

Text Luke 18:15-17, Matthew 19:13-15,
Mark 10:13-16

Focus Jesus is always ready to bless children

Verse Matthew 19:14 “. . . Let the little children
come to Me . . .”^{NKJV}

Songs of Praise and Worship

Prayer/Offering

Story 1 Jesus Blesses the Children (Bible)

Craft 1 Jesus Blessed Them (coloring)

Snack Time

Story 2 The Apple Tree (creation)

Craft 2 Apple Tree (stickers)

My Bible Verse

Story 3 Blessing Your Children (show and tell)

Craft 3 Come to Me (coloring)

Story 4 Jesus is Ready to Bless Me (poem)

Craft 4 Bless Me (lacing)

Jesus Blesses the Children

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Water and Sky Scene, Hillside Overlay, Jesus Sitting (4), James Facing Left (21), Peter (29), John (56), Men (87), Women (97A), Children (108), Child Standing (119), Child Sitting (120), Rock (194), Hillside Extension (S4)

- 1. Mommies and daddies are bringing their children to Jesus.** *Display Water and Sky Scene, Hillside Overlay, Hillside Extension, Rock, Jesus Sitting (on Rock), James Facing Left, Peter, John, Men, Women, Children, Child Standing, Child Sitting (on Jesus' lap).*
 - A. They want Jesus to say, "My child, good things from God will come to you."
 - B. They know that anything Jesus says about their children will happen.

- 2. Jesus tells His disciples that He wants the children to come to Him. He says:**
 - A. "Let the children come to Me, and do not stop them."
 - B. "The kingdom of God belongs to these children."
 - C. "You grownups must receive the kingdom of God like a child does."
 - D. Jesus takes each child in His arms and blesses them.
 - E. Jesus lays His hands on each child, and prays for them.

- 3. Jesus is ready to bless you.**
 - A. He wants you to have a long, happy life on earth.
 - B. He wants you to have eternal life in heaven with Him.

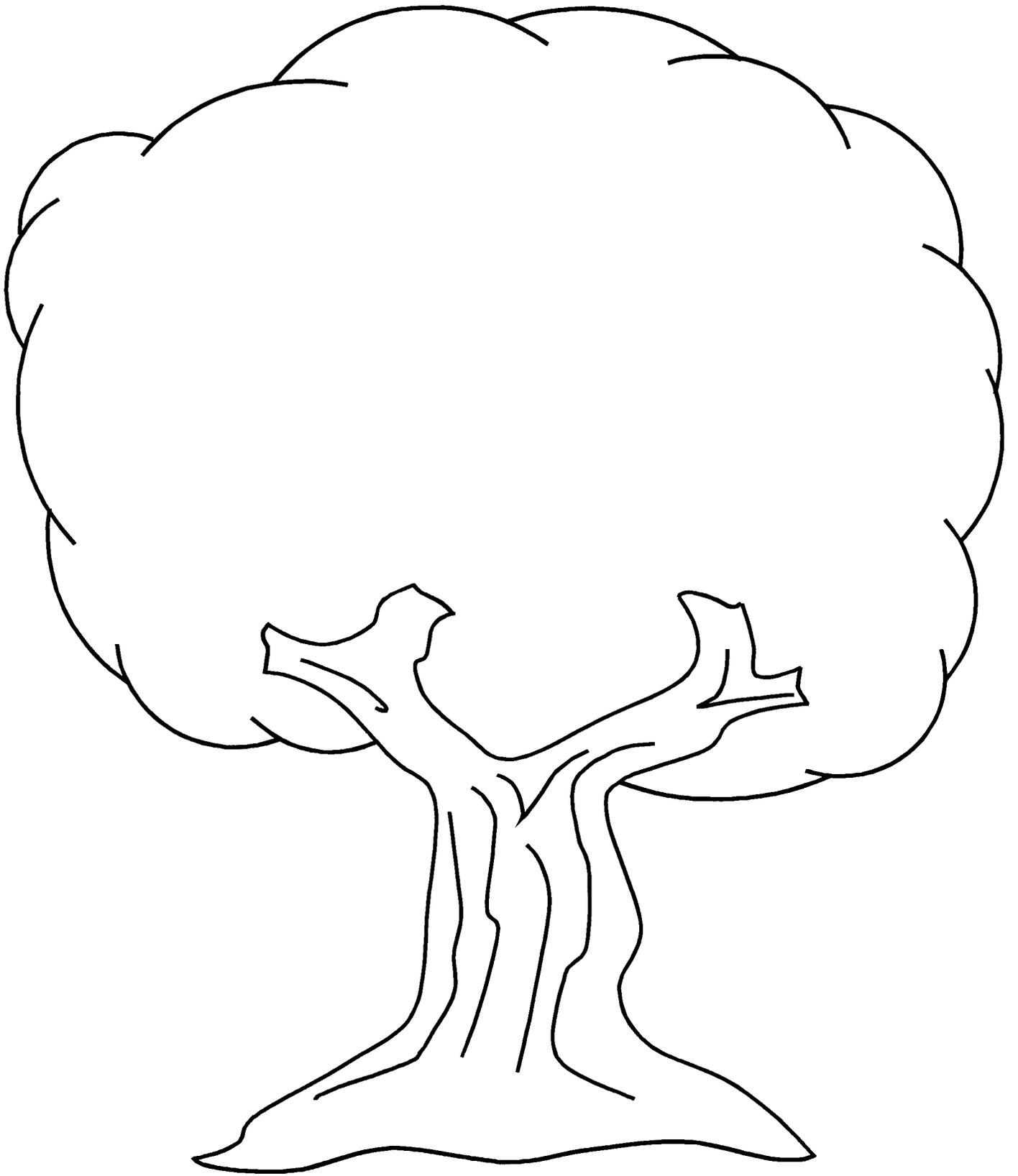


Jesus took the children in His arms and blessed them

The Apple Tree

Apple trees are a good thing from God. In the spring, they are covered with beautiful flowers. In the summer, they give us shade. During the fall, the trees have tasty apples on them.

Jesus is ready to bless you with every good thing from God. Come to Jesus. He loves children. He wants to give you a long, happy life on earth. He wants you to have eternal life in heaven with Him.



Jesus is ready to bless children

Blessing Your Children

Preparation:

You will need a comfortable chair where you can sit and hold a child on your lap.

What to Tell Them:

Have the children come to you one by one. You may have them sit on your lap if they want to. Tell the child that God loves him or her. Listen to your spirit. Ask God to help you to say an individual blessing for each child. The Holy Spirit will help you to know what specific benefits of God the child needs to hear. Your words, spoken in faith, have great power in that child's life.



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Matthew 19:14^{NKJV}

Jesus is Ready to Bless Me

Jesus is ready to bless me,
His arms are open wide.
Oh, Mommy and Daddy please take me,
I want to be by His side.

His eyes are full of kindness,
I'm not afraid of Him.
He seems to understand me,
And know who I really am.

His hands have worked mighty miracles,
But with me they are gentle and kind.
With love they touch and bless me,
And the goodness of God I find.

Copy onto colored paper. Cut along outer border. Punch holes. Have children lace 1/8 inch wide ribbon through holes.

