



Jesus taught many people. (*Set the Jesus story figure on the green grass of the Storytelling Mat.*) One day, parents and grandparents brought their children to Jesus so that he could touch them and bless them. (*Add the rest of the “Follow Jesus” Story Figures to the scene, a short distance from Jesus.*)

“Go away. Jesus is busy,” said the disciples. (*Add people figures as disciples.*) They were Jesus’ friends, but they were not being kind to the children.

Jesus was not happy. He said, “Let the little children come to me. Do not stop them. (*Move the children “Follow Jesus” Story Figures close to Jesus.*) God loves the children and I love the children. If you want to be close to God, be like these children.”

Jesus took the children in his arms. Jesus laid his hands on them. Jesus blessed them. (*Gently touch each of the children “Follow Jesus” Story Figures.*)

- I wonder why Jesus’ friends told the children to go away. I wonder if someone ever told you to go away.
- I wonder how the children felt when Jesus said, “Let the children come to me.”
- I wonder what Jesus said to the children.
- I wonder how we can show that we care about other children.