

Jesus Loves the Children

Matthew 19:13-15

SPRING UNIT 2:
I Learn from Jesus

BIBLE VERSE:
“We love because He first loved us.” 1 John 4:19

GOD’S WORD & ME (BOTTOM LINE):
Jesus tells me to be kind and serve others.



Tell the Story

Open your Bible to Matthew 19. Tell the story using the pictured motions (keywords in bold) or show Bible Story 40 pictures.

What do you do to get ready to visit a friend? Let’s listen to hear what some people did before they went to see Jesus.



One day, some parents had heard that Jesus was coming. They wanted their children to meet Jesus! So they called their children. They probably washed the children’s faces. They combed the children’s hair. The mothers probably made sure their children were wearing clean clothes. Then off the families **went** toward the place where Jesus was.

As these families walked closer, they could see that Jesus was busy. He was talking to some grown-ups.



But those mothers and fathers wanted their children to meet Jesus! They probably took their children’s hands. They went in and out and around the crowd of people. Soon they were close to Jesus. They must have been happy and excited!

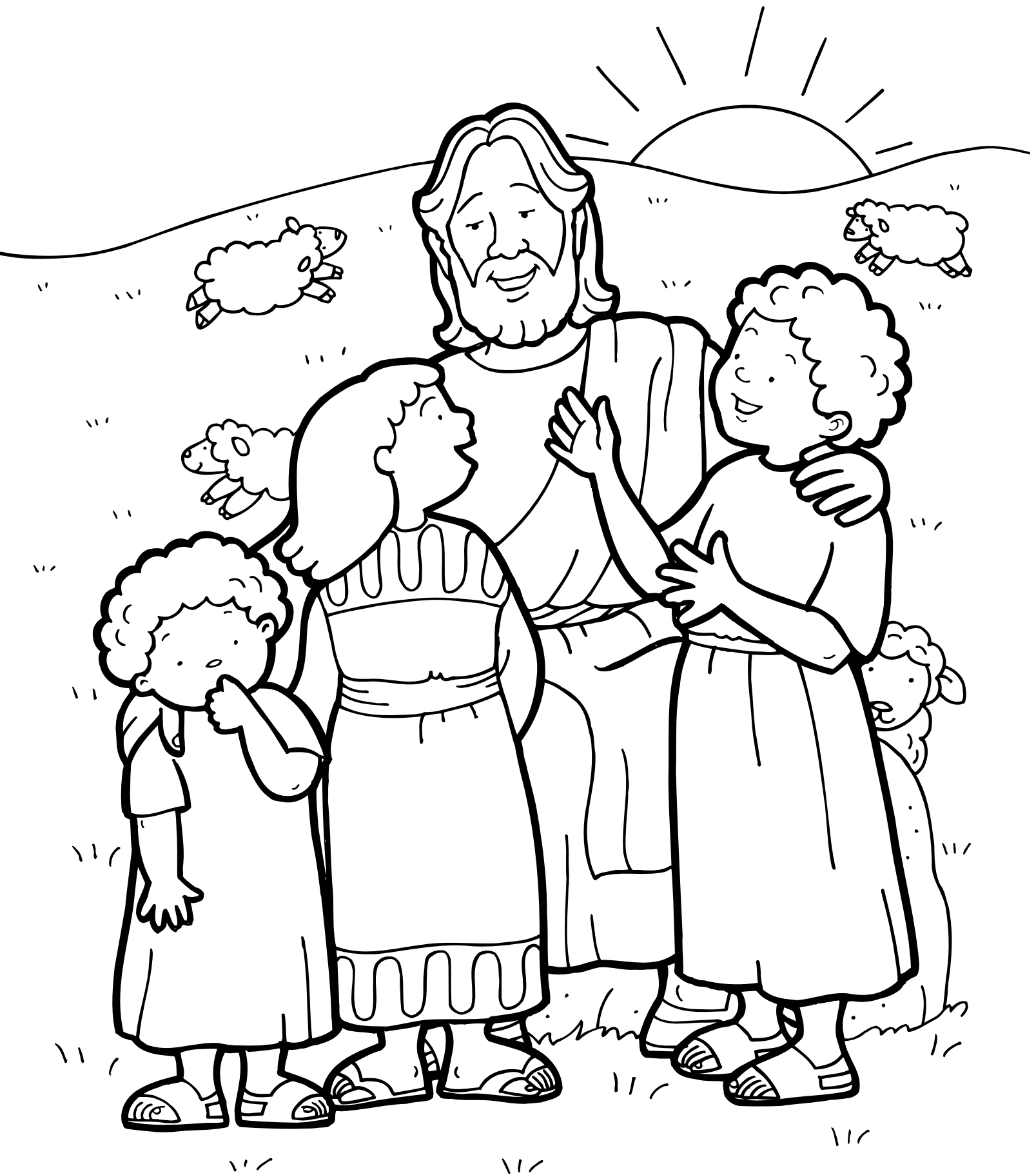
But just then, some of Jesus’ friends **stopped** the families. “Stand back!” they said. “Jesus is too busy to see children.”

The children and their mothers and fathers must have felt so sad! They turned to walk away. But wait! They **heard** Jesus say something.



“Let the children come to Me!” Jesus said. “Do not send the children away. I love children. I want to see them!” Jesus had not wanted His friends to send the children away at all!





Color in all the spaces with children in them.



What letter did you make? **J** is the first letter in Jesus' name. Jesus loves and cares for you! The Bible tells us, "Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me.'" Matthew 19:14



Write your name. Are any letters the same as in Jesus' name?
Practice writing Jesus' name. He loves you!