

Kids and the Kingdom of God
Mark 10:13-16

Prohibition by the disciples—Keep the kids out! 13

- ❖ Parents are bringing kids for blessing / prayer, Matt. 19:13.
- ❖ Why this stern rebuke by the 12 (same word in 1:25, 3:12)?

Permission granted by Jesus—Let the kids in! 14a,16

- ❖ Jesus is *indignant* (see use in 10:41, 14:4). Recall the episode in 9:35-39 with a child and the *hindering* of an unknown exorcist.
- ❖ Jesus permits the children to come, embracing / blessing them.

Parallel about receiving the kingdom of God and kids, 14b,15

- ❖ What inside track do little children have that others don't?
Consider childish vs. childlike:

Don't be . . . Matt. 11:16-19, I Cor. 13:11, 14:20, Eph.4:13,14

- ❖ So which childlike traits does Jesus probably have in mind?
See Matt. 18:2-4, Ps. 131:1-3, Eph. 5:1, Pt. 1:14, Jn. 1:12.

Remember a child's status in the 1st century!

- ❖ Note how ironic it is to be shooing off the children, plus compare to the 12's response to the rich man's plight in 10:25,26!
- ❖ Big question: How childlike are you and I?

Childlike

