# Children and Leadership: Lessons from Moses



Explore diverse Bible passages focusing on children and leadership through the lens of Moses guiding God's people.





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#### Introduction

Welcome to this 7-day Bible study on Children and Leadership, inspired by Moses' role in leading God's people. Moses stands tall in Scripture not only as a leader but also as a guide who showed the value of teaching and nurturing the next generation. Though Moses himself did not lead children exclusively, his example teaches us important lessons about how children can be included in God's plans and how leaders inspire all ages to follow God faithfully.

Children hold a special place in God's heart. They represent the future and the continuation of His promises. Throughout the Bible, children are often depicted as receivers of God's blessings and as individuals worthy of teaching and protection. This study will allow us to reflect deeply on Scripture passages that highlight the importance of children within the context of God's plan, the role of leadership according to Moses' example, and how leaders can foster faith in young hearts.

Each day will guide you through selected Scriptures, devotional reflections, and practical journaling prompts. Be encouraged to immerse yourself in God's word, opening your heart to the lessons on leadership, teaching, and cherishing children as God's precious gifts. Let's embark on this journey together, discovering how Moses' leadership principles empower us to nurture the children around us, and how children themselves contribute to the life of faith communities.









## Day 1: **6** God's Heart for Children









Day 1: 💮 God's Heart for Children

#### Your Verse

Mark 10:14 – "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 127:3 "Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him."
- Proverbs 22:6 "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."







Day 1: OGod's Heart for Children

#### Devotional: God's Special Place for Children

God holds a special place in His heart for children. In Mark 10:14, Jesus welcomes the little children and highlights their importance in His kingdom. This invitation was countercultural in Jesus' day because children were often overlooked. As you consider this passage, remember that children are not just the future; they belong fully to God now and should never be hindered from coming to Him.

Think also of the wisdom found in Psalms and Proverbs that reminds parents and leaders of the responsibility to nurture children in the ways of the Lord. Moses, who led God's people, understood the critical value of investing in future generations—passing on God's teachings so they become a legacy that endures.

Today, reflect on how you see children within your own life or community. How might God be inviting you to welcome, support, or guide them in faith?







Day 1: 💮 God's Heart for Children

## Reflect and Apply

	How does Jesus' welcoming attitude toward children challenge your own perspective?
2.	In what ways can you nurture faith in children around you?
	How do you think Moses' leadership included teaching future generations?







Day 1: 💮 God's Heart for Children

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	List the qualities Jesus praises in children and reflect on how those qualities are valuable.
2.	Write about a childhood memory related to faith or church and what it taught you.
3.	Consider ways you can intentionally welcome children into your faith community.







Day 1: • God's Heart for Children

#### Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for Your immense love for children. Help me see every child as precious and valuable in Your eyes. Teach me to nurture their faith with patience and joy, and guide me to lead or encourage with the heart of Moses —faithful, kind, and strong. May I be a vessel of Your love for young hearts and inspire them to know You deeply. Amen.  $\bigwedge$   $\bigcirc$   $\square$ 

















Day 2: Moses: A Child Saved and Raised

#### Your Verse

Exodus 2:1-10 - The birth and rescue of Moses

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Hebrews 11:23 "By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict."
- Psalm 71:5 "For you have been my hope, Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth."







Day 2: T Moses: A Child Saved and Raised

#### Devotional: God's Protection Over a Future Leader

The story of Moses' birth and rescue reveals God's providence and protection over a child who would become a great leader. Exodus 2:1-10 tells us how Moses' parents courageously saved him from death by placing him in a basket on the Nile. These actions reflect faith and obedience in God's plan.

Hebrews reminds us that Moses' parents trusted God despite fearsome circumstances. Moses' upbringing was unusual, raised by Pharaoh's daughter yet remembering his Hebrew roots—a blend that equipped him uniquely for leadership.

This story encourages us to recognize God's hand even in the lives of children facing difficulty or threats. Moses' life shows how God nurtures and prepares children for their calling. Reflect on the significance of early spiritual influence and God's protection in shaping leadership from childhood.







Day 2: T Moses: A Child Saved and Raised

## Reflect and Apply

<b>1</b> . ]	How does Moses' early life story illustrate God's protection and purpose?
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	What role do parents and other adults have in nurturing children's faith even in tough times?
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3.]	In what ways can you trust God's plan for the children in your life?
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Day 2: A Child Saved and Raised

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time when you felt God's protection or guidance during a difficult circumstance.
2.	Reflect on the importance of your own early faith influences.
3.	Make a list of ways you can support children facing challenges.







Day 2: Moses: A Child Saved and Raised

## **Prayer for Today**

Father, thank You for Your sovereign care over every child. Just as You preserved Moses, I trust You to guard and guide the children in my life. Give me wisdom and courage to stand firm in faith and help shepherd those whom You've placed under my care. May Your plans for them come to fruition in Your perfect timing. Amen. (?)

















#### Your Verse

Exodus 3:1-12 - God calls Moses at the burning bush

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Joshua 1:9 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."
- Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God."







#### Devotional: Courage to Lead with God's Presence

God called Moses from a burning bush to lead His people out of Egypt, a moment marking the beginning of great responsibility. Moses initially felt inadequate and afraid, questioning how he could fulfill God's plan. But God assured him that He would be with him.

This divine reassurance is vital for every leader, especially when leading others—whether adults or children. Leadership requires courage rooted in trust that God accompanies those He calls.

Think about the importance of God's presence when guiding young people. Moses' obedience despite fear models how God empowers and equips leaders to nurture future generations.







## Reflect and Apply

	How does Moses' fear and God's reassurance speak to your own leadership challenges?
2.	What does it mean to lead children or others knowing God is with you?
3.	How can you cultivate courage to nurture faith in those you guide?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time you felt called to lead or influence others in faith.
2.	Reflect on fears or doubts you have about teaching or guiding children.
3.	List ways you can rely on God's presence daily.







#### **Prayer for Today**

**Lord, like Moses, I often feel inadequate and afraid when called to lead or teach.** Please fill me with Your strength and courage. Remind me that You go before me and walk beside me. Help me trust in Your power, especially when guiding the young and vulnerable. May Your presence be my constant source of confidence. *Amen.*

















#### Your Verse

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 - "Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 78:4 "We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord."
- Ephesians 6:4 "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."







#### Devotional: Passing Down Faith with Intention

Moses emphasized the importance of teaching God's commands to the next generation. In Deuteronomy, he instructs parents to consistently share God's words, embedding faith deeply within family life.

This teaching is not merely about rules but about cultivating a living relationship with God. It requires intentionality, patience, and love—qualities essential when nurturing children's spiritual growth.

Today's passage reminds us that faith is passed down actively through storytelling, instruction, and example. Moses' commitment to this legacy challenges us to invest time and energy in mentoring and guiding the young.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How intentional are you in sharing your faith with children or youth?
	What are practical ways you can incorporate God's teachings into daily life?
	How did Moses' instructions influence your understanding of spiritual legacy?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write down key biblical truths you want the children in your life to know.
2.	Reflect on who influenced your spiritual growth as a child or youth.
3.	Plan one new way you can teach or encourage a child or young person this week.







#### **Prayer for Today**

Father, thank You for the gift and responsibility of passing down faith. Help me to be intentional in teaching Your ways to children. Give me wisdom, patience, and creativity as I share Your love and truth. May my life be a living lesson that points children to You. Amen.  $\square$ 







# Day 5: XX Children as Blessings and Promises









Day 5: K Children as Blessings and Promises

#### Your Verse

Genesis 17:7-8 - God's covenant includes descendants

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Isaiah 54:13 "All your children will be taught by the LORD, and great will be their peace."
- Matthew 19:14 "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them..."







Day 5: 🎇 Children as Blessings and Promises

#### Devotional: Children: Living Promises of God

Children are living testimonies of God's promises and blessings. In Genesis, God makes a covenant with Abraham that includes his descendants as an everlasting promise. Each child is part of God's ongoing story of redemption.

Isaiah speaks of children taught by God, growing up with peace. Jesus welcomes children openly, affirming their value in His kingdom.

This encourages us to trust in God's promises concerning the next generation and to see children not only as blessings but also as participants in God's redemptive plan.







Day 5: 🗱 Children as Blessings and Promises

## Reflect and Apply

	How does seeing children as God's promises affect how you treat or teach them?
2.	In what ways can you help children understand their place in God's covenant?
	Covenant:
	How does Jesus' welcome of children reshape your view of their spiritual value?







Day 5: 🗱 Children as Blessings and Promises

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write a prayer of blessing over the children in your life.
2.	Reflect on your role in helping children discover their identity in God.
3.	Consider promises from God you want to claim for the next generation.







Day 5: 🎇 Children as Blessings and Promises

#### Prayer for Today

















Day 6: B Moses' Patience in Leadership

#### Your Verse

Numbers 12:1-15 - The story of Miriam and Aaron's complaint

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- James 1:19 "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak..."
- 2 Timothy 2:24 "The Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone..."







Day 6: B Moses' Patience in Leadership

#### Devotional: Patience and Humility in Leading Others

Moses' leadership was marked by patience even amidst criticism and challenges. When his siblings Miriam and Aaron questioned him, Moses responded with humility and prayer rather than anger or retaliation.

Leadership, especially over children or vulnerable groups, requires patience, grace, and reliance on God. The ability to listen, forgive, and pray for others is essential for nurturing relationships and guiding faithfully.

Reflect on Moses' example as you consider your own leadership or influence with children—how can patience and humility deepen your impact?







Day 6: 🥬 Moses' Patience in Leadership

## Reflect and Apply

1.	Where do you struggle with patience in leadership or mentoring roles?
	How does Moses' response teach you about handling criticism or conflict?
	What practical steps can you take to grow in grace when dealing with children?







Day 6: 🥬 Moses' Patience in Leadership

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Recall a moment when patience led to growth in a child or youth you know.
2.	Write about a time impatience caused strain and what you learned.
3.	List ways you can cultivate a more patient and humble heart.







Day 6: B Moses' Patience in Leadership

#### Prayer for Today

Father, lead me to be patient and humble like Moses. When I face criticism or difficulty in guiding others, help me respond with grace. Fill me with Your peace and enable me to be a gentle leader who reflects Your love. Amen.















#### Your Verse

Exodus 17:8-13 - Joshua leads the battle with Moses' support

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 2 Timothy 1:7 "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power..."
- Psalm 71:18 "Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God..."







#### Devotional: Lifting Up Future Leaders with Support

The story of Joshua leading the Israelites into battle with Moses' hands raised shows empowering leadership in action. Moses supported Joshua, enabling the next generation to step into leadership.

This passage inspires us to uplift and encourage children and young people to embrace their God-given calling. Good leaders recognize the importance of passing the baton and fostering confidence and spiritual power.

Consider how Moses' example calls you to empower and prepare children or youth to lead confidently, anchored in God's Spirit.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	Who are the young people you can empower in faith and leadership?
2.	How can you actively support and encourage their gifts and callings?
3.	What role does the Holy Spirit play in preparing children to lead?







## Journaling Prompts

1.	Identify one child or youth you will mentor or encourage.
2.	Write a prayer commissioning young leaders into God's service.
3.	Plan a way to celebrate or affirm the spiritual gifts in children around you.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord, empower the next generation through Your Spirit.** Help me to support, encourage, and lift up young leaders with confidence and love. May they boldly follow Your call, and may I be a faithful guide along their journey. *Amen.* �� 🐧 🐨 🍩







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