

3 October 2021

NINETEENTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Jesus welcomes and
blesses children

verse for the week

"Let the little
children come to
me; Don't keep
them away. God's
kingdom belongs to
people like them."

MARK 10:14

Caring Conversations

Share your highs
and lows of the
day, or respond
to the following
questions:

1

Share a favourite
childhood
memory.

2

Jesus has a
special love for
little children. What
does this say to
you about what
God is like?

3

Jesus placed
his hand on the
little children and
blessed them. In
what ways have you
experienced God's
blessing on you?
How has God used
your hands to
bless others?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Mark 10:2-16	Jesus blesses the children
M	Genesis 2:18-24	God creates a partner for man
T	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	All things created through God's Son
W	Matthew 18:1-6	Welcoming a little child
T	Deuteronomy 11:13-21	Teaching the children
F	Ephesians 6:1-9	Instructions for the household
S	Psalms 8	God honours humanity
S	Mark 10:17-31	A rich man goes away sad

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Loving God,
wrap us in your
arms and bless
us. Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord
Jesus Christ take
you into his arms
and bless you;
may he protect
and care for you,
now and always.

Creative Response

Give attention to blessing one another in your home this week (at bedtimes, or when people leave for work/school etc). Use one of the blessings from Growing Faith at Home or one of these:

- 'May the Lord cover you with his peace, fill you with his love, and keep you safe in his care. Amen'
- 'The Lord bless you and protect you: the Lord show you kindness and be gracious to you; the Lord grant you his favour and give you his peace. Amen'
- 'May the Lord protect you when you are awake (sign cross on the forehead); and watch over you when you sleep (sign cross over eyes); that awake you may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace (sign cross over heart). Amen'

mealtime prayer

With this food you make us strong. To you our life and love belong. Thank you, God! Amen.

Service



In the readings
this week Jesus
also teaches about
marriage.

Spend some time looking
through wedding photos.

Pray for all marriages and
married couples you know.

Think of a married couple
you could encourage.

Write them a note, prepare
a gift for them to enjoy, or
if they have children, offer
childcare so the parents
can go out together.