

# WONDERSTRUCK: CHILDLIKE

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## Mark 10:13-16

13 People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. 14 But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. 15 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' 16 And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

## REFLECT & DISCUSS

1. Read the passage slowly. Then take a deep breath and read it again. What word, phrase, or image stands out to you?
2. Why do you think the disciples were keeping children away from Jesus?
3. What is it about children that Jesus makes them a symbol and signal for receiving God's kingdom?
4. The sermon series for the new year focuses on the experience of wonder. What moments fill you with wonder or awe?
5. How might children give us a sense of what a "life lived in wonder" is all about?
6. Have you ever been surprised or delighted by the way a child is amazed by something new to them? If so, reflect on what happened, and what that was like for you to observe.
7. How do faith and wonder belong and work together?
8. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote in a preface to a book of his poems, "I did not ask for success; I asked for wonder. And You gave it to me."

Take time to pray for the gift of wonder.

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