



Series: *The Chosen*

Part 1 – Jesus Loves the Little Children
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ICEBREAKER: Confess a guilty pleasure you’ve been binge watching lately. =P Next make sure to download the free app for The Chosen here: <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen>

1) What is it (or is it not) about “Christian Cinema” you enjoy? (Examples: anything Charlton Heston ... *The Passion of the Christ* movie ... *Left Behind* series)

2) Read Mark 10:13-16 aloud and then discuss the following:

- *What strikes you the most about this passage?*
- *Compare how children were treated in Jesus’ time and how they are treated today.*
- *Is everyone a “child of God?”*
- *Discuss the following quote from NT Scholar, R. Alan Cole (Tyndale Commentary):*
 “Now, we are told that, to enter the kingdom, we must ourselves have childlike qualities (verse 15), though Jesus does not say that all children are, by being children, within God’s kingdom already. That is why children must not be hindered from coming to Jesus, for the kingdom is made up of those who share their attitude.”

3) Childlike Faith = _____ + _____

Once you’ve filled in the blanks above from the message discuss with your Small Group what it would take for you to trust Jesus afresh with Childlike faith. Then discuss what it means to be CHILDLIKE in our response to Jesus and not CHILDISH.

4) Read Matthew 18:3-5 aloud and then discuss the following:

- *What nuances do you see between this passage and the one from Mark above?*
- *What is your own honest attitude toward children?*
- *What question or convictions does this passage raise for you today?*

5) The best approach to children seems to be a playful yet purposeful one. Jesus, himself, was both wise and winsome. What does that say about how we are to relate to others? What are some effective ways to reach out to others?

Beach Baptism
 Childlike faith is the only requirement for baptism. What is stopping you from making this heartfelt commitment to following Jesus? To sign up our Beach Baptism, please scan the QR codes here. Please visit NewStory Church website for more detailed information. We are so thrilled to celebrate this spiritual milestone with you.