

## The Book of Mark:

### Let's Talk About Babies!

*People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. 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. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup> And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.*

Mark 10:13-16 (NIV)

What does this tell us?

! Children have a \_\_\_\_\_ in the kingdom of God.

*Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."*

*Nathan replied, "The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. <sup>14</sup> But because by doing this you have shown utter contempt for<sup>[a]</sup> the Lord, the son born to you will die."*

*<sup>15</sup> After Nathan had gone home, the Lord struck the child that Uriah's wife had borne to David, and he became ill. <sup>16</sup> David pleaded with God for the child. He fasted and spent the nights lying in sackcloth<sup>[b]</sup> on the ground. <sup>17</sup> The elders of his household stood beside him to get him up from the ground, but he refused, and he would not eat any food with them.*

*<sup>18</sup> On the seventh day the child died. David's attendants were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they thought, "While the child was still living, he wouldn't listen to us when we spoke to him. How can we now tell him the child is dead? He may do something desperate."*

*David noticed that his attendants were whispering among themselves, and he realized the child was dead. "Is the child dead?" he asked.*

*"Yes," they replied, "he is dead."*

*<sup>20</sup> Then David got up from the ground. After he had washed, put on lotions and changed his clothes, he went into the house of the Lord and worshiped. Then he went to his own house, and at his request they served him food, and he ate.*

*<sup>21</sup> His attendants asked him, "Why are you acting this way? While the child was alive, you fasted and wept, but now that the child is dead, you get up and eat!"*

*<sup>22</sup> He answered, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept. I thought, 'Who knows? The Lord may be gracious to me and let the child live.' <sup>23</sup> But now that he is dead, why should I go on fasting? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me."*

2 Samuel 12:13-23 (NIV)

*The king was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept. As he went, he said: "O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you—O Absalom, my son, my son!"*

2 Samuel 18:33 (NIV)

Because of you the Lord became angry with me also and said, "You shall not enter it, either. <sup>38</sup> But your assistant, Joshua son of Nun, will enter it. Encourage him, because he will lead Israel to inherit it. <sup>39</sup> And the little ones that you said would be taken captive, your children who do not yet know good from bad—they will enter the land. I will give it to them and they will take possession of it.

Deuteronomy 1:37-39 (NIV)

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and<sup>[e]</sup> will call him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right..

Isaiah 7:14-15 (NIV)

But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. <sup>11</sup> And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

Jonah 4:10-11 (NIV)

**! Children are \_\_\_\_\_ until the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.**

*They sacrificed their sons  
and their daughters to false gods.*

<sup>38</sup> *They shed innocent blood,  
the blood of their sons and daughters,  
whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan,  
and the land was desecrated by their blood.*

<sup>39</sup> *They defiled themselves by what they did;  
by their deeds they prostituted themselves.*

<sup>40</sup> *Therefore the Lord was angry with his people  
and abhorred his inheritance.*

Psalm 106:37-40 (NIV)