

“Child, Please . . . !”

Can you share a time when you felt unwanted, or in the way, as a child?

Read Mark 10:13-16.

1. What was the scene like around Jesus in Mark 10:13-16?
 - A. There were hungry people yelling at Jesus.
 - B. There was a great calm, and no issues present.
 - C. The disciples were Jesus' exclusive club and no one else was present.
 - D. Jesus had only Peter, James, and John with Him in prayer.
 - E. Jesus was swarmed with parents and their children.
 - F. Jesus had a large party with Disney characters.
 - G. There were many in the crowd posing as false prophets.
 - H. It was a very raucous group of cussing rebels.
 - I. There were lots of people waiting to be baptized.
 - J. Other.

2. Why were the parents in the crowd?
 - A. They wanted to give alms to a homeless Jesus.
 - B. They wanted to have their children blessed by Jesus.
 - C. They were hiding from the Romans.
 - D. They wanted to have their children touched by Jesus.
 - E. These parents drew the winning raffle tickets to see Jesus.
 - F. They felt very hungry and wanted Jesus to give them food.
 - G. They were anxious to see Jesus work a miracle.
 - H. They had been sent there by the Pharisees to test Jesus.
 - I. Other.

3. What did the disciples do to the parents and kids present?
 - A. They gave them all toys and sent them away.
 - B. They arranged them in circles to see Jesus
 - C. The disciples rebuked those who brought them.
 - D. The told them to be quiet in order to hear Jesus speak.
 - E. They offered them milk and honey.
 - F. They prayed for the children and sent them away.
 - G. They anointed this generation of vipers.
 - H. They ordered them to be patient and wait to see Jesus.
 - I. Other.

4. How did Jesus respond to the disciples' actions?
 - A. "I am a celebrity; please listen to my bouncers."
 - B. Jesus was very displeased with the disciples.
 - C. "Please don't stop these children from coming to me."
 - D. Jesus called down fire from heaven to destroy them.
 - E. Jesus gave the disciples bonuses on their checks.
 - F. Jesus shook His head in disgust when He saw what they did.
 - G. Other.

5. What did Jesus say to the disciples?
 - A. "The kingdom of heaven belongs to them."
 - B. "Get behind them, Satan."
 - C. "Play with them and send them away."
 - D. "Judas, give money to the other disciples to distribute."
 - E. "Woe unto you who are resisting my disciples."
 - F. "Who shall not receive my kingdom as a child won't enter it."
 - G. "Please do your job and send the crowd away."
 - H. Other.

6. What did Jesus do for the parents and children in the crowd that day?
 - A. He gave them something to eat.
 - B. He offered them salvation.
 - C. He took the kids in His arms and blessed them.
 - D. He offered a great command for them to follow Him.
 - E. He taught them the Scriptures.
 - F. He spoke to them in many parables and wondrous sayings.
 - G. Jesus gave them a plan for healthy living.
 - H. Jesus offered them a new version of 28 fundamental beliefs.
 - I. Other.

7. When are you most humble like children usually are?

8. How can you be more childlike in your spiritual journey?