

# CATECHESIS@HOME 2021 #27

## "LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME"

(27th Sunday of Ordinary Time)



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### INTRODUCTION

This material has been prepared to provide families an opportunity to gather and spend time reflecting and discussing about the scripture readings of 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time.

### HOW TO USE THE MATERIAL

This document contains activities that members of the family may complete individually (just the children), in pairs (with parental assistance), or as an entire family. It would be helpful to print a hard-copy, so that members of your family may carry out different activities at the same time.

### WHEN TO USE THE MATERIAL

During the week after the family has celebrated the Mass of 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

### OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of each one gathered here in your presence today. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for showing your special love to children. Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Peace, guide us during this family gathering. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.



## **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

Invite someone to read **Mark 10: 12-16**. Then, as a family reflect on the questions given below and share your responses with one another. If necessary, parents are encouraged to rephrase the information and questions according to their children's level of understanding.

### Time of reflection and response:

1. Jesus says, "Allow the little children to come to me; and do not prevent (or, hinder) them." What are some ways adults might hinder children or/ and young people from coming to Christ?

There are many ways by which we hinder children / teenagers from drawing closer to Jesus. We may hinder them by living a hypocritical life—speaking like a Christian but acting in a way that is contrary to the teachings of Christ and the Church.

Another way in which we might hinder our children from coming to Christ is by failing to show them the love and mercy of the Lord Jesus, that he is compassionate and forgiving and willing to restore us when we confess our sins and return to him.

2. What does Jesus mean when he says, "Anyone who does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it?"

What Jesus means is that in order to enter the kingdom of God a person must have the trust and dependence that is characteristic of a little child—a trust and dependence upon Christ. Jesus is not referring to some supposed innocence of a child, for we are all born in sin and need the forgiveness only Jesus can give.

God cares for children, especially those who have no one to care for them. If the Lord Jesus Christ cares for children, shouldn't we? Aren't we to be like him?

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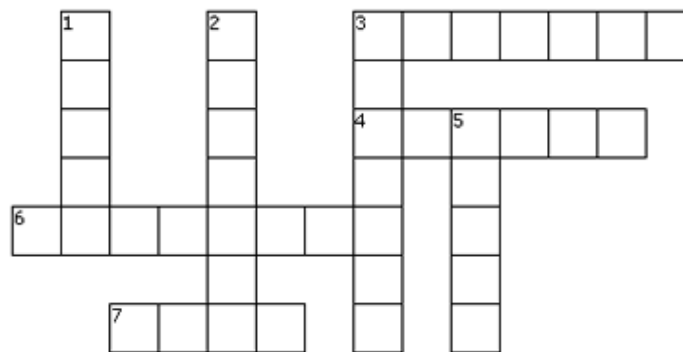
## FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Below you will find some activities for younger children, revolving around the first reading and the Gospel passage. Select the activities you would like to complete with your children, or try to complete them all if you can!

## Activity #1: Solve the puzzle

# Let the Children Come

He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14b (NIV)



### ACROSS

3. Bringing happiness, pleasure, or contentment to someone
4. Small in size
6. Sons and daughters, young people
7. The parts of the body which connect the hands to the shoulders


### DOWN

1. A statement accepted as fact
2. A country or territory ruled by a king or queen
3. To be a member of a group, such as a club or organization
5. To come in contact with or to feel with your fingers

|          |       |         |         |
|----------|-------|---------|---------|
| little   | touch | kingdom | arms    |
| children | truth | belongs | blessed |

### Activity #2: Find the words

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |      |        |        |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----------|------|--------|--------|
| Y | W | A | Y | W | D | I | D | A | M | CREATION | LAW  | DIVIDE | MOSES  |
| N | R | D | S | I | D | E | G | A | O | CHILDREN | MAN  | BODY   | MALE   |
| O | O | E | V | F | D | Y | N | O | W | WELCOME  | WIFE | MOTHER | UNITED |
| B | D | I | H | E | S | L | I | E | E |          |      |        |        |
| Y | D | O | T | T | Y | E | T | C | L |          |      |        |        |
| E | L | I | I | A | O | R | S | R | C |          |      |        |        |
| T | N | A | R | I | E | M | E | O | O |          |      |        |        |
| U | F | I | W | S | A | R | T | V | M |          |      |        |        |
| N | E | R | D | L | I | H | C | I | E |          |      |        |        |
| W | E | W | E | L | C | O | M | D | E |          |      |        |        |



### Activity #3: Find the name of Jesus

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| Jesus Puzzle                                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Find the name of Jesus throughout this puzzle. |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| J  | E | S | U | S | A | J | E | S | U | S | B | J | E | S | U | S | J |
| C  | J | E | S | U | S | D | E | F | J | E | S | U | S | G | H | I | E |
| J  | E | S | U | S | J | E | S | U | S | J | K | L | J | E | S | U | S |
| J  | E | S | U | S | M | N | B | O | P | Q | J | E | S | U | S | R | U |
| E  | S | J | E | S | U | S | I | T | U | J | E | S | U | S | Z | A | S |
| S  | B | C | D | E | J | E | S | U | S | F | S | J | E | S | U | S | J |
| U  | G | H | I | J | I | K | J | E | S | U | S | J | E | S | U | S | E |
| S  | O | P | J | E | S | U | S | Q | R | S | S | J | E | S | U | S | S |
| U  | V | J | E | S | U | S | J | E | S | U | S | J | E | S | U | S | U |
| W  | J | E | S | U | S | X | Y | Z | J | E | S | U | S | A | B | C | S |
| J  | E | S | U | S | D | E | F | G | J | E | S | U | S | H | I | J | K |

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## Activity #4: Find the missing letter

# Let the Children Come

He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Mark 10:14b (NIV)

Each line of the puzzle has one word hidden in a list of random letters. The blank space is a missing letter that belongs to that word. Fill in the missing letter.



|    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | I | U | C | W | H | T | R |  | T | H | F | B | Y | P | D |
| 2. | Z | V | E | F | R | N | B |  | E | S | S | E | D | Q | H |
| 3. | O | K | I | N | G | D | O |  | F | I | X | G | W | I | X |
| 4. | M | C | H | L | I | T | T |  | E | S | C | R | L | O | S |
| 5. | E | F | F | J | C | H | I |  | D | R | E | N | D | X | T |
| 6. | G | R | G | T | U | F | Z |  | R | M | S | O | I | B | Q |
| 7. | X | B | E | L | O | N | G |  | T | P | K | V | F | R | X |
| 8. | B | C | Z | Q | A | M | T |  | U | C | H | Y | F | L | P |

LITTLE  
CHILDREN

TOUCH  
TRUTH

KINGDOM  
BELONGS

BLESSED  
ARMS

Activity #5: Enter the correct words

# Let the Children Come



He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Mark 10:14b (NIV)

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.

1.

5.

2.

6.

3.

7.

4.

8.

|          |       |         |         |
|----------|-------|---------|---------|
| little   | touch | kingdom | blessed |
| children | truth | belongs | arms    |

Activity #6: Find the words

# Let the Children Come

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W B U Z E F L Z J L G M O W L  
I E S T E Y T C Y M I S Y A Q  
M D J M C V A I H G O T N R K  
J Y O G V H E N N I X B T E X  
R C Y G U T J I Y R L E I L U  
R T R U T H G E S O L D H B E  
E P H E D N I G S P N V R L P  
B T Q A I I N N O U I E S E I  
U O Q R N O S E D Y S R F S N  
K U B D L D P C M I E A R S O  
E C M E M Z S Z I D G E T E L  
D H B D Q G O D N P T N N D J  
A R M S Y S D I Z N L W A Y Q  
B C D T G E H Z E E F E W N L  
H K I N G D O M Q N Y W S A T

|          |           |           |         |         |
|----------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|
| PEOPLE   | JESUS     | INDIGNANT | GOD     | ENTER   |
| BRINGING | TOUCH     | COME      | BELONGS | ARMS    |
| LITTLE   | DISCIPLES | HINDER    | TRUTH   | HANDS   |
| CHILDREN | REBUKED   | KINGDOM   | ANYONE  | BLESSED |

## Activity #7: Unscramble the words



### Jesus and the Children Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circle boxes and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.

CHUTO



TITLLE



ERTEN



NEVHAE



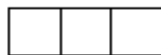
DOMKING



COWMEEL



Who did Jesus want to bless?

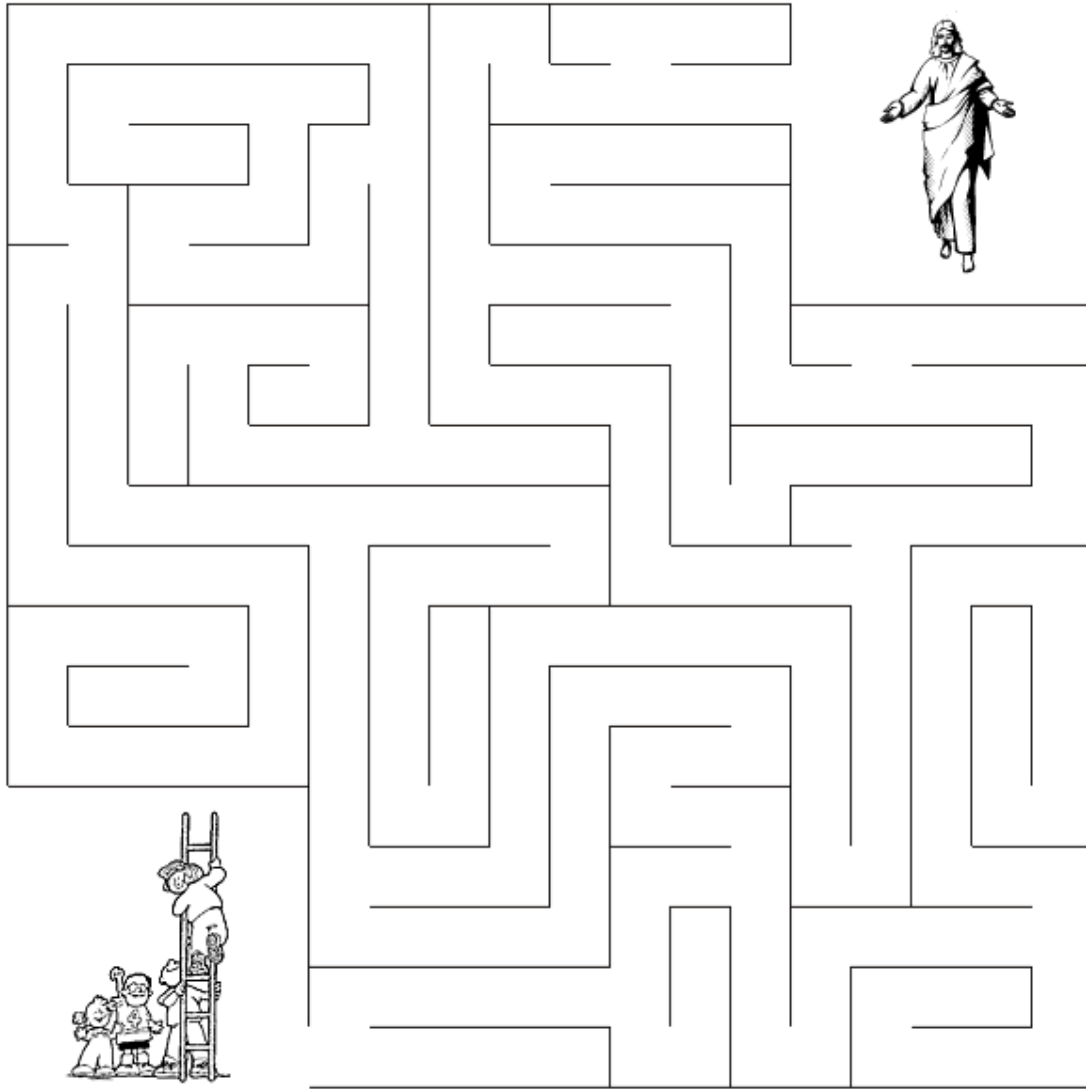




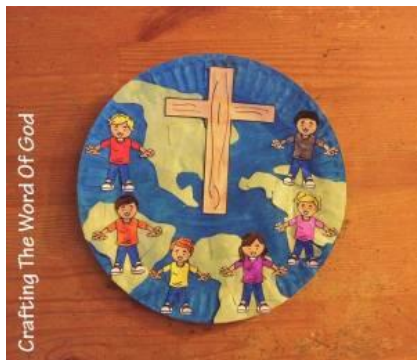
Activity #8: Colour the picture



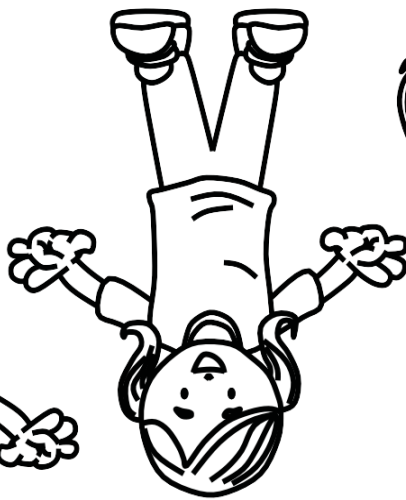
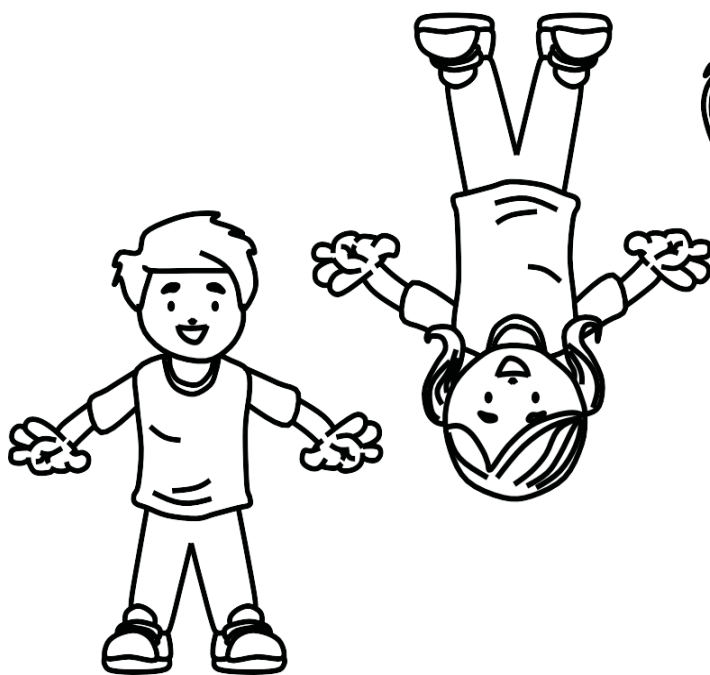
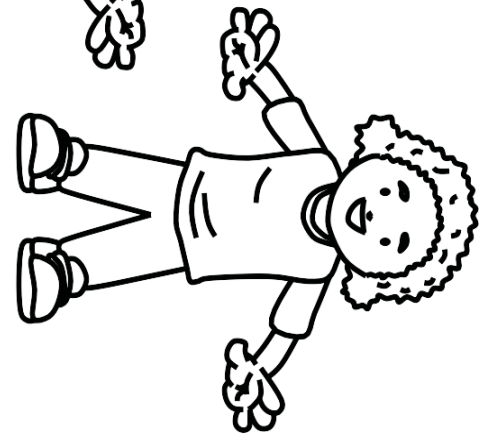
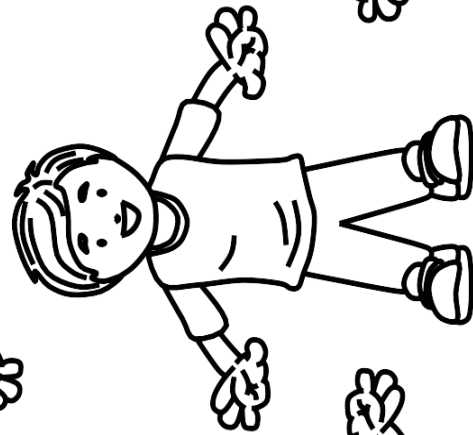
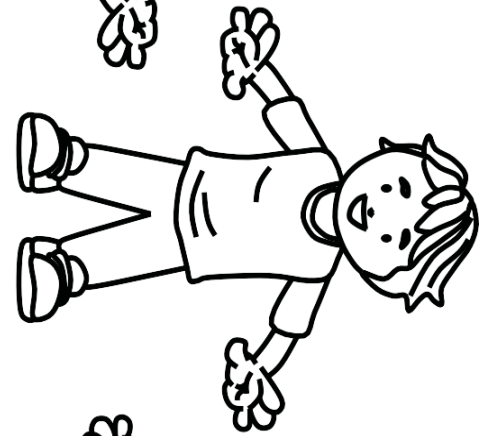
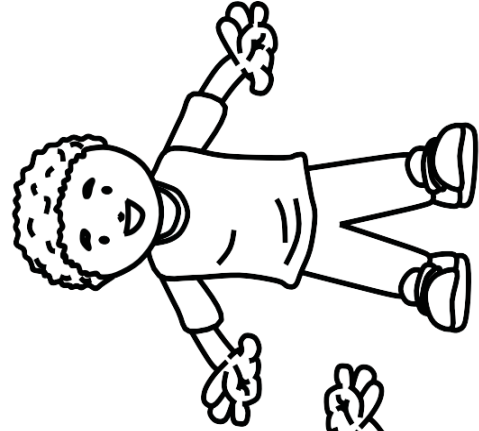
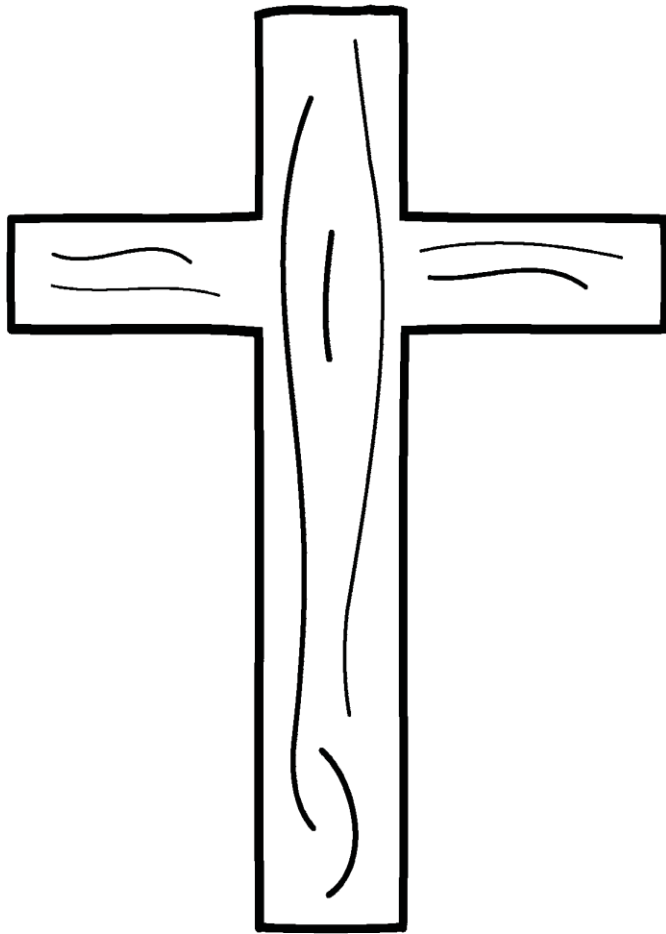
### Activity #9: Lead the children to Jesus



### Activity #10: Jesus Loves Little Children Activity



1. Print the template (see next 2 pages).
2. Color and cut out all of the pieces.
3. Color a paper plate blue.
4. Glue the continents onto the painted paper plate.
5. Cut off any excess overhang to leave a perfect round paper plate.
6. Glue the children to the outskirts of the plate.
7. Finally, glue the cross to the plate.



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