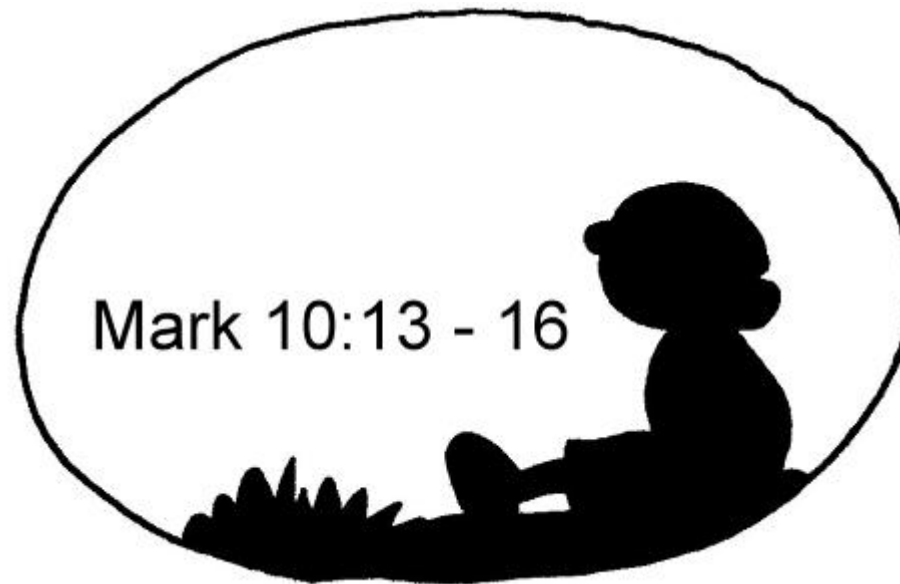
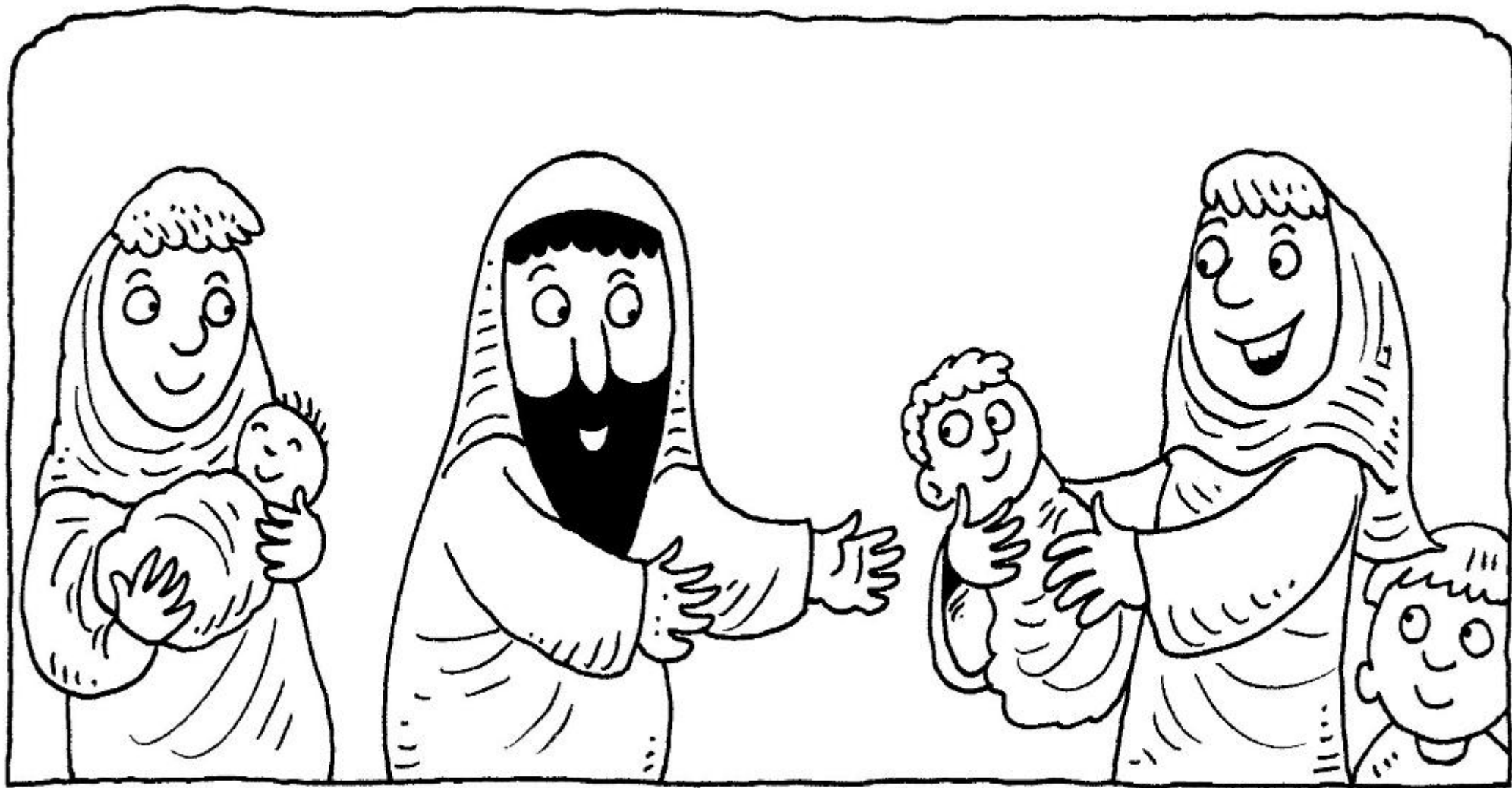


# Jesus Loves Children

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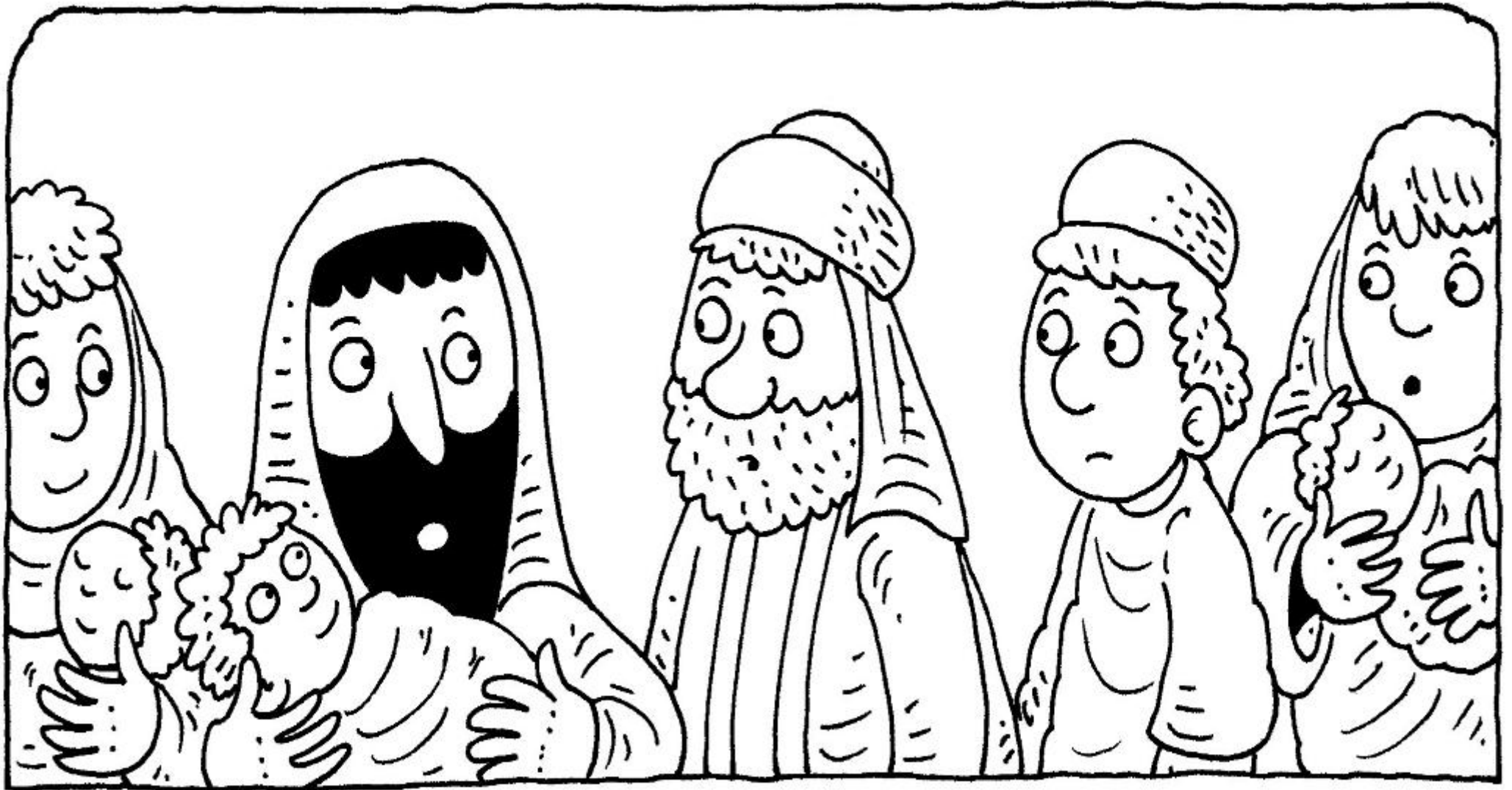
Mothers were always bringing  
their little children  
and babies to Jesus  
to hold and bless.



Jesus loved to see them  
and the children  
felt safe with Jesus.  
Jesus was kind and gentle.



But Jesus helpers  
thought that Jesus was too busy  
to be holding babies.  
They tried to send the mothers away.



Jesus said to his helpers,  
“Let the children come to me.  
Don’t send them away.  
They are precious to God.”



“Truly, anyone who  
doesn’t love God  
just like these children do  
won’t get to heaven,” Jesus said.



Then Jesus held  
the little children  
in his arms  
and prayed for them.



And all over the world  
little children like me  
still love Jesus  
and want to stay close to him.