Jesus and the little children

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.6 in (11.2 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

How to read it

Floss has six strands: cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number named one at a time, and lay them together.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

Buy: 16 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 4 strands
   Daisy stem
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Figs, bench, hands, necks, headscarf (color 9), cuffs, braids, bows, faces (colors 11 and 14), legs, shoes, daisy petals
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Branch, fig leaves, faces (colors 11, 13 and 15), headscarf (color 9), hair, beard
4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Daisy leaves
5. **Back stitch**
   1 strand: leaf veins
   2 strands: tunic (color 6), robe hem (color 8)
6. **Herringbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Tunic (color 6), robe hem (color 8)
7. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Tunic (color 6), robe (colors 7 and 8), mantle (color 8), butter dress (color 8), rose dress (color 10), smock (color 9)
8. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: edges of the branch, mantle (color 5), grass (color 3), daisy stems
   3 strands: tunic (color 6), robe (color 5), butter dress (color 8), rose dress (color 10), smock (color 9)
9. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: bark, bench edges, skin edges, brows, petal edges
   2 strands: lines of the fig leaves, mouths (color 9), scarf folds, curls, eyes (color 2), hair waves
10. **Feather stitch**, 1 strand
    Smock (color 9)
11. **Straight stitch**
    2 strands: eye highlights, edges of the braids, grass (color 3)
    3 strands: eyes (color 2)
    1 strand: mouths (color 9)
12. **Lazy daisy stitch**
    1 strand: loops of the dress flowers
    2 strands: loops of the daisies
13. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Daisy center
14. **French knot**, two wraps
    1 strand: knots of the mantle, knots of the dress flowers, scarf dots, knots of the daisy center
    2 strands: dress knots, toddler curls, knots of the daisies

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots and the shortest lazy daisy loops are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 433 Medium Brown	7	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	13	DMC 632 Ultra Very Dark Desert Sand
2	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	8	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	14	DMC 950 Light Desert Sand
3	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	9	DMC 3830 Terra Cotta	15	DMC 3772 Very Dark Desert Sand
4	DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet	10	DMC 3687 Mauve	16	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue
5	DMC 3045 Dark Yellow Beige	11	DMC 3064 Desert Sand		
6	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	12	DMC 3756 Ultra Very Light Baby Blue		

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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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