

Exponential Kids
Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16

*God may have other ideas about what is exponential, such as
.....children!*

Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there. - (Matthew 19:13-15 NIV)

Nearly _____ % of the world population is under 13.

_____ were bringing children to Jesus. (vs. 13)

The _____ had a different idea about what's exponential. (vs. 13)

The largest group was people doing _____ (vs. 2)

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. 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. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.
- (Mark 10:13-16 NIV)

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week can really help clarify the things that God is teaching you and let others learn from your experiences. Get with someone this week and talk about your answers to the following questions:

Big Picture

Have you had any experience with the four groups outlined in the message? Share your story.

Some would say that children are actually cherished in our society and our churches. What are your thoughts about that?

Dig In

The Kingdom of God is often counterintuitive (Matthew 19:30, Mark 4:31-32). Jesus seems to prioritize children and rebukes the disciples. (Mark 10:14) In what sense is children's ministry exponentially world-changing?

There are many stories to tell about Jesus (John 21:25), share your thoughts about why Matthew included this story in his gospel account.

Teacher's Pick

Share a story of when you saw God working in or through the life of a child.

Putting It Into Practice

What are some practical steps you could take to get involved in ministry to children at Sunridge and in your community?