

The Chosen

Welcome to getting deeper with The Chosen

The Chosen Season #1 Episode #3 “Jesus Loves The Little Children”

NOTE: This episode is the simplest and shortest of those in this first season. It takes a break from the characters that we’ve met thus far (except Jesus), to give a sneak peek at what’s to come in future episodes. They will be bringing back the characters we’ve gotten to know and continue the story of Jesus’ interactions with them and delve deeper into Jesus’ first miracles in Galilee. Big fun ... and exciting miracles yet to come!

Read prior to watching the movie:

Luke 18:15-17

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Psalm 133:1 Mark 8:27-30

Luke 4:16-21

Matthew 5:1-12

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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. Ha! Just sayin’. :-)

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.

1. Be that as it may, this episode is very endearing and shows a very tender side of Jesus.
 - a. What did Jesus emphasize in His teaching with these children?
2. 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.
 - a. Can you think of examples of things that your family does in everyday life where we learn through rote repetition?
3. Read Deuteronomy 32:35 and I Samuel 24:1-12.
 - a. Discuss the situations in your life where you can apply this Scriptural teaching, which Jesus fleshes out in various Beatitudes (Matthew 5).
4. There are many endearing things in this episode.

- a. Jesus is portrayed as clearly loving these children, treating them with dignity, and having plenty of time for them.
 - b. We see Abigail finding first one friend (Joshua the Brave) and then multiple friends and bringing them to Jesus.
 - i. What friend or family member would you bring to meet Jesus?
 - ii. Did you notice how Jesus called out the bravery in Joshua? He surely wasn't feeling brave.
 - iii. Are you listening for the affirmations that he is calling out in you?
 - c. What kinds of things did you notice about Jesus as he is portrayed in this episode?
 - i. Skills? Connection with and reverence for God? The customs of the times?
5. Close with the Lord's Prayer as found in Matthew 6:9-13

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