



*Kia inu kau ahau,  
If I could just drink*  
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# Exploring the Gospel

A Religious Education Resource for Parishes

**Today we are going to be talking about  
Jesus' love for the children.  
Let's, listen and hear the story Jesus tells his followers.**

***A reading from the gospel according to Mark.....adapted for children***

**People were bringing their children  
to Jesus for him to touch them.  
Some of Jesus' friends thought  
children were being a nuisance,  
so, they began sending them away.**

**When Jesus saw this he said  
'Let the children come to me.  
Do not stop them.  
It is to these children and those  
who are like them  
that the kingdom belongs.'  
Jesus put his arms around the children,  
laid his hands on them  
and blessed them.**

***Let's sit quietly now and think of God's story.***

# Unpacking the Gospel

- what were Jesus' friends thinking about the children who came to see him ?
- so what did they do ?
- can we be like that sometimes ?
- are there people we think are a nuisance or too much bother.... do we sometimes push them away ....?
- what did Jesus say to his friends ?
- how did he treat the children ?
- what do you think Jesus wants us to do?
- this week, how will you welcome (show love and respect) to

Your family....

Your friends....

Your community....

Your teachers and classmates.....



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# Let the Children Come



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PEOPLE	JESUS	INDIGNANT	GOD	ENTER
BRINGING	TOUCH	COME	BELONGS	ARMS
LITTLE	DISCIPLES	HINDER	TRUTH	HANDS
CHILDREN	REBUKED	KINGDOM	ANYONE	BLESSED



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*Mark 10:14*



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Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.

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