

Introduction:

In Mark 10:13 the people begin bringing their children to Jesus, but his disciples rebuked them. However, Jesus rebukes the disciples saying “Let the children come to me.” Then Jesus lovingly accepts the children and takes the opportunity to correct and teach his disciples. You can find Pastor Mark’s sermon notes [here](#)¹ or listen to the sermon by clicking [here](#).²

Scripture:

“And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.” (Mark 10:13–16 ESV)

So What?

The 4/14 window covers the span of ages when children are most open and receptive to every type of spiritual and developmental input. Rather than being limited to children ages 4-14, the window refers to children and youth in general.

In Mark 10:13-16, we see two crystal clear facts about Jesus. Jesus loved children. Jesus believed that children could grasp spiritual things. Because Jesus loved children, we should strive to help them become spiritual champions. *Jesus affirmed that children are able to grasp spiritual things.* They belong in his kingdom. In fact, we adults need to follow their example in receiving Jesus’ gift. A child doesn’t worry about whether or not they deserve a Christmas present. They are not concerned about earning a birthday present. They merely receive it with great joy and proclaim, “It’s what I always wanted.” We need to receive Christ’s kingdom in that same manner.

What Now?

1. Jesus believed that children can grasp spiritual matters. We have the opportunity to help bring children to Jesus Christ in order that he would give them eternal life. How can we, as individuals and as a congregation, help children come to Christ?
2. How did Jesus receive these children? In what ways can we emulate Christ in how we interact with the children in our lives? Can our interactions really make an eternal impact on children? Consider the following verses: [Deut. 6:4-7](#), [2 Tim 1:5](#); [3:14–17](#).
3. Do I have to be a parent to bring children to Christ? No! We simply need to receive the children and point them to Jesus. Would you consider children’s ministry at FCBC?
4. For a list of Children’s ministry opportunities, [click here](#).
5. One does not have to understand all the mysteries of God in order to be saved. Nor can one earn salvation. Have you received the Kingdom of heaven “as a child?” If you have not trusted and believed in Jesus Christ as savior, [please do so today!](#)³

¹ <https://wheelsms.wordpress.com/2015/08/09/mission-414/>

² <http://www.firstcentralbaptist.com/sermons/gospelofmark.html>

³ <http://www.whoisjesus-really.com/>

⁴ <https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/21706204/Children%27s%20Ministry>



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