

## KIDSLOT LESSON

Based on Sermon: "Never Lose the Wonder" Mark 10:13-16

**PREPARATION:** \*\*\*You will need 5 pieces of blank paper, a black magic marker and a roll of tape to use during the Kidslot lesson (also crayons for coloring pages)

1. Cut into strips, any of the following statements *that are most appropriate for the ages of the children in your group.*

Cut all the Scripture verses into strips as well, keeping them separate from the statements.

- Hey, look at that butterfly! How pretty!
- Did you see the stars? They're awesome!
- When I get to heaven I'm going to give Jesus a big hug!
- That beggar looks so sad. I think I'll give him my allowance.
- I can hardly wait for Christmas! We get to celebrate Jesus' birthday!
- When I run really fast, I think God is smiling at me.
- Look at this big bubble I can make with bath soap!
- I love my pet so much. I'm glad God gave him to me.
- I have 600 things to be thankful for!
- Playing music makes me feel close to Jesus.
- I'm involved in so many sports, I don't have time for Jesus
- I'll just ignore the sermon so I can think about that latest TV show.
- Playing video games is more fun than helping my friend with their problem.
- I can't go to church today; I am too tired and need more sleep.
- I'm too busy with other things to read my Bible today.

- God is too far away to pay attention to my problems.
- Don't talk to me right now, I'm looking at my mobile phone.
- All I can think about is how cool those new jeans will make me feel.
- I don't really care about praying. It's too hard.

**Psalm 20:7** Some trust in chariots and some in horses,  
but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

**Psalm 53:2** God looks down from heaven on all mankind  
to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

**Psalm 115:4** But their idols are silver and gold, made by human hands.

**Psalm 8:2** Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold  
against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

**Psalm 9:1-2** I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;  
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and rejoice in you;  
I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

**Psalm 17:7** Show me the wonders of your great love,  
you who save by your right hand, those who take refuge in you.

**Psalm 33:3** Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

**Psalm 19:1** The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his  
hands.

**James 1:17** Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of  
the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

**Colossians 3:2** Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things

**Proverbs 3:5-6** Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own  
wisdom; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

## **PREPARATION, continued**

### 2. **Make a “Wonder Continuum.”**

**Tape** the 5 pieces of blank paper end-to-end

**Draw a horizontal line** with a black marker (as straight as possible) across the 5 pieces of paper that you have taped together end-to-end.

**Write** the word ‘WOW’ on the far left side of the paper, above the line, in bold letters.

**Write** the word ‘HUH?’ on the far right side of the paper, above the line in bold letters.

Roll this up and put an elastic around it

3. Print out copies of coloring/activity pages as appropriate for the ages and number of children in your group.
4. Have this song ready to sing for WORSHIP: “Jesus Loves the Little Children.” (ipad/tablet and internet access necessary)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4CBtA1A-cR8>

## **WORSHIP**

1. **Sing** song along with the youtube video.
2. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you and the children understand more about the Scripture that you will study together and to enjoy being with one another.

## **WORD**

1. **Bring a Bible** and **ask** for a volunteer to read Mark 10:13-16 (or read this passage yourself if necessary)  
**NOTE:** use a translation such as the Living Bible, something that is easy for children to understand.  
  
**Ask:** Why do you think the disciples didn't like it that the children were coming to Jesus?  
How does Jesus feel about children?  
What do you think Jesus meant when He said that people need to receive Him, like children do?  
  
**Talk about** how children are full of 'wonder' about even little things (bubbles, rainbows, riding a bike, ... what else? )  
  
**Ask:** Why are children better at being 'amazed' than adults are? / What do children depend on others for? / Why is this pleasing to God? / Why does God want us to depend on Him? / Why are children better at depending on God than most grown-ups?
2. **Unroll the 'Wonder Continuum'** You can put it on the floor and have children sit in front of it. Talk about how different the children ('WOW') and the disciples ('HUH?') were in the Mark 10 passage.
3. **Hand out** the slips of paper that have statements on them, *a few at a time*.  
**Have children take turns reading** the papers and **using the tape, attach** them to the continuum on the appropriate side ('WOW' – wonder of and depending on Jesus) or ('HUH?' - not much interest in Jesus).
4. **Ask:** Could anyone give some other examples too?
5. Repeat with the Scripture verses
6. Discuss how entering the Kingdom of heaven means being dependent on Jesus and full of wonder, STATE: We should never lose the feeling of wonder that Jesus loves us so much, that He was willing to die for our sins.

## **WORKS**

Pray and ask for Jesus to help you and the children to always be filled with wonder and amazement about Jesus' great love for us. Pray that you and the children will always depend on Him.

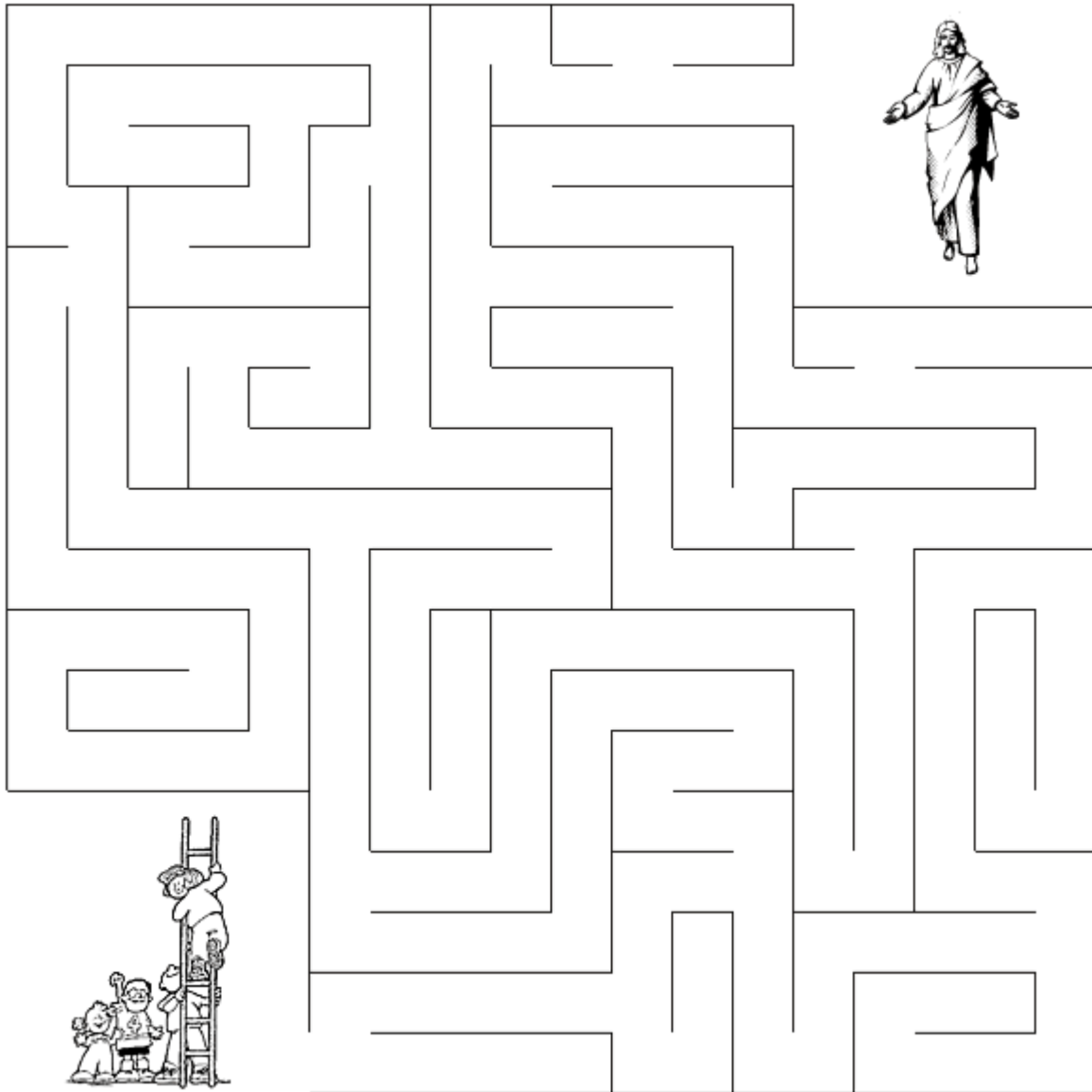
Ask the children to share prayer requests and concerns and encourage them to pray for each other.

**Hand out** coloring pages and crayons if time allows  
or have a quiet game prepared such as 'I Spy' or 'Button Button Who Has The Button?'



"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,  
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Mark 10:14b



Help the children find their way to Jesus.

# Let the Children Come



He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Mark 10:14b (NIV)

Each line of the puzzle has one word hidden in a list of random letters. The blank space is a missing letter that belongs to that word. Fill in the missing letter.

1.	I	U	C	W	H	T	R		T	H	F	B	Y	P	D
2.	Z	V	E	F	R	N	B		E	S	S	E	D	Q	H
3.	O	K	I	N	G	D	O		F	I	X	G	W	I	X
4.	M	C	H	L	I	T	T		E	S	C	R	L	O	S
5.	E	F	F	J	C	H	I		D	R	E	N	D	X	T
6.	G	R	G	T	U	F	Z		R	M	S	O	I	B	Q
7.	X	B	E	L	O	N	G		T	P	K	V	F	R	X
8.	B	C	Z	Q	A	M	T		U	C	H	Y	F	L	P

LITTLE CHILDREN	TOUCH TRUTH	KINGDOM BELONGS	BLESSED ARMS
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