



Growing FAITH at home

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**Jesus
welcomes
and blesses
children**



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October 2 and October 8



CONVERSATIONS

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

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?



BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

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	Christ is greater
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

VERSE OF 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



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'



ACTION RESPONSE

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.



MEALTIME PRAYER

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



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.