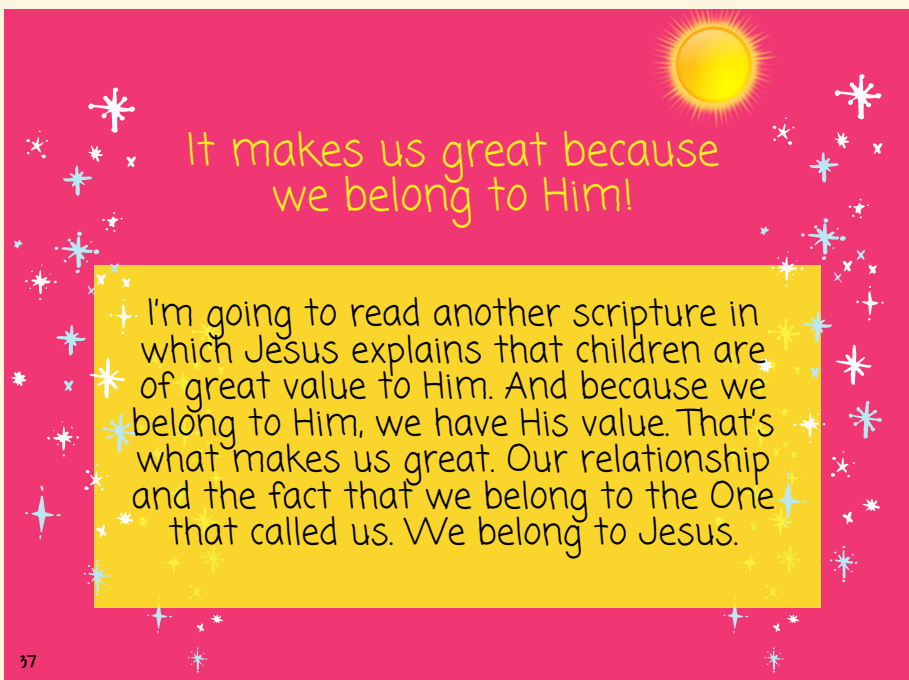


So, how does Jesus call us?  
Well, I'm sure He knows our telephone number, but He doesn't use the telephone.



He calls us in our heart and when we respond, He brings us and sits us in front of everyone He knows and He says, "This little child belongs to Me!"

Christian...



So when we were reading Matthew 18, Jesus and His disciples were in a city called Capernaum. But in chapter 19, they leave that city and they walk from Capernaum to the coast of Judea. They even have to cross the Jordan River. So now Jesus and the men and women who followed him are on the other side of the Jordan River having left Capernaum and walked to Judea.



So in verses 13-15, He gives them another lesson of why children are so important to God, to Him and to heaven. Listen to this part!



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Matthew 19:13-15, 'Then little children were brought to Jesus that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." And He laid His hands on them and departed from there.'



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That's when a lot of parents found out where Jesus was and they brought their children to Him.



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In my Holy Spirit imagination those children must have been age zero.



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How can you be age zero?



Well, you haven't made it to one years old yet! So you're still a baby...



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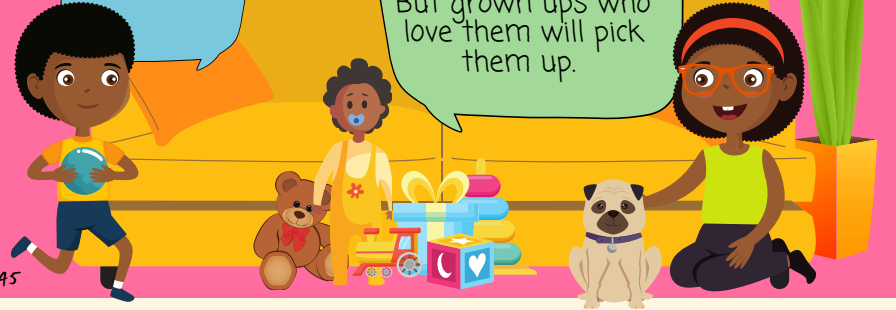


...and the parents brought their toddlers.



What does toddler mean?

It's a child that's just now learning to walk. They kinda wobble a little bit, toddle, and sometimes they fall. But grown ups who love them will pick them up.



So in my Holy Spirit imagination, parents are bringing little bitty babies that haven't made it to one bitty old yet and toddlers too. Little kids that don't walk so well.



And when they finally reached Jesus, they had to pass through huge crowds, filled with hundreds and hundreds of people who would always follow Him around.

"Leave the Lord alone!"

"Don't bring these kids to Jesus!"

But when they get close enough to Jesus, Jesus' disciples tell them...



When Jesus heard that He was angry. You know why He was angry?



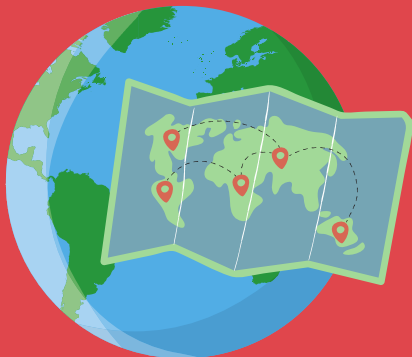
# KIDS QUIZ

Why do you think Jesus was angry at the disciples?

Write your answers in the caption.



Well in my Holy Spirit imagination He was angry with His disciples because remember they'd just left Capernaum and in that city, He told them how important children were. He told them "Children are super important! In fact if you want to be special in heaven, you should be like a child and come when I call you and do what I say!" How did the disciples forget that quickly? They walked a few days maybe, and they were in a different part of the country, but they had completely forgot what He had taught them.



Well, like a good teacher, and a good parent, He repeats what they need to know. And in verse 14 He says, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them..." So that means...



- (1) Be patient with children.
- (2) Help kids.
- (3) Listen to children because kids need to learn how to respond when I'm calling.
- (4) Don't stop children from coming to me.



In fact, its so important that heaven is all about OBEDIENCE and HUMILITY and FOLLOWING. This is what heaven is about.



# KIDS QUIZ

Write what the following words mean to you.

Write your answers in the caption.

OBEDIENCE

HUMILITY

FOLLOWING

My favorite part of this story is what He did in verse 15. Jesus responded to the parents' desire and He put His hands on the children and He prayed



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In Jewish culture, when an elder or a parent would put their hands on a child to pray, that was a way of acknowledging, owning and belonging to one another. And it was a way to show your love and blessing.

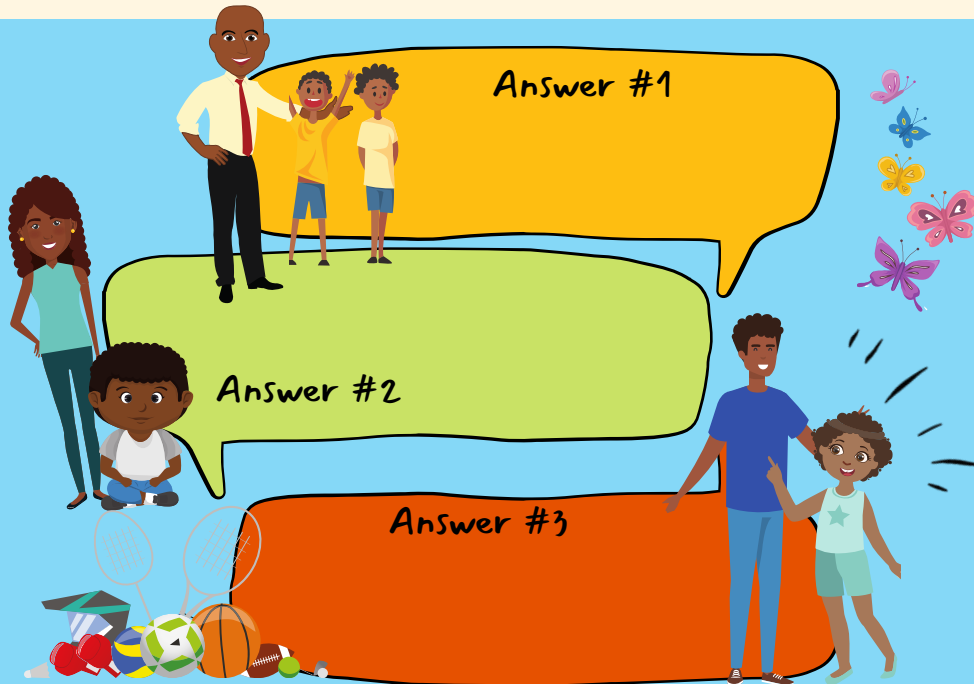


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Answer #1

Answer #2

Answer #3



# KIDS QUIZ

When a parent lays hand on a child, what does it mean? List 3.

Write your answers in the caption.

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Today, Jesus calls little children. He calls them in their heart, and they respond to Him. He blesses them with His hands and they have a life in which He watches over them and He cares, protects, and provides for them.




Today, we won't use a telephone to respond to Jesus' call, but He calls out to His children. He calls them out to make them His own.



Today, won't you let Jesus take care of you and be with you for the rest of your life? Does He sound like the kind of person you want to be around; who makes adults respect children; and protects us from danger?

Pray with me if you want Jesus to be in your heart and to be with you forever and ever. Let's pray.



Father, we thank You for every child who's reading this story about how important children are to You, and how important they are in heaven. You're calling their heart. They hear you. Thank You. And even though You don't call us on the telephone, we can feel Your heart calling us and we answer. You're not a stranger. Forgive us of everything we did wrong and everything we said that was wrong. Forgive us for the sins of the world that came to us and we didn't even do anything wrong. They came just because we were born here on earth. Thank You for not holding it against us. And thank You that Your Son accepts us. We receive Jesus because He is Your Son and we believe it by faith. And we thank You that we are special to You, and that You built a whole heaven just for kids. It's going to be a great place and we'll see You later. We love You God and we thank You. Bless our parents and help them to raise us in the way You would be happy. We know that our parents watch over us and You watch over them. Thank You that You have everything figured out and we trust You and we're going to be good. We love You, love You, love You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

So, if you prayed that prayer, then you've answered Jesus' call. I'm so glad you answered. And I would love to help you get to know Jesus better. Follow my ministry. Provide for me your parents Facebook information and/or email address and let them know that Jesus and you are buds now and that you got to spend time with Him and get to know Him. Alright! That's all the time we have. Thanks for reading. Be good and don't talk to strangers but always talk to Jesus! Amen.

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