

The Chosen

Season 1; Episode 3 - Jesus Loves the Little Children (30:27)



O Holy Spirit, help me to recognize You in the Scriptures and in the Chosen Episodes, which are based upon your inspired Word. Open my mind to accept in faith Your truths, even before I am granted right understanding.

Scripture References:

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (Shema) 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.

Matthew 6:9-13 “This is how you are to pray. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; do not subject us to the final test, but deliver us from the evil one.”

Isaiah 61:1-2 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; He has sent me to bring good tidings to the afflicted, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, release to the prisoners.

Matthew 5:38-42 “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. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other one to him as well.”

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Things to ponder:

1. Did you notice that the entire episode was from the young girl's (Abigail's) perspective? Inquisitive, uninhibited, observing, listening, questioning, trusting... How might a child's approach be different from an adult's?
2. The children seemed to be very well trained in their Jewish faith / tradition. Do you think our children today understand our faith as well as these children?
3. Did you notice Jesus's 'travel camp' and how he cared for his needs? We saw him earn several 'scouting' merit badges: fire starting, cooking, gathering food, 'camping out', etc. Did you expect him to stop at the nearest Motel 8 or a local B&B?

What about you?

- A. Jesus seemed to be extremely comfortable with the children. He treated them as special people. Their experience with Jesus will be a cherished memory, a life altering event. Do you have childhood memories of an adult taking the time to treat you with respect and sharing with you wisdom that you have carried with you as you matured?
- B. Jesus encouraged his disciples (and us) to be like children, yet, in other places discouraged them (and us) not to be immature. Mark 10:15 says, "Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child, will not enter it." How do you apply this teaching to how you live your life?
- C. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" (Matt 22:34) Jesus responded by quoting the Shema (see page 1) and adding: "the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself". What kind of world would you live in, if we all followed these two commandments?