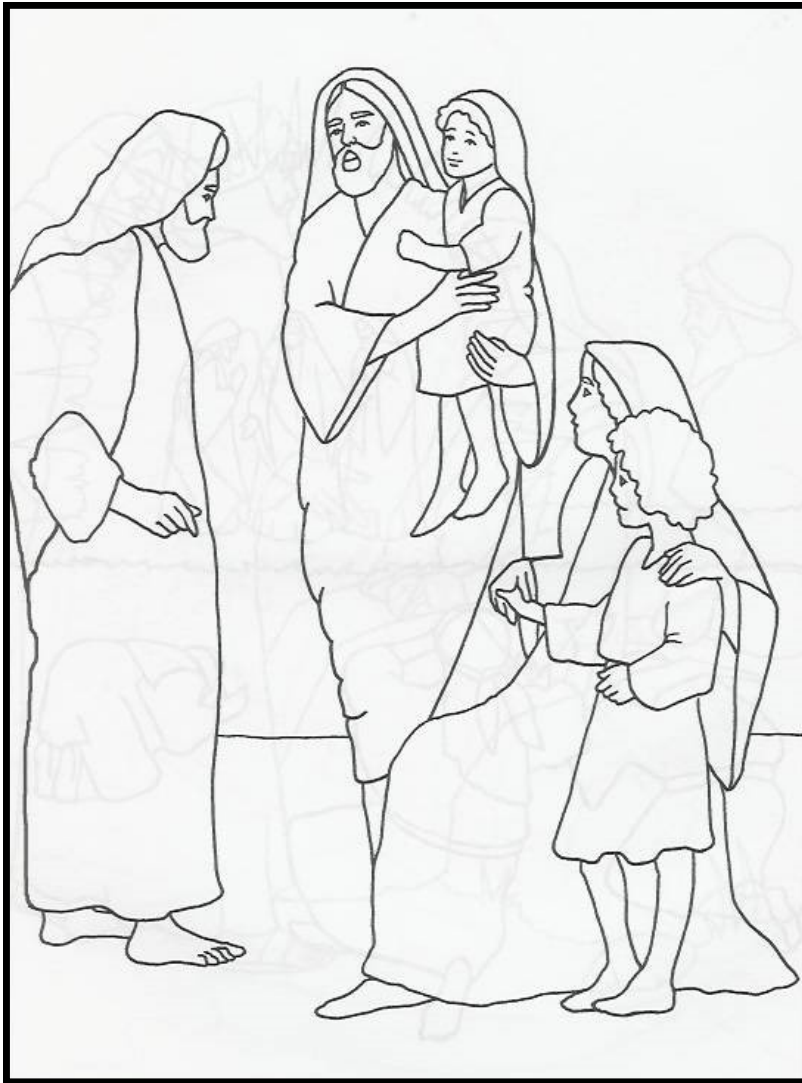


## "The Greatest"

Lesson 9—C

Mark 9:33-37



"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

Mark 9:37 NIV

Jesus asked His disciples, "What were you talking about today on the road?"

The disciples didn't answer. They had been arguing about which of them was the most important.

But Jesus knows everything! He knew what the disciples had said. Jesus said, "Do you want to be the greatest, the best, the first! That's easy. To be first, be last!

"To be first, help people who are last! To be most important, help people who are least important! To be greatest, help people who are weakest or poorest."

Jesus picked up a small child and said, "If you help this child, you are helping God! If you care for him, you are caring for Me and for God, too!"

This was great news! The disciples were happy to know that being greatest means being the best helper.