

# **WELCOMING OTHERS**

## **Children's Lesson Sunday, June 28, 2020**

### **Matthew 10:40-42**

(Suggested Guide for Children and Parents)

**Object Lesson Video**  
(Younger/Older Children)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ihiDN3Tpjs&t=104s>

**Video: “Let the Children Come”**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPDL\\_xFCqhw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPDL_xFCqhw)

(Younger/Older Children)

The Bible passage for today is located at the end of this lesson. You may choose to allow your older children to read this translation silently or aloud to your family.

**Crafts (Instructional Video)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AloZluwqXf0>

Craft one: “Pop-up Welcome Decoration”



You will need:

- Paper Plates
- Markers, stickers, or other decorating materials
- Scissors
- Glue
- String or pipe cleaners
- Popcorn and/or kernels (optional)

Procedure:

1. Decorate the paper plate with colors and stickers, if desired.
2. Starting at the outside of the paper plate, cut a spiral shape, about an inch wide, working from the outside in.
3. Optional: add popcorn, candy corn, and kernels to the plate, gluing them onto the strip. You may also add glitter or other decorations.
4. Allow the popcorn (if glued) to dry completely. Attach a verse or caption and a pipe cleaner or string to hang your “welcoming pop-up decoration”!

## Craft Two: "Red Carpet Reminder"



### You will need:

- Paper towel tubes
- Construction paper or fabric (red, preferably)
- Glue or tape
- Scissors
- Extra decorations (stickers, etc.)
- Caption or verse
- Markers or crayons

### Procedure:

1. Decorate the paper "red carpet". Consider making it a special card of encouragement to a friend, or an invitation welcoming them to church or a play-date.
2. If necessary, cut the paper and glue or tape into a long strip.
3. Add extra decorations as desired, such as stickers or glitter.
4. Glue or tape the paper onto the paper towel tube.
5. Add a Bible verse, and deliver to someone special!

## Craft Three: "Helping Hands Banner"



### You will need:

- Construction paper or fabric
- Scissors
- Glue, tape, or staples
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Extra decorations (stickers, glitter, etc.)
- String, pipe cleaner, or ribbon

### Procedure:

1. Choose several pieces of construction paper or cardstock.
2. Trace hands onto the paper (stack several sheets for easier cutting).
3. Cut out hands, and attach together with tape, glue, or staples.
4. Decorate the hands with words, verses, stickers, and additional décor.
5. Attach ribbon or pipe cleaner if desired, for hanging display.

Here are some activities to get kids thinking about welcoming and caring:

- What does the word “welcome” mean? How about the word “hospitality”? Check them out in a dictionary or thesaurus (best for older children).
- How do people say “welcome” in other languages? Look up a few and practice.
- Find a video clip of a grand welcome: it might be a parade, a welcome home celebration, or a festive honoring of a dignitary. Discuss what might make someone feel welcome.
- Why do we offer hospitality? When we are filled with Christ’s love, we can’t help but burst out and invite others into His family. To illustrate this concept, think about popcorn. It’s just a small thing, but when filled with hot air, it expands. Enjoy some popcorn and think about how it reflects on our lives as Christians.
- Tea party, anyone? Act out what you might do if you hosted a dinner party or tea party. Why is it important to treat others kindly when you are hosting them as guests?

Ask: Has there ever been a time when you did not feel welcome somewhere? Have you ever been “unwelcomed” because you were young?

## **BIBLE STUDY (Matthew 10:40-42)**

### **Welcoming Others**

**Bible Lesson:** As always, how you choose to experience the story will vary according to the ages and abilities of your children. For this lesson, Take a look at some of the words of Christ. Consider how Jesus exhibited the ability to welcome all people, and how He wants us to do the same.

*“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. <sup>41</sup> The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. <sup>42</sup> And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.” -Matthew 10:40-42*

**Not everyone in Bible times thought children were valuable or important. But Jesus welcomed them. Here, he uses children as an example of the “least” in society, but promises that anyone who treats others with generosity and care will actually be serving Him. When we welcome others and demonstrate hospitality, we are welcoming Christ, and allowing ourselves to be used by God.**

**Jesus welcomed ALL people. It didn’t matter what background they came from, He died for everyone. We want to share that good news with others, no matter who they might be. Even if people are different from us, we are one in Christ, part of His family.**

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