Children and God's Big Rescue Plan



Explore how children are part of God's gospel story, embraced in His rescue plan through love, grace, and hope in Christ.





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Introduction

Welcome to this 7-day journey on Children and God's Big Rescue Plan! From the very beginning, God's love has extended to all, especially the vulnerable and the little ones. In this study, we'll explore how children are woven into the grand story of redemption—the gospel story—revealing God's heart for them and His ultimate rescue mission through Jesus Christ. *God's Big Rescue Plan* shows us His unfailing grace and mercy reaching all generations, including the youngest among us.

Children represent innocence, wonder, and a capacity to trust that often surpasses adults. Jesus Himself emphasized the importance of receiving the kingdom of God like a child (**Matthew 18:3**). Through these seven days, you'll see how God's plan restores not only humanity but invites children to participate fully in the promises of His kingdom.

Each day offers scripture readings, devotional reflections, and thoughtful questions to guide your heart deeper into understanding God's relationship with children and how they display the hope found in Jesus. Whether you are a parent, guardian, teacher, or simply someone who treasures the children in your life, this study will encourage you with God's loving purpose for every child.

Join with anticipation and an open heart to discover the beauty of God's rescue plan as it unfolds for children worldwide. Let's dive in!









Day 1: **6** God's Love for Children









Day 1: OGod's Love for Children

Your Verse

Matthew 19:14 – Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 127:3 "Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him."
- Mark 10:16 "He took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them."







Day 1: OGod's Love for Children

Devotional: Welcoming Children into God's Kingdom

God's love for children is clear and unconditional. Jesus welcomed children warmly, showing they hold a special place in His heart and kingdom. When He said, "the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these," He emphasized the innocence, trust, and humility found in children—qualities that are essential for anyone who desires to enter God's kingdom.

Children are a precious gift, entrusted by God to families and communities. They symbolize hope and new beginnings. Yet in the gospel story, children are not just passive recipients of blessing; they actively participate in God's plan. Jesus' blessing of the little ones reminds us that God cherishes them, and His rescue plan includes them fully.

Reflect today on how you view children in your life and faith community. What does it look like to embody Jesus' welcoming attitude toward children? How can you encourage their growth in God's love?







Day 1: 💮 God's Love for Children

Reflect and Apply

1.	How does Jesus' attitude toward children influence how I treat them?
	What qualities in children does Jesus highlight as key to the kingdom of God?
	In what ways can I create an environment that nurtures children's faith in God?







Day 1: 💮 God's Love for Children

Journaling Prompts

	Write about a time when a child taught you something about faith or trust in God.
2.	Describe what it means to you that children belong to God's kingdom.
	List practical ways you can support children's spiritual growth in your community.







Day 1: 💮 God's Love for Children

Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for the beautiful gift of children and for Your special love toward them. Help me to welcome them as Jesus did, with open arms and a heart full of grace. Teach me to foster their faith and to recognize the kingdom qualities You value in them. May I be a source of encouragement and love to every child I encounter. *Guide me in Your rescue plan, Lord, that includes all ages.* In Jesus' name, Amen. \bigwedge

















Your Verse

Psalm 91:11 - "For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways."

Supporting Scriptures

- Isaiah 54:13 "All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace."
- Proverbs 22:6 "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."







Devotional: God's Protective Love Over Children

God's care includes divine protection and guidance for children. Psalm 91 reminds us of God's promise to command His angels to guard us. Children, in particular, experience God's protective love as they grow and learn. God's heart is to shelter them from harm—not always from every challenge, but with a presence that assures safety and peace.

Parenting and teaching carry significant responsibility. Proverbs 22:6 encourages adults to guide children on paths of righteousness, shaping their spiritual future. Isaiah promises not only protection but also God's instruction, resulting in deep peace. God's rescue plan rescues children not only from danger but into a life of wisdom and security in Him.

Consider how God's protection has shown up in your life and the lives of children you care for. Are you intentional in leading them in the ways of the Lord?







Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you see God's protection active in the life of a child?
2.	What role do adults have in guiding children spiritually?
3.	In what ways can you pray for children's safety and growth in faith?







Journaling Prompts

	Recall a moment when you experienced or witnessed God's protection in a child's life.
2.	Write down steps you can take this week to nurture a child's faith journey.
	Reflect on your personal faith journey and times God has protected you as a child.







Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your mighty protection over children. Please command Your angels to guard them and keep them safe as they grow. Bless parents, teachers, and caregivers with wisdom to guide the little ones in Your truth. Fill the hearts of children with Your peace that surpasses all fear. May Your presence be their shield and their guide. In Jesus' powerful name, Amen.















Day 3: 🛠 Children as Reflections of God's Image









Day 3: **%** Children as Reflections of God's Image

Your Verse

Genesis 1:27 - "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

Supporting Scriptures

- Matthew 18:10 "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven."
- Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works."







Day 3: **%** Children as Reflections of God's Image

Devotional: Honoring God's Image in Children

Children are unique reflections of God's image, full of worth and value.

Genesis 1:27 calls all humanity, including children, God's image-bearers. This means every child reflects God's creativity, purpose, and dignity. It's a profound truth that shapes how we see, love, and care for them.

Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 affirm children's special standing before God. Their guardian angels behold God's face, showing how precious and protected they are. Being created as God's handiwork (Ephesians 2:10) encourages us to celebrate every child's potential and purpose within God's rescue plan—a plan that equips them to do good works and shine His light.

How can you honor the image of God in children? How does this affect your attitudes and actions toward them?







Day 3: 🛠 Children as Reflections of God's Image

Reflect and Apply

What does it mean that children are made in God's image?
How can recognizing this truth influence how we treat children daily?
In what ways can children contribute to God's work according to their gifts?







Day 3: 🛠 Children as Reflections of God's Image

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write a prayer praising God for creating children in His image.
2.	Describe how you can help a child discover their God-given purpose.
	Think of a child in your life and journal about their unique qualities that reflect God.







Day 3: % Children as Reflections of God's Image

Prayer for Today

God, thank You for creating every child in Your magnificent image. Help me to see each child's worth through Your eyes and honor their sacred identity. Empower children to recognize their purpose in Your rescue plan and encourage them to shine brightly for Your glory. May Your Spirit guide me as I support the children You have entrusted to my care. *Amen.* \bigwedge







Day 4: God's Promise of Hope for Children









Day 4: God's Promise of Hope for Children

Your Verse

Jeremiah 29:11 – "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 71:5 "For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth."
- Romans 15:13 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him."







Day 4: 6 God's Promise of Hope for Children

Devotional: Nurturing Hope in Children's Hearts

God's big rescue plan is ultimately a promise filled with hope for children. Jeremiah 29:11 assures us that God's plans include a prosperous future full of hope. This is not just a wish but a confident declaration about every

generation, including children.

Psalm 71:5 shows how hope in God begins in youth—children can anchor their confidence in Him early, building a firm foundation. Romans 15:13 encourages believers to trust God as the source of joy, peace, and hope.

In a world of uncertainty, children represent a bright future crafted by God's hand. Our responsibility is to nurture their faith so that hope grows strong within them. God's plan includes restoration and a future filled with His promises.

Reflect on how you can foster hope in the hearts of children through your words, actions, and prayers.







Day 4: 🌈 God's Promise of Hope for Children

Reflect and Apply

1.	How does God's promise of hope encourage children facing challenges?
2.	What role do adults play in helping children trust God's plans?
3.	How can hope influence a child's perspective on their future?







Day 4: 🌈 God's Promise of Hope for Children

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a hope you had as a child and how God fulfilled it.
2.	List ways you can encourage hope in the children around you.
3.	Pray for a child's future and journal about your feelings as you do.







Day 4: God's Promise of Hope for Children

Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for Your perfect plans and promises of hope for every child.

Help me to be an instrument of encouragement and faith. May children grow to trust in Your goodness and hold onto the hope You provide, even when life is difficult. Fill their minds and hearts with Your peace and joy as they walk in Your ways. In Jesus' name, Amen. 💸 🙏 👽 🌈







Day 5: W Children Embracing Salvation









Day 5: W Children Embracing Salvation

Your Verse

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Supporting Scriptures

- Ephesians 2:8 "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."
- Romans 10:9 "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."







Day 5: ♥ Children Embracing Salvation

Devotional: Inviting Children to Receive Jesus' Gift

God's rescue plan culminates in the gift of salvation, open to all—including children. John 3:16 tells us that eternal life is available to anyone who believes in Jesus, no exceptions. Salvation is a gift of grace, received by faith, not earned by deeds.

Ephesians 2:8 reminds us that salvation is God's free gift. Children can respond in faith, confessing Jesus as Lord, just as Romans 10:9 teaches. This invitation to embrace Jesus starts young and transforms lives forever.

The gospel story is God's master plan to rescue us from sin and death, inviting every child to be a part of His family. Our role is to share this good news and support children on the pathway of faith with love and patience.

Consider how you can teach children about Jesus' salvation in a way they can understand and embrace.







Day 5: 😂 Children Embracing Salvation

Reflect and Apply

1.	How can the message of salvation be communicated clearly to children?
2.	What does it mean to receive salvation as a child?
3.	How can you support a child's faith journey after they accept Jesus?







Day 5: 😂 Children Embracing Salvation

Journaling Prompts

	Recall how you came to faith and how it might relate to a child's experience.
2.	Write a simple explanation of salvation that a child could understand.
	Pray for children who have yet to know Jesus personally and journal your feelings.







Day 5: W Children Embracing Salvation

Prayer for Today

Father, thank You for Your incredible love demonstrated through Jesus' sacrifice. I pray that children everywhere may come to know and believe in Your Son, receiving the free gift of salvation. Give me wisdom and compassion to faithfully share Your good news with them. Help children grow strong in their faith and experience the joy of eternal life. In Jesus' mighty name, Amen. \bigwedge \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc

















Day 6: Forowing in Faith and Grace

Your Verse

2 Peter 3:18 – "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Supporting Scriptures

- Colossians 2:6-7 "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him."
- Hebrews 6:1 "Let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity."







Day 6: Forowing in Faith and Grace

Devotional: Encouraging Lifelong Faith Growth

Salvation is just the beginning; children are called to grow spiritually and mature in Christ. 2 Peter 3:18 encourages believers to continually develop in grace and knowledge. This is a lifelong process that begins in childhood and continues throughout life.

Paul reminds us in Colossians 2:6-7 that after receiving Christ, we should be rooted and built up in Him, producing spiritual fruit. Growth involves learning, experiencing God's grace, and becoming more like Jesus. Hebrews 6:1 challenges us to press on from the basics toward a deeper faith.

As adults, we have the privilege to nurture children's faith, offering teaching, example, and encouragement. Helping children grow strong in their relationship with Jesus is vital for their place in God's rescue plan.

What steps can you take to foster consistent spiritual growth in the children around you?







Day 6: 🍞 Growing in Faith and Grace

Reflect and Apply

1.	How can children be encouraged to grow beyond basic teachings?
2.	What role do you play in a child's spiritual development?
3.	How do grace and knowledge work together in growing faith?







Day 6: 🍞 Growing in Faith and Grace

Journaling Prompts

1.	List spiritual practices that help children grow in faith.
2.	Write about a time you grew spiritually as a child and what helped you.
3.	Pray for wisdom in supporting children's ongoing faith growth.







Day 6: Forowing in Faith and Grace

Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, help me to nurture the faith of the children You have placed in my life. Teach me how to guide them toward maturity in grace and knowledge, so they may become rooted and built up in You. Give me patience and love as I support their ongoing growth. May children flourish in their journey with You and bring glory to Your name. Amen.

















Your Verse

Ephesians 2:19 – "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household."

Supporting Scriptures

- 1 John 3:1 "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!"
- Galatians 3:26 "You are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus."







Devotional: Celebrating Children as God's Family

Children are not only recipients of God's rescue plan but are integral members of His family. Ephesians 2:19 reminds us we belong to God's household, included fully as His children and co-heirs. This identity gives us deep security and belonging.

John 3:1 exclaims the lavish love God has poured out by calling us His children. Galatians 3:26 confirms that through faith in Jesus, we all become God's children—no matter our age.

As we close this study, remember that every child is invited into God's big rescue story. They are cherished, saved, and empowered to live as part of His eternal family. This is a beautiful truth to celebrate and share.

Reflect on your role in welcoming and supporting children as fellow members of God's household.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What does it mean for children to be full members of God's household?
2.	How can you help children feel accepted and loved as God's children?
	In what ways can we celebrate the identity and value of children in faith communities?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about what it means to you to be part of God's family.
2.	Reflect on ways to encourage children to embrace their identity in Christ.
3.	Pray for the children in your community to be confident in God's love.







Prayer for Today

Father, thank You for including children as full members of Your family. Help me to welcome, love, and support them as brothers and sisters in Christ. May they grow confident in their identity as Your beloved children and live boldly in Your rescue plan. Use me to build a community that reflects Your love and grace to every child. In Jesus' name, Amen. \triangle







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