

# **WEEK 1: Jesus and the Children**

**Big Idea:** Jesus wants us to serve others.

## **HANGOUT**

1. Spread out in your group's space.
2. Prompt the children to take turns running towards you when you call them by name. (If anyone does not want to run to you, that's okay.)
3. Give each child a big cheer when they get to you!
4. To expand the game, encourage the children to do fun actions (e.g., hop like a bunny, fly like a bird, swim like a fish) as they come to you.
5. Ask: Did you know that Jesus loves when children come to him?
6. Emphasize that Jesus loves children!
7. Explain that we can show Jesus we love him by helping other people.
8. Discuss: What are some ways we could help others?

## **HEAR**

9. Tell the children that Jesus shows how much he loves children in today's God Story. Ask everyone to listen carefully to find out what happened when some parents brought their kids to see Jesus!
10. Read the story about Jesus and the children (Luke 18:15-17) from a children's Bible.
11. Ask:
  - Who brought the children to see Jesus? (parents)
  - What did Jesus say? ("Let the little children come to me!")
12. Explain that Jesus wants everyone to come to him, including each of the children in your group.

## **HUDDLE**

13. Sing "Jesus Loves Me" together.
14. Pray and thank Jesus for loving each of the children (by name if possible).



**I'm a Big Helper**

\_\_\_\_\_

Name