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in *The Story for Little Ones/Children/Kids***

**Do Together:** A parent's blessing was an important part of Jewish culture throughout the Bible. One of the most famous blessings in the Bible is when Jacob steals his father Isaac's blessing from Esau. Spend time this week speaking a blessing out loud over each of your children every day. You may want to use a blessing from Scripture to pray over your children. As you bless your child, place your hand on his or her head or shoulder. If this is a new activity for your family, you and your children may find this a little awkward or uncomfortable at first. As you keep doing this, you may find your entire family looks forward to this part of your day. Blessings from grandparents and other family members can also be powerful.

### **Talk About:**

- 1 .Jesus loves children. In this chapter, the disciples try to keep little children from coming to Jesus. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." How does that make you feel?
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### **Pray Together:**

Dear God, we thank you for loving us as children. We know we are special to you. Thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ, as our Savior from sin. Help us to tell those who may not know about you and of your great love for all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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