

## BRINGING CHILDREN

Mark 10:13-16

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Intro – As Lutherans we bring our children to the Lord through baptism. Infant baptism has been around since the beginning of the church. Polycarp, who was a student of the Apostle John who wrote the book of Revelation, was baptized as an infant. Our text today does not speak of baptism because Jesus had not yet instituted baptism. But it does tell us how Jesus wants to interact with children, and we now know He does that through baptism.

### I. They were bringing children. 13

A. The Greek word for children here means infants or babies. Luke 18:15

B. Jesus wanted the children to be brought to Him. Matt.28:19, Acts 2:38-39

C. He blessed them. Titus 3:5, Heb.10:22, Acts 22:16, 1Pet.3:21

### II. Jesus was indignant with the disciples. 14

A. The Greek here means very displeased. Matt.18:6

B. They were preventing them from being blessed.

C. Jesus promises ahead of time one will be blessed with the HS if they are baptized.

Acts 2:38

### III. Child-like faith. 15

A. Adults are to have a child's faith. Mt.18:3, Ps.22:9

B. All of us must have faith. Heb.11:6

C. All of us should praise Jesus the way a baby does. Mt.21:16

D. All of us should be as wise as a baby when trusting Jesus. Mt.11:25-26

Con. Bring your child to Jesus through baptism. Let them receive the blessing of God's gift, the Holy Spirit. Encourage them to personally put their trust and faith in Jesus for their salvation. Bring the children and let them praise the Lord.