

UNLOCKING THE DIVINE

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¹⁴Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” ¹⁵When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.

— Matthew 19:14–15 (NIV)



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HOOK

 Start the conversation by asking...

Sometimes if we can't be there in person, we ask a representative to hug a loved one for us.

ENGAGE

 Go deeper with this...

Have you ever given or received a proxy hug from someone? How did it make you feel or how did it make the other person feel?

LINK

 Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- Jesus, when healing or blessing someone, would put His physical hands on them. The Bible calls this the “laying on of hands.”
- You and I are Jesus’ hands on earth.
- If baptism means being cleansed from sin, our laying hands on others means that we become extensions of God’s Spirit as we are filled with the Holy Spirit.
- Laying hands is symbolic of us imparting God's goodness and blessing onto someone else.
- When we pray for someone, we can also lay our hands on them.
- When we lay our hands on someone, we are looking to bless them, connect with them, and show them compassion.

PAUSE

 Pick a question and pray together...

Discuss Together (*pick one*)

- Have you ever considered yourself as someone who can extend God's Spirit and blessing to others?
- What holds you back from believing so?

Pray Together (*pick one*)

- Pray to hear clearly as the Holy Spirit speaks to you so you can freely act on His behalf.
- Pray for God's strength to obey what He is telling you.

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Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

— Acts 8:17 (NIV)