

The CHOSEN

Viewing Guide

For listening, discussion & reflection

EPISODE 3: Jesus Loves the Little Children



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Scriptural References

- Deuteronomy 6:4-5
- Psalm 133:1
- Matthew 5:1-12
- Mark 8:27-30
- Luke 4:16-21
- Luke 18:15-17

Characters

Jesus, Various Children

The Big Question:

What is your one BIG question from this episode? (What captured your imagination most, and what would you ask God about the events portrayed?)

Watching Notes

- Which characters stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?
- How do you feel about the development of Peter's character? And Andrew's role?

Quotes from the show

Joshua: *"Is your father rich?"*

Jesus: *"That is a question for another time."*

Jesus: *"I hope my next students ask the same questions. I hope when the time comes they will tell others about me like you have."*

Things to Note

One of the things we should note, and which is hinted at here, is that Jesus likely taught the same things many different times and in many different settings. In Jesus' day most people could not read or write; they learned by rote repetition.

Discussion and Learning

There is no evidence that Jesus ever had a little camp outside Capernaum, where no one else saw him except some children, who snuck out to Him without their parents' knowledge, and whom He taught without their permission. In fact, as we will see later, Jesus was likely well-known by at least some in Capernaum for many years prior to His public ministry.

Be that as it may, this episode is very endearing and shows a very tender side of Jesus. What did Jesus emphasize in His teaching with these children?

Read Deuteronomy 32:35 and, if you have time, I Samuel 24:1-12. Discuss the situations in your life where you can apply this Scriptural teaching, which Jesus fleshes out in various Beatitudes (Matthew 5).

There are many endearing things in this episode. Jesus is portrayed as clearly loving these children, treating them with dignity, and having plenty of time for them. Also we see Abigail finding first one friend (Joshua the Brave) and then multiple friends and bringing them to Jesus. What friend or family member would you bring to meet Jesus?

How did Jesus appear to you? Like you thought? Different?

What will you take home with you and ponder further?