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LESSONS FROM JESUS AND CHILDREN
Discussion Guide

1. What specific words would you use to describe your present disposition toward children under the age of six?

2. What attitudes and behaviors characterized your family's disposition toward infants and young children as you were growing up?

3. Read Mark 10:13-16 slowly and reflectively. Use your imagination and read behind the story to answer the following questions.

   People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. [14]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. [15]I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." [16]And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

   - What attitudes and behaviors was Jesus rebuking?
   - What attitudes and behaviors was Jesus encouraging?

4. Given your present disposition and practice, what might Jesus want to see more of from you?

5. What will you do this week—as an individual and a small group—to cultivate and practice Jesus-like attitudes and behaviors toward the youngest segment of our community?

A young boy opened a big family Bible and fingered through the old pages. When something fell out, he picked it up and found an old leaf that had been pressed between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," he called out. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother replied. Astonished, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

- *From a Child's Perspective,* the internet