



Mark 10:16 says that Jesus took children in His arms and blessed them. Think of the many ways Jesus has blessed you and draw a picture above to share with your family.

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## Blessed For Life

Because Jesus loves you, no matter where you live, how old you are, or how tall you are, remember you are ...

- Blessed with the gift of life.
- Blessed by God for your entire life.
- Blessed to be a blessing to others.

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We are all blessed For Life because Jesus loves and cherishes and blesses ALL the children—ALL the people—of the world. It doesn't matter if you're born yet or not. It doesn't matter what size you are or where you live or what you wear or if you are a boy or a girl or what color your skin is. You are blessed! Jesus cherishes you! He loves you!

You know the song: "Jesus loves me this I know ..." What comes next? That's right, "For the Bible tells me so." We know Jesus loves us because the Bible tells us He came from Heaven to earth just for us. We know Jesus loves us because He was once a tiny unborn baby and lived inside His mom, Mary. We know Jesus loves us because He was born, He lived, He died on the cross, and He rose from the dead for us and for everybody!

Wow! Jesus loves and cherishes and blesses ALL the children! Jesus loves and blesses everyone—no matter what! In Matthew 18:5, Jesus tells us that when we welcome children, when we love and cherish and bless others no matter what, it's like we welcome and love Jesus!

That is our happy task! We can bless ALL the children, no matter what. When we do, we love and cherish Jesus! We can be a blessing to other children regardless of their size or where they live or what they wear. We can cherish boys and girls and those who are red and yellow, black or white! Does that remind you of a song? Here's a verse you may not know: "Born and unborn all alike, They are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world."

Let us pray: Jesus, thank You for blessing us For Life and for cherishing ALL the children in the world. Help us love and cherish and bless ALL the children, too. Amen.

**"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me ..." (Matthew 18:5)**

**"And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them." (Mark 10:16)**