



*First Steps, After Millet*

By Vincent van Gogh

Questions to consider (with the child):

1. Look at this picture and see what you can find.
  - a. Can you find a wheelbarrow?
  - b. What about a tree or some flowers?
  - c. Do you see a fence?
  - d. Can you find a little child?
  - e. Is there anything else you notice?
2. What do you think is happening in this picture? Could you tell a short story about it?
3. Do you think that the man and the woman (maybe the mother and father?) care for this child? What makes you think so?
4. Does this painting remind you of Jesus? How?
5. Read Matthew 19:14 aloud. What does it look like for you to come to Jesus? Do you think he likes to be with you?

Directions for the adult leading this experience:

1. Print off a copy for each person participating in this experience.
2. Find a good spot to spend a few moments enjoying this painting together.
3. Ask the child the questions on the previous page. Give them plenty of time to answer and listen carefully to what they say. Feel free to ask more questions that come to mind.
4. Reinforce the truth that Jesus loves this child and is holding out his arms to them in love.
5. Close with a short prayer, either led by you or the child.