

## The Chosen Episode 3 – “Jesus Loves the Little Children”

### SCRIPTURE

#### Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone!

Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with your whole heart, and with your whole being, and with your whole strength.

Take to heart these words which I command you today. Keep repeating them to your children. Recite them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up. Bind them on your arm as a sign and let them be as a pendant on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your houses and on your gates.

#### Matthew 5:9

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

#### Matthew 5:17, 38-42

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill... You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’

But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on [your] right cheek, turn the other one to him as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand him your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go with him for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.”

#### Mark 10:13-16

And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them.

When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.”

Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

#### Luke 4:16-21

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.”

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him.

He said to them, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

- We saw Jesus building a fire, cooking, washing his feet, sleeping, waking up, praying, singing, working, brushing his teeth and washing, and of course playing with children. What was it like to experience the humanity of Jesus on display? Is it strange for you to think of Jesus as personable?
- Jesus says we must "change and become like little children" in order to enter heaven. What does he mean by that?
- In this episode Jesus is seen praying routinely (mealtimes, bedtime) and passionately. What is your prayer life like? How does this portrayal of Jesus' prayers encourage you?
- Jesus' gift reminded Abigail that He did not come only for the wealthy. How does that make you feel about Jesus? What does that mean about how we as His disciples treat people?

### **PERSONAL QUESTIONS**

- Was your relationship with Jesus different from when you were a child? What changed?
- What can you do more in your life to become more like a "little child"?