MARK 10:2-16 (NIV)

2 Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”

3 “What did Moses command you?” he replied.

4 They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.”

5 “It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied.

6 “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’

7 ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife,

8 and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

9 Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

10When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this.

11He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her.

12And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.” The Little Children and Jesus

13People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them.

14When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

15 Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

16And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.