



## **Jesus Blesses Children**

Parents wanted Jesus to bless their children.

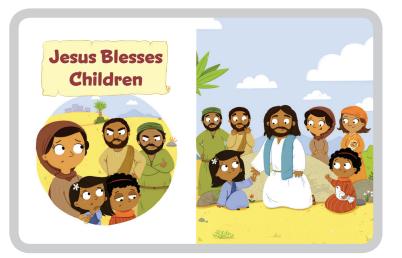
His disciples tried to stop them. "Stay away! Jesus is busy."

But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. The kingdom of God belongs to them."

The children hurried over to Jesus.

Then Jesus laid his hands on them and blessed each one.

Jesus loves you and blesses you.





## **Story Questions**

Point to the people who said "no" to the children in our story today. Give children time to point to the two disciples.

Point to the person who said "yes" to the children in our story today. Give children time to point to Jesus.

Jesus said God's world is for all the children too. Let's count together all the children in our room today. How many children do we have? Take time to count every child in your group. Make sure you include children of pregnant women and families who are in the adoption process.

## Point out the statement at the end of the story: Jesus loves you and blesses you.

Jesus loved the children in the story and he blessed them. Jesus loves you and blesses you. When Jesus blessed the children, he laid his hands on them. Let's take some time for grown-ups to bless children by laying their hands on them and saying, "Jesus blesses you, and I do too." Take some time for families to do this.

Now let's have the children bless the grown-ups! Give time for children to lay hands on their parents.