

# The CHOSEN

## EPISODE 3 - JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN

*Introduction - One of the most well-known Sunday school songs of all-time was written more than one hundred years ago, but it declares a timeless truth in its lyrics: “Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.”*

*While political correctness would like to banish such notions, the song stubbornly endures because its message resonates deeply and profoundly and universally: we were made in the image of God, and God loves what He has made.*

*This episode of The Chosen is titled “Jesus Loves the Little Children,” but it’s not just about children. When it comes to God’s love, it’s not about our age, our appearance, our abilities, or anything else we may or may not bring to the table. It’s about what already is. We are precious to our Maker.*

- What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?: An Interactive Bible Study

**Main Characters** - This episode focuses on Jesus and a group of Children. Abigail and Joshua are the first two children to interact with Jesus.

### I. Meeting Jesus

1. Take note of how Jesus lives and what he does. Do you find anything interesting or surprising, something you hadn’t thought of before?

### II. Finding Jesus

### III. Abigail and Joshua spend time with Jesus

2. How does Jesus interact with the children? Is he serious or funny? Why?

3. How do the children interact with Jesus? What does this show?

#### **IV. More friends meet Jesus**

4. How does Jesus react when the children speak the Word of God? Why might this be?

5. What instructions and teachings does Jesus share?

6. What different opinions do the children have concerning Jesus?

#### **V. More teaching**

7. What makes a good teacher? What is special about how Jesus teaches?

8. What are some of the different opinions concerning who the messiah is or would be?

9. We may be critical of these different views of the messiah. But how do these views still exist today?

10. Note the words Jesus speaks concerning his current and future disciples. What interesting points are made?

### **Bonus Questions**

11. In order to redeem us, Jesus had to become like one of us. How does this episode show this and emphasize this in ways you maybe hadn't thought of before?

12. We are God's children. What makes a good parent? How does Jesus show any some of these characteristics?

*Abigail and Joshua are fictional children created for The Chosen, but they're based on actual interactions, as well as Jesus's words about children: to such belongs the kingdom of heaven. Unlike most of the adults who came in contact with Jesus, the children knew they had nothing of value to offer Him except their love and excitement to be there—and Jesus welcomed them. He wanted to spend time with them, hug them, and heal them. He wanted to. He accepted them, not because of who they were or what they could do, but because of who He is and what He does.*

# Group Guide

For listening, discussion & reflection

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*watch | discuss | learn | rejoice*

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The Story of Jesus: For Us

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#### SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ▶ Mark 10:14, Matt 18:3-5 ▶ Matthew 5-7
- ▶ Deuteronomy 6:4-5 ▶ Isaiah 61:1-2, Luke 4:18-19
- ▶ Matthew 6:9-15 ▶ John 12:28, 17:1

#### CHARACTERS

Jesus, 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?)

#### Bring to Group:

What quote from this episode was the most meaningful/impactful to you? Why?

### QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP

1. Which characters stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?
2. How did Jesus' treatment of the children impact you?
3. Jesus was both playful and purposeful as He related to the children. What does that say about how we are to relate to others?
4. In this episode, Jesus is seen praying routinely (meal times, bed time) and passionately. What is your prayer life like? How does this portrayal of Jesus' prayers encourage you?
5. Jesus' responses to some of the children's questions seemed evasive or incomplete. Why do you think that is? And how does relate to His responses to our questions?

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### QUESTIONS CONTINUED

7. Jesus' gift reminded Abigail that He did not come only for the wealthy. How does that make you feel about Jesus? What does that mean about how we as His disciples treat people?
8. Why do you think Jesus welcomed these children? What does this say about how much He desires to welcome **you**?
9. What would it take for you trust Jesus afresh - with the absolute faith of a child?

### QUOTES

***"Is your father rich?" (Joshua)***

***"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." (Jesus)***