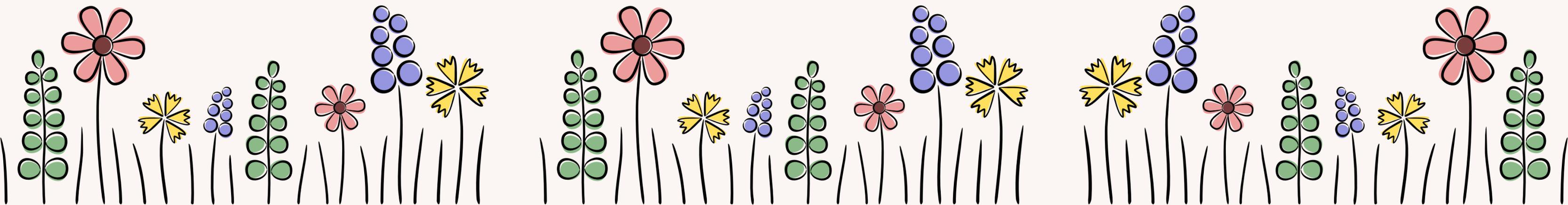


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TAKING JESUS AT HIS WORD



Mark 10:13-16

13 People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. 14 When 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.” 16 And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

John 4:43-53

43 After the two days he left for Galilee. 44

(Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country.) 45

When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, for they also had been there.

46 Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. 47 When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.

48 “Unless you people see signs and wonders,”

Jesus told him, “you will never believe.”

**49 The royal official said, “Sir, come down
before my child dies.”**

50 “Go,” Jesus replied, “your son will live.”

The man took Jesus at his word and departed.

51 While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. 52

When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, “Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him.”

53 Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” So he and his whole household believed.

Matthew 8:5-10;13

**5 When Jesus had entered Capernaum,
a centurion came to him, asking for
help. 6 “Lord,” he said, “my servant lies
at home paralyzed, suffering terribly.”
7 Jesus said to him, “Shall I come and
heal him?”**

8 The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

10 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, “Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.

13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would.” And his servant was healed at that moment.

Hebrews 11:6

6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Mark 9:22b-24

**22b But if you can do anything,
take pity on us and help us.”**

**23 “‘If you can’?” said Jesus. “Everything is
possible for one who believes.”**

**24 Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I
do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”**