

A. Introduce series

- a. They Meet the Master - studying how Jesus shared the Gospel
  - i. Learning from the MASTER HIMSELF how to share our faith - what better way is there?!

B. Little Children

- a. One account we'll be looking at where Jesus was spreading the Good News is when He shared it with the kids!
  - i. Recorded in three of the four Gospel books (Matt, Mark, Luke)
    - 1. Gospel books detail Jesus' life - written by different authors providing a different perspective
  - ii. This is towards the end of Jesus' ministry and time on Earth
    - 1. Jesus is teaching to a group of people in Judea slowly making His way to Jerusalem
  - iii. **Mark 10:13-16**
    - 1. Mark says that Jesus was **greatly displeased** - He was **ANGRY!**

C. Why was Jesus Angry?

- a. Jesus doesn't get angry very much during His time on Earth, but when He does, listen up! - like that quiet kid that suddenly speaks up!
  - i. Righteous anger - not our kind of anger like when I step on a lego
  - ii. **Other times Jesus was angry:**
    - 1. **Healing on the Sabbath - Mark 3:4**
      - a. Religious leaders obviously wanted Jesus NOT to heal the man because it was the Sabbath
    - 2. **Cleansing of the Temple - Mark 11:15-19**
      - a. People were trading in the temple - Jesus whipped them and said they turned His house into a den of thieves
    - 3. **Healing a leper - Mark 1:41**
      - a. Jesus was moved with emotion, angry that humans have to deal with this sickness
    - 4. **Death - John 11:33**
      - a. Jesus was angered by the emotional toll of death
  - iii. **Jesus had a deep care for people and their access to God**
    - 1. Do we have that same deep care for all people? Trendy not to care about people
    - 2. Are we worried about everyone's access to God?

D. Why did He allow the children to come to Him?

- a. This was an incredibly important moment in Jesus' ministry and He was a BUSY man
  - i. In the next few days, Jesus was entering Jerusalem and about to be crucified - a LOT on His mind
- b. Jesus took the time to bless these children
- c. When the caretakers or parents took these kids to be blessed by Jesus, they weren't sick or injured
  - i. They cared about these kids' SOULS and their eternal standing

- E. How many of you interact with kids on a regular basis? Nieces, nephews, siblings, cousins, etc. - if you don't, kid's ministry and VBS
- a. What are you doing to love, care and support them?
    - i. What better way to show your love than by sharing the Gospel with them, telling them about a God that loves them and will continue to love them for all their life
    - ii. There's a mental health pandemic raging war against you guys, your friends and these little ones right now - how are you fighting that?
      1. You have a voice that can be used to silence those feelings of hurt, neglect and suffering
      2. You have a role in these kids lives to speak love and light into them and a responsibility to share the news of Jesus Christ
        - a. You are super influential in a kid's life at your age
        - b. Talk about old brother being influential
    - iii. We've already learned that EVERYONE deserves to have access to Jesus and EVERYONE needs to know what He did for us.
      1. Why shouldn't that include our children?
        - a. Plant that seed in their life and it will grow
          - i. Talk about VBS as a youngling
        - b. Children have their whole lives ahead of them to serve and worship our God - why not start as soon as humanly possible?
      2. Most people that come to know God do so before the age of 18 - At LEAST 75% - 3 out of 4 people
    - iv. Jesus told His disciples let the little children come to me
      1. Sometimes it's best to let someone come to you with their questions about God
        - a. The only way they're going to do that is if you're modeling Jesus well
        - b. Matthew 5:14-16
      2. People don't care about what you know until they know that you care
        - a. Jesus truly cared about people and relationships