Children and Salvation: Understanding God's Gift



Explore what salvation means for children through Scripture, reflection, and prayer in this 7-day journey.





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Introduction

Welcome to this 7-day Bible study on Children and Salvation. Throughout Scripture, children hold a special place in God's heart. Jesus Himself invited children to come to Him and taught that the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these (*Matthew 19:14*). This study invites you to explore what salvation means for children, how God's love extends to them, and what it means for young hearts to embrace faith.

Salvation is the gift of being rescued from sin and restored to a right relationship with God. For children, this concept is both important and beautiful: a tender heart open to God's grace and truth. As we journey through these seven days, we'll look at Scriptural truths, including how Jesus values children, the call to receive salvation with childlike faith, and how families can nurture this precious gift.

Salvation is not dependent on age but on faith and trust in Jesus. This study encourages both children and adults to reflect on God's incredible gift of eternal life and the invitation for all—no matter how young—to accept Him as Savior.

Each day follows a pattern with a key Scripture, supportive verses, and a devotional to deepen your understanding. Reflection questions and journaling prompts help you personalize what you learn, and a prayer closes each day, centering your heart on God's promises. May God bless your time in







His Word and draw you nearer to Him as you learn about the hope given to children in salvation.

















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

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







Devotional: Jesus Welcomes Children to His Kingdom

God's heart overflows with love for children. When Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me," He was showing that children are not to be overlooked or excluded from His kingdom. In fact, He highlights that the kingdom of heaven belongs to those who receive it like a child. This speaks volumes about the value and place children have in God's eternal plan.

Psalm 127 reminds us that children are a precious heritage, a blessing entrusted to families by God. This gift carries a responsibility but also immense joy. As we consider salvation, it's crucial to remember that children are not simply future believers—they are invited into the family of God right now.

Jesus' embrace of children shows us that salvation is accessible to the youngest among us. Their faith may be simple, but it is real and precious to God. As we begin this study, reflect on how you see children in your life and in your faith community. How can you honor and nurture their place in God's kingdom?







Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you perceive the value of children in God's kingdom?
	In what ways can you help children feel welcomed in your faith community?
	How does Jesus' example of blessing children challenge your views on faith and salvation?
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Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a memory when you felt innocent faith like a child.
2.	List ways you can support or encourage a child's faith journey.
3.	Reflect on how God has shown His love to you like He does to children.







Prayer for Today

Dear Lord, thank You for the special love You have for children. Help me to see them through Your eyes and to support their faith with patience and grace. May I always remember that Your kingdom belongs to those who come to You simply and sincerely, like a child. Guide me in nurturing this openness to Your salvation in the young hearts You place in my life. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*















Day 2: V Salvation Is a Gift for All









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Your Verse

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—"

Supporting Scriptures

- John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son..."
- 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 2: V Salvation Is a Gift for All

Devotional: Faith Receives Salvation as God's Gift

Salvation comes by grace—a gift freely given by God.

God loves every person, regardless of age. John 3:16 tells us that His love is so great He gave His Son for the whole world. This includes children, who can place their faith in Jesus and receive salvation by trusting in Him.

Romans 10:9 reminds us that confessing Jesus as Lord and believing in His resurrection is the foundation of salvation. This means children, like adults, can understand and accept these truths at a level appropriate to their understanding. Salvation transcends age and is about a personal connection with Christ.

As you meditate on this today, consider how the gift of salvation has impacted your life. If you are a parent, guardian, or mentor, think about how to share this gift clearly and lovingly with children.







Day 2: **(**) Salvation Is a Gift for All

Reflect and Apply

1.	What does it mean to you that salvation is a gift, not a reward?
2.	How can you explain the gift of salvation to a child?
	In what ways has your faith grown by recognizing salvation as God's grace?







Day 2: **(**) Salvation Is a Gift for All

Journaling Prompts

1.	Describe a moment when you realized salvation is a free gift.
2.	List ways to share God's gift of salvation with young hearts.
3.	Write a prayer asking God for faith like a child in receiving His gift.







Day 2: **(**) Salvation Is a Gift for All

Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of salvation that You offer freely to all, including children. Teach us to receive it with humble faith and to share this grace with those around us. Help us not to hinder anyone from coming to You, but to open wide the way with love. Strengthen our faith to trust You fully and to walk in Your truth. *In Jesus' precious name, Amen.*

















Your Verse

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 - "These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children."

Supporting Scriptures

- Proverbs 22:6 "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."
- Ephesians 6:4 "Bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."







Devotional: Guiding Children in God's Ways

Faith must be nurtured, especially in children. Deuteronomy 6:6–7 reminds us to impress God's commands on children continuously, making faith a natural part of their daily lives.

Proverbs 22:6 promises that early guidance in the way of the Lord sets a foundation that endures throughout life. Parents, family members, and mentors are called to intentionally cultivate this foundation.

Ephesians 6:4 encourages us to raise children with loving instruction, not provoking them, but training them in the ways of God. This nurturing requires patience, consistency, and prayer.

Consider how faith is nurtured in the children around you. Are you involved in this important work? Sometimes the simplest acts—praying with them, reading Scripture, and sharing stories of God's faithfulness—make great impacts.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How have you experienced faith nurtured in your own life?
2.	What practical steps can you take to help children grow spiritually?
	How can you balance patience and discipline when teaching children about God?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write down ways you have seen God work in a child's life.
2.	Plan specific activities or conversations to grow a child's faith.
3.	Reflect on how you respond when children ask questions about faith.







Prayer for Today

Gracious God, thank You for the privilege of nurturing children in Your truth. Help us to teach Your ways faithfully and gently, inspiring lasting faith. Give us wisdom and love as we guide young hearts to know and trust You. Let our words and actions point them toward Your salvation. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*









Day 4: W Childlike Faith Is Beloved by God









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Your Verse

Matthew 18:3 - "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Supporting Scriptures

- Luke 18:17 "Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."
- Psalm 131:2 "I have calmed and quieted myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child I am content."







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Devotional: Embracing Faith like a Child

Jesus calls us to have the faith and humility of children. When He said we must become like little children to enter heaven, He emphasized qualities such as trust, dependence, and openness.

Luke 18:17 echoes this, showing that receiving God's kingdom requires a simple, trusting heart without pretense or pride. Psalm 131:2 beautifully captures the contentment and peace that come from resting in God like a child at peace with a loving parent.

This day challenges us to examine our own faith—are we holding on to God's promises as a child does, with pure trust and wonder, or have we complicated it with doubts and self-reliance? Learning from children's faith renews and deepens our own relationship with God.







Day 4: 🎾 Childlike Faith Is Beloved by God

Reflect and Apply

1.	What aspects of childlike faith do you find challenging to emulate?
2.	How can embracing childlike trust change your relationship with God?
3.	In what ways can adults learn from children about faith and dependence?







Day 4: 🎾 Childlike Faith Is Beloved by God

Journaling Prompts

1.	Recall a time when you experienced simple, childlike trust in God.
2.	Write about what 'becoming like a child' means for your faith today.
	List ways you can cultivate humility and dependence in your spiritual walk.







Day 4: V Childlike Faith Is Beloved by God

Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, teach me to have faith like a child—pure, trusting, and free from doubt. Help me to let go of pride and lean on You completely. May I find peace and contentment in Your loving care as a child does with a parent. Renew my heart and fill me with childlike wonder of Your grace. *In Your name I pray, Amen.*

















Your Verse

Mark 9:36-37 - "He took a little child whom he placed among them. And he said: 'Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me."

Supporting Scriptures

- Isaiah 49:15 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!"
- Romans 8:38–39 "Nothing... can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."







Devotional: Christ's Assurance of Salvation for Children

Jesus personally acknowledged and welcomed children. In Mark 9, He places a child among the disciples and tells them that welcoming a child is like welcoming Him. This shows the tender care Christ has for children and confirms they are included in His salvation.

Isaiah's words remind us of God's unfailing compassion and memory of His children. No matter what challenges arise, He never forgets or abandons the little ones.

Romans 8 assures us that nothing can separate us from God's love—not even sin or death. This applies to children as well, underscoring that salvation through Jesus Christ is sure and secure for them.

Today, reflect on how Christ's embrace of children reveals His desire to save and protect them. This truth brings hope and assurance for families and communities dedicated to faith.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How does Jesus' welcome to children affect your view of their salvation?
2.	In what ways does God's unwavering love encourage your faith journey?
3.	How can you embody Christ's compassion toward children in your life?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time when you felt God's personal care like a child.
2.	Describe how this passage strengthens your assurance of salvation.
3.	Plan ways to show Christ's love and welcome to children around you.







Prayer for Today







Day 6: W The Holy Spirit and Children









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Your Verse

John 3:5 – "Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.""

Supporting Scriptures

- Acts 2:38 "Repent and be baptized... and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
- Galatians 5:22-23 "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace..."







Day 6: The Holy Spirit and Children

Devotional: Born of the Spirit: Salvation for Children

Salvation involves being born of the Spirit—an essential transformation. In John 3, Jesus explains that entry into God's kingdom requires spiritual rebirth by water and the Spirit.

Children, like adults, need this new birth to experience salvation fully. Acts 2 emphasizes repentance, baptism, and receiving the Holy Spirit as part of this process.

The Holy Spirit works in believers of all ages, producing love, joy, peace, and other fruits described by Paul in Galatians. These qualities grow as children learn and live by God's Spirit.

Consider how the Spirit moves in your life and in children's lives, transforming hearts and guiding paths. The Holy Spirit is a vital part of salvation and ongoing faith growth.







Day 6: 😂 The Holy Spirit and Children

Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you understand spiritual rebirth for yourself and for children?
2.	What role does the Holy Spirit play in nurturing faith in young believers?
	How can you encourage children to experience the fruit of the Spirit daily?







Day 6: 😂 The Holy Spirit and Children

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time you felt the Holy Spirit guide or comfort you.
2.	List ways to invite and nurture the Spirit's work in children's lives.
3.	Reflect on fruits of the Spirit you want to grow stronger in.







Day 6: W The Holy Spirit and Children

Prayer for Today

Holy Spirit, thank You for the new life You give in salvation. Work powerfully in my heart and in the hearts of children. Help us to bear Your fruit and to follow Your guidance every day. Fill us with love, joy, and peace, drawing us closer to God. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 😂 🖰 👄















Your Verse

1 John 5:13 - "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."

Supporting Scriptures

- Colossians 2:6-7 "Continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him..."
- Philippians 2:15 "...shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life."







Devotional: Walking Faith Together with Children

Salvation is both a gift and a lifelong journey. 1 John 5:13 assures believers they have eternal life, giving confidence and joy. This assurance is foundational for both adults and children.

Colossians encourages us to live rooted in Christ, growing daily. Teaching children to stay grounded in God's Word helps them shine as examples in their world.

Philippians calls believers to live blamelessly and shine brightly. Children can be amazing lights when their salvation shapes how they live and interact.

As we conclude this study, commit to active faith with the children in your life. Walk alongside them, nurture their growth, and celebrate the salvation God grants. Together, live confidently in the hope and love of Jesus Christ.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How does the assurance of salvation impact your daily walk with God?
2.	What habits help sustain a lifelong faith in children and adults?
3.	How can you be a shining example to children in your faith community?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write a personal commitment to walk in faith with children you know.
2.	List spiritual habits to cultivate and share daily with young believers.
3.	Reflect on ways your life can inspire children toward Jesus.







Prayer for Today

Father God, thank You for the eternal life we have in Jesus. Help me to walk faithfully and to guide children in Your ways with patience and love. May our lives shine brightly as we hold firmly to Your Word. Strengthen us as a family of believers growing together in grace. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 🎇 🛴 🔲







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