

# The Greatest of All

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.

## Mark 9:33-37



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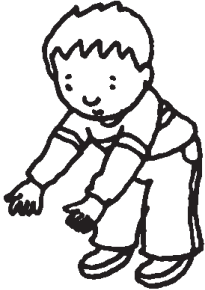
### Tell the Story

Open your Bible to Mark 9. Tell the story using the pictured motions (keywords in bold) or show Bible Story 34 pictures.

**Who are some of your friends? Let's listen to hear what some of Jesus' friends talked about one day.**



Jesus and His friends traveled from place to place. As they walked, Jesus' friends talked. One day, instead of using words that were happy and friendly, Jesus' friends said words that were unkind! One of Jesus' friends must have said he was better than someone else. Pretty soon each of them was feeling **ANGRY**! Each one wanted to be the greatest, or the best!



Jesus and His friends came into a house. Jesus said to His friends, "What were you arguing about on the road?"

Jesus' friends got very quiet. But Jesus **KNEW** they had been arguing about who was the greatest. And Jesus knew they had some wrong ideas.

Jesus sat down. Then He **picked up** a little child. Jesus set the child down beside the men. Jesus looked at His friends and said, "If you want God to think you are great, you must be like this little child. Don't think you are better than everyone else."



Jesus' friends were **surprised**. They thought they had to show God how good they were. Jesus was telling His friends they needed to learn that God loves a little child just as much as He loves any grown-up.

Jesus hugged the little child. He looked around at His friends. He said, "Treat children the way you would treat **ME**. When you are **kind** to children, it is the same as being kind to Me. God thinks you are great when you are kind and serve others."



Jesus wanted His friends to treat others with love and kindness instead of worrying about trying to be better than everyone else!





Find 8 things that are different between these 2 pictures.  
 Each time you find something different, draw an ✕ on a number.

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Jesus tells us to be kind and serve others.  
 Our Bible says, "Serve one another in love" (Galatians 5:13).



Draw in the parts that are missing from each picture.