

Saturday, Week 3: Mark 10:14

“Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.” (NRSV)

1. No doubt, the disciples meant well: Jesus was busy; why allow children to interrupt him? Once again, Jesus surprised his disciples by elevating those whom others would diminish. Who might you elevate during this season, that others have diminished?

2. Our culture places considerable focus on children at Christmas time. But there are countless vulnerable children growing up in profound poverty who could benefit from our attention also. What steps could you take to express care for them today?

3. Jesus is described here as being “indignant.” What sorts of situations in our world today might cause him to be indignant? Ask yourself how you might address one of those situations.



Lord God: As we prepare to welcome Jesus through our Advent and Christmas celebrations, thank you that his coming means joy to the world as much today as it did 2,000 years ago. Grant me strength and wisdom to spread that joy to all who need it in their lives. Amen.