

# The CHOSEN

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## WAIT – IS THAT IN THE BIBLE?

### Did Jesus hang out with kids like this?

We have no record of Jesus encountering children early in his ministry, but based on Matthew 18:1-6, 19:13-15, and 21:14-17, such situations would not be surprising.

### Did Jesus camp out on his own?

We have no record of Jesus setting up a camp like this, but He does say “the Son of Man has no place to lay his head” (Luke 9:58). We know he stayed in homes of others later in his ministry, but we do not know of his situation early on.

### What is the “Shema” that the children recited?

The “Shema” is Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and is considered a confession of faith Jews. “Shema” is the word “Hear” that begins Deuteronomy 6:4. The Shema is recited twice daily by Jews and also includes Deut 11:13-21 & Num 15:37-41.

### Did Jesus pray with such anguish to the Father?

There is no record of such anguish early in his ministry, though he certainly toils in prayer on the night of his arrest (Matthew 26:36-46). And he often withdraws from crowds in Scripture to be alone with the Father (Mark 1:35). So this depiction is not inconsistent with the pattern in the gospels.

### *Key Bible Verse*

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 and blessed them, he went from there.

*Matthew 19:14-15*

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 What is one question you have about the Bible, Jesus, or other characters as a result of watching this episode?
- 2 We saw Jesus building a fire, cooking, washing his feet, sleeping, waking up, praying, singing, working, brushing his teeth and washing, and of course playing a lot with children. What was it like to experience the humanity of Jesus on display?
- 3 Why do you think the creators of The Chosen devoted a whole episode to Jesus interacting with children?
- 4 Read Matthew 18:1-6, 19:13-15, and 21:14-17. What do we learn about what Jesus thinks of children in these passages?
- 5 Jesus says we must “change and become like little children” in order to enter heaven. What does he mean by that?
- 6 How can we continue to nurture a childlike faith and wonder in Jesus even when we mature in our walk with Him?
- 7 How can you be more attentive and affectionate toward the children in your home, church, and neighborhood, like Jesus?
- 8 What else did you learn about Jesus from this episode? Are there any ways in which your impression or understanding of Jesus was sharpened, challenged, or changed?



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