

BLAST (Bible Learning Adventure Story Time)
Video #1: “All Kids Welcome”
(Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17)

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One time a bunch of parents were bringing their little kids to where Jesus was, hoping that He would place His hands on them, and pray for them. Now in ancient cultures, you know, a long time ago like in Bible times, kids didn't seem to matter much. For instance, if there was a big crowd of people to be counted, kids weren't even included in the count (of course, neither were moms). So an important teacher like Jesus, doing all He was doing with His teaching and healing, should never be bothered by a bunch of little kids hanging around Him, so the disciples tried to shoo everybody off — you know, “Get away, get away; Jesus doesn't have time for this. Just go back home. You can't expect somebody as important as Jesus of Nazareth to drop everything He's doing just to be with a bunch of little kids.”

Now when Jesus saw this, the Bible says He was really upset; I mean, we're talking some serious “ticked off” here. Who were they to keep kids from Him? Jesus always had time for kids; they were always important to Him. And He said so: “Will you guys knock it off. Don't keep these kids away from Me. Don't ever keep kids away from Me.”

And then Jesus says a really cool thing: “Don't you know that the kingdom of heaven, the kingdom of God Himself, is made up of people just like these little kids? Let them come.” And the Bible says that He did exactly what the parents had hoped: He took those little people in His arms, He placed His hands on them, and He blessed them — meaning that He prayed for them, that God would kindly give His best to them as He determines what's best for them.

So, what did Jesus mean that heaven was made up of people like these little ones? Do you guys ever remember standing on steps or maybe on a chair or desktop, and your dad standing a little bit away, with his hands and arms outstretched, waiting for you to jump? Do you remember that you never had to wonder if your dad would catch you? No — you never thought about it because you knew your dad would catch you. You knew he loved you and cared about you and would never let anything hurt you. If he said, “Jump,” you knew he'd be there. Guys, that's what faith is — jumping into Jesus' arms, knowing that He will always be there, knowing that He will always catch you.

Wow! Jesus used little kids to teach a really important lesson: No matter what is going on in our lives, Jesus is waiting to catch us. If we put our faith in Him, knowing that He loves us, knowing that He's always there, He'll always catch us.

I love you guys — see you next week. God bless!