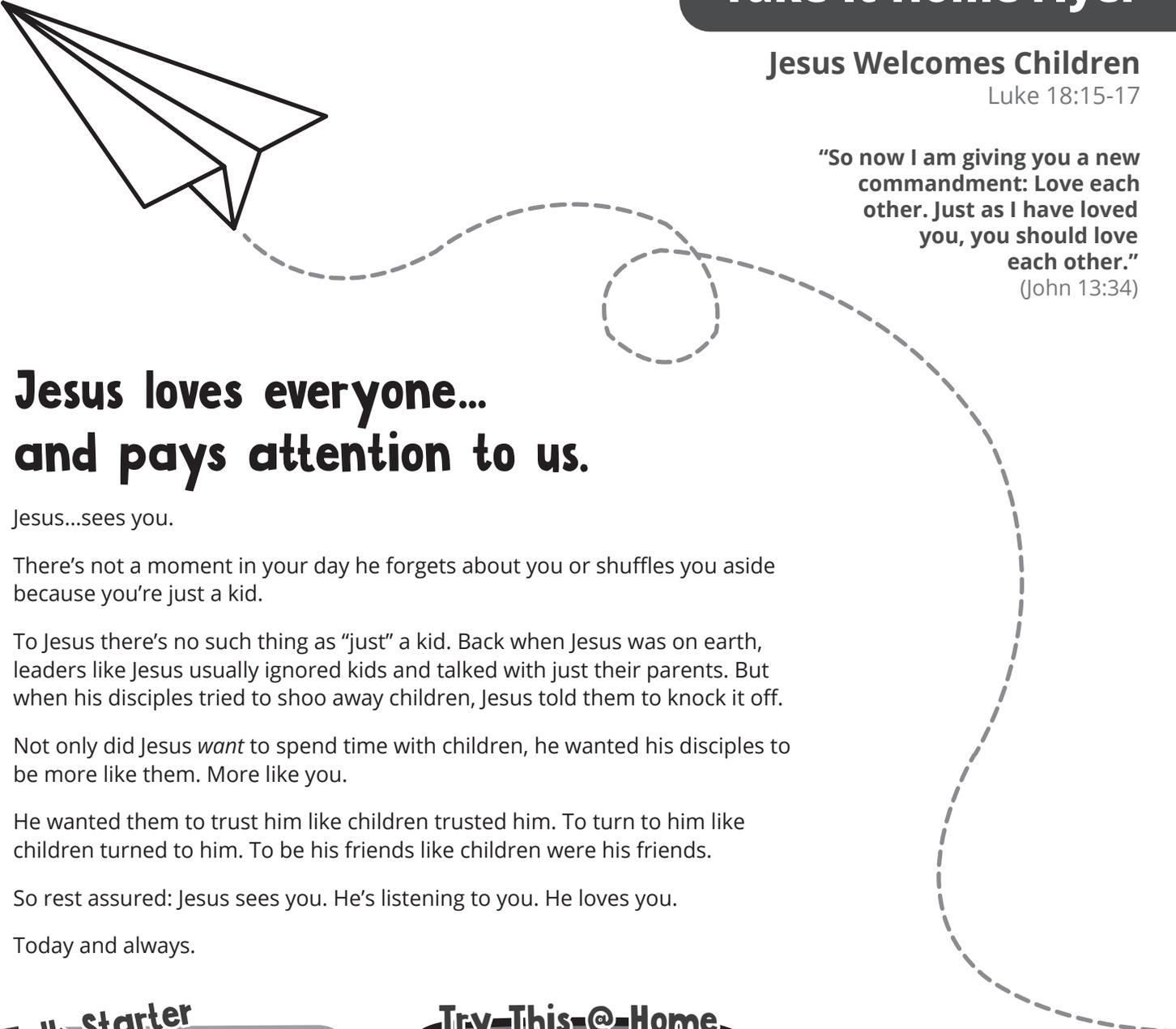


Jesus Welcomes Children

Luke 18:15-17

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other."
(John 13:34)



Jesus loves everyone... and pays attention to us.

Jesus...sees you.

There's not a moment in your day he forgets about you or shuffles you aside because you're just a kid.

To Jesus there's no such thing as "just" a kid. Back when Jesus was on earth, leaders like Jesus usually ignored kids and talked with just their parents. But when his disciples tried to shoo away children, Jesus told them to knock it off.

Not only did Jesus *want* to spend time with children, he wanted his disciples to be more like them. More like you.

He wanted them to trust him like children trusted him. To turn to him like children turned to him. To be his friends like children were his friends.

So rest assured: Jesus sees you. He's listening to you. He loves you.

Today and always.

Talk-Starters

Tell a story about an adult who really listens to you—either now, as a kid, or when you were a child.

Try-This-@-Home

Practice your welcoming skills! Look someone in the eye, smile, and say, "I'm glad to see you." Then listen to whatever the person wants to tell you!



Explore More @ Home

How important are kids to Jesus?
Read Matthew 21:15-16.



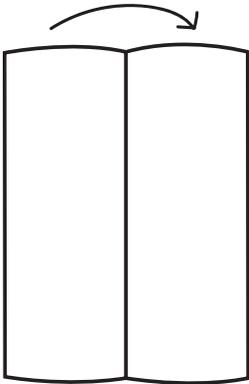
Make this page fly home!

Fold a flyer. When you get home

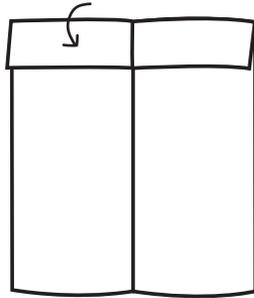
...welcome this airplane home and see if you can make it fly through your front door.

Here's how:

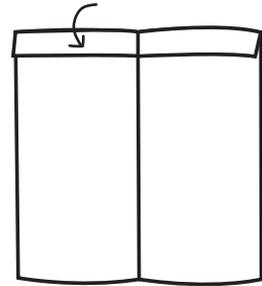
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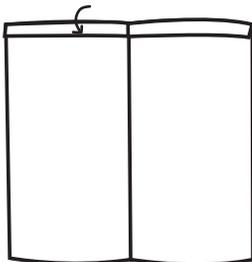
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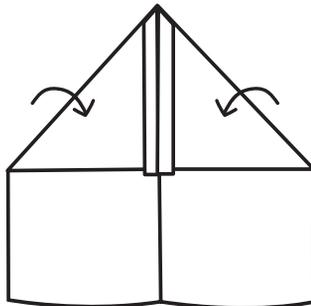
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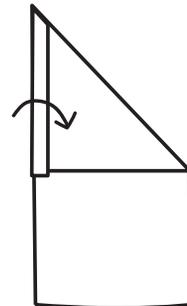
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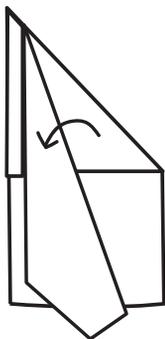
- 5** Fold the top corners down and away from you.



- 6** Fold the plane in half toward you.



- 7** With the point at the top, fold the wings down on each side.



- 8** Fold up the edges of the wings.



- 9** Take aim, and let it fly!

