

The Chosen – Season 1 - Episode 3
Jesus Loves The Little Children



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Scripture References:

- > Become like little children – [Matthew 18:3-5](#)
- > Blessed are the pure in heart – [Matthew 5:8](#)
- > The spirit of the Lord is upon me – [Luke 4:18-19](#)
- > Glorify your son – [John 17:1](#)
- > Hear, O Israel – [Deuteronomy 6:4-9](#)
- > Let the little children come to me – [Mark 10:14](#)
- > This is how you should pray – [Matthew 6:9-15](#)
- > Father, glorify your name – [John 12:28](#)
- > The spirit of the Lord is upon me – [Isaiah 61:1-2](#)
- > The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name – [John 14:25-26](#)

Synopsis:

In a sentence: in 30 A.D. we see Jesus as a carpenter/craftsman¹ camping in the wilderness outside of Capernaum before his public ministry begins; praying to his father, and being visited by little children.

Abigail is the first to discover Jesus and then leads other children to him, starting with her timid friend Joshua. Jesus plays games with the children, tells them stories, recites scripture and prayers with them, and teaches the children about his work, both as a carpenter and as someone bringing a revolutionary new message to the world. We see the humanity of Jesus as he struggles to light a fire, prepares and cooks his meals, injures himself, works with tools, and talks passionately with his heavenly Father as he goes about his day. Jesus calls Abigail's timid

friend by a nickname that doesn't seem to apply to the child's current character. As Jesus departs he leaves behind a hand-made toy and a message for Abigail.

Episode review on Patheos.com:

The full review of this episode is available on patheos.com [here](#). The review provides detail on the historical context and basis for this episode in Old and New Testament scripture, and where the episode departs from scripture through artistic license.

Memorable lines of dialogue:

Joshua: *"Is your father rich?"*

Jesus: *"That is a question for another time."*

Jesus: *"Many times, smart men lack wisdom."*

Jesus: *"I have some work to do; you might have to help."*

Jesus: *"Everyone has a much larger job than just their trade."*

Jesus: *"I hope my next students ask the same questions. I hope when the time comes they will tell others about me like you have."*

Watch for This:



Starting at 14:35

Jesus refers to the child Joshua as *Joshua the Brave*, even though Joshua has been nothing resembling brave up to this point.

Was Jesus picturing a future role in the Kingdom for this young boy, perhaps in a similar manner to what caused Jesus to call Simon, so unlikely to earn the title up to this point, the *Rock upon which I will build my Church*?

Questions for an informal discussion:

1. What did you think about this episode? Did anything particularly stand out for you?
2. What questions do you have about this episode?
3. What are your impressions of Abigail and her friend Joshua?
4. Why do you think [John 14:25-26](#) is included as one of the scripture passages for this episode (see the list under the picture on page 1)? Where might it be portrayed in the episode? (hint: check out the last scene where Jesus leaves behind a gift for Abigail).

For personal reflection and/or discussion with friends:

5. When was a time when a child taught you something about Jesus? Would you be willing to share your story?
6. Reflect on what opportunities there are for you to teach children about Jesus. Who might you teach? How might you do it?
7. In what area of your life might you need to trust Jesus more, with the absolute faith of a child?
8. Preamble: In this episode Jesus calls Abigail's timid friend *Joshua the Brave*², a name that seems so unrelated to Joshua's current character. But the good news as we saw so powerfully illustrated in episode one with Mary Magdalene, is that Jesus can make each of us into what we are not.

Reflect on what name you would want Jesus to call you by, and help you grow into.

9. **Over the course of the coming week:** ask Jesus what he wants to show you or teach you in this episode. If you are comfortable doing so, please consider sharing what comes to mind with the group next week.

Going deeper:

- This episode's Round Table discussion by a group of Biblical Experts can be seen [here](#).
- At 1:06 In this [short clip](#) Dallas Jenkins (the executive producer and principal writer of *The Chosen*) shares a letter from a parent describing the impact this episode had on their adopted child.
- In this YouTube [video](#) Brandon Robbins shares some surprising details and insights on the episode.

- Reflect on Michelle Zarrin’s blog entry [How People Live Up to Our Expectations](#) and how it can guide our interactions with children.

Music to reflect on:

[Child of God](#) (Who am I that the highest King would welcome me) (artist: Hillsong)

About This Companion:

This Episode Companion is offered as bread and fish for our Lord’s use in spreading the good news of the Gospels. Its author, Peter McCaskell, lives in Guelph, Ontario, Canada and attends [Lakeside Church](#). You are welcome to contact Peter via email to peter.mccaskell@rogers.com

End notes:

1. Abigail asks Jesus if he is a carpenter. Jesus replies, “Sometimes, but I am a craftsman”.
2. In a powerful example from Scripture ([Matthew 16:18](#)) Jesus does the same for Simon; calling him *Peter*³ *the Rock upon which I will build my Church (and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it)*.
3. in the original Greek, Jesus calls Simon *Petros*, meaning *The Rock*.