

ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN AT HIGH RISK

KID'S EDITION

GOD LOVES CHILDREN!

Did you know that Jesus says that all Christians should be like children? Children came to see Jesus teach and tried to talk to Him. His disciples told them that Jesus was too busy and important to talk to children and told them to go away. But, Jesus told the disciples that they were wrong, He wanted to see the children! He taught them that they should have the same love and trust that the children did.

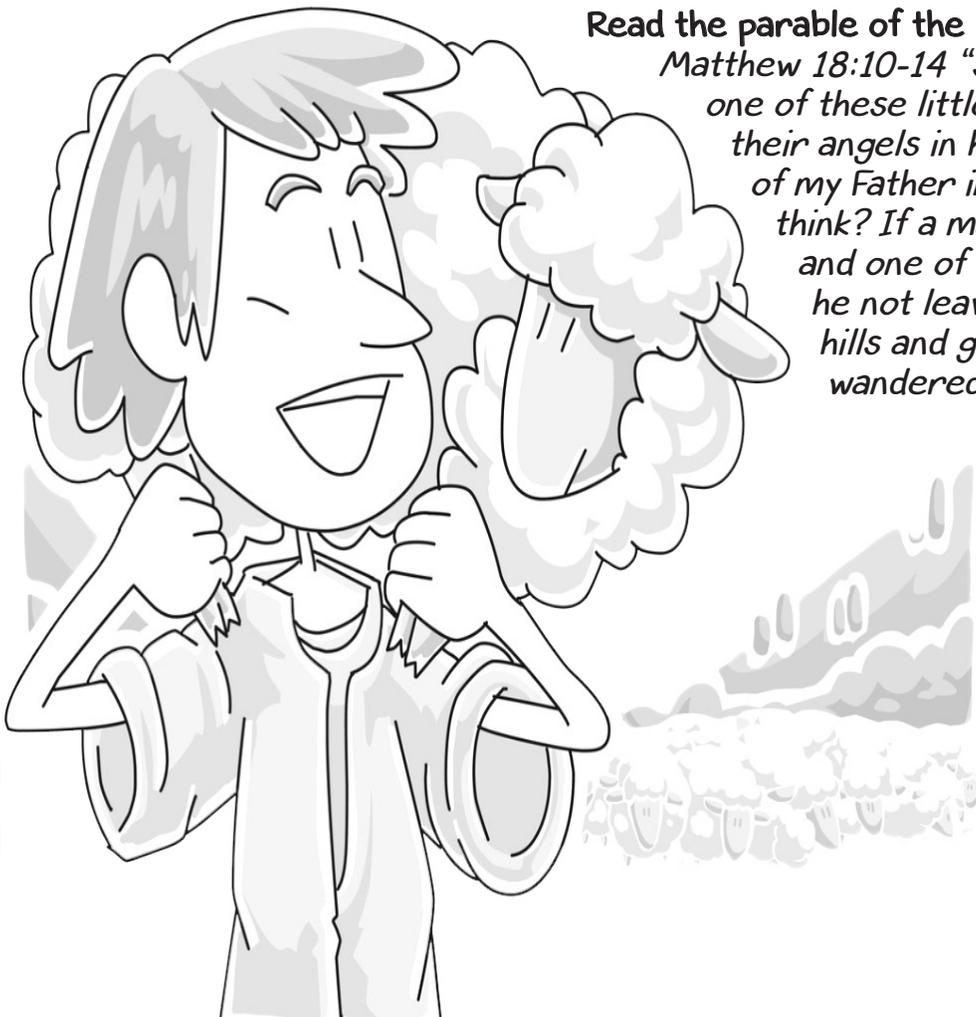
A parable about a sheep and a shepherd:

Do you know what a parable is? Parables are stories about everyday life. But parables aren't like every story, they tell about life in Jesus' kingdom. Some of the people Jesus talked to were shepherds. Taking care of their sheep was an important job and part of their lives.

Read the parable of the lost sheep:

Matthew 18:10-14 "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish."

Jesus tells this parable right after he has the children come and talk to him. The parable explains even more about how much God loves children.





MEET JEHDAN

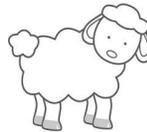
Last month, you learned about Roblealto in Costa Rica. Jehydan is 8 years old and he lives in a special home at Roblealto because his mom and step-dad struggle with drug addiction and couldn't take care of him. Roblealto is helping Jehydan to learn about God's love. Jehydan is also learning how to respond when he is upset. Jehydan struggles with anger and the staff at Roblealto are teaching him to have self-control. Roblealto is also teaching Jehydan's grandmother how to take care of him so he can live with her.

WAYS TO PRAY:

- Thank God for how much He loves every child, including children who are lost or forgotten by a busy world.
- Thank Jesus for coming to earth to die on the cross so you can have a relationship with God.
- Pray for the children at Roblealto to learn how important they are to God, and to trust Jesus.
- Pray for the men and women who work at Roblealto. Ask God to help them as they look for children who need help.

LEARNING THROUGH PARABLES:

Write what each character means in the story.



Draw a picture of the story or write in one or two sentences telling what Jesus is teaching about His kingdom through the parable.