

# Mark 10:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

## Analysis

When Jesus saw it he was much displeased and said unto them Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is kingdom of God. Saw it eidōn observed. Much displeased ēganaktēsen angered indignant. Said eipen. Suffer aphete permit allow. Little children paidia young children. Come elthein approach. Unto me pros eme to Jesus. Forbid kōluete hinder prevent. Of such toioutōn such as these. Kingdom of God basileia tou theou. Children welcomed blessed. Disciples rebuked for hindrance. Childlike faith humility receptivity required for kingdom. Not that children automatically saved but exemplify qualities needed. Reformed theology affirms covenant children promise to believers families but emphasizes necessity of personal faith. Infant baptism or believer baptism debate.

## Historical Context

Context disciples rebuked parents bringing children. Jesus indignant at disciples. Children not interruptions or inferior. Welcomed blessed. Old Testament valued children as blessings. Jesus elevates children in culture that marginalized them. Childlike humility trust dependence contrasts with adult pride self-sufficiency. Kingdom requires becoming like little child. Early church baptized infants (some traditions) or believers only (other traditions). Debate continues. All agree children are valued welcomed taught gospel. Modern church should prioritize children ministry next generation discipleship family ministry.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. What qualities of children does Jesus point to as essential for entering kingdom?
2. How should church balance valuing welcoming children with emphasizing necessity of personal faith?

## Interlinear Text

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saw But G3588 when Jesus it he was much displeased and said them  
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Ἄφετε τὰ παιδία ἔρχεσθαι πρός με καὶ μὴ  
Suffer G3588 the little children to come unto me and not  
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forbid them G3588 for of such is the kingdom  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 19:14** (Kingdom): But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

**Matthew 18:4** (Kingdom): Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

**Matthew 18:10** (Parallel theme): Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

**1 Peter 2:2** (Parallel theme): As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

**2 Timothy 3:15** (References Jesus): And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

**Revelation 14:5** (References God): And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

**Isaiah 65:23** (Parallel theme): They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

**Acts 2:39** (References God): For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

**Acts 3:25** (References God): Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

**Psalms 78:4** (Parallel theme): We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.