



# Children and the Holy Spirit: Embracing God's Presence



Explore how God's Holy Spirit works in the lives of children, guiding, comforting, and empowering them to live faithfully.

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## Introduction

**Children hold a special place in God's heart**, and throughout the Bible, we see how deeply Jesus valued and welcomed them. In this study, we embark on a journey to understand not only the significance of children in God's kingdom but also *who the Holy Spirit is* and how He actively works within young hearts and minds.

The Holy Spirit is often described as our Helper, Comforter, and Guide. God's Spirit dwells within believers, leading them into truth, providing strength, and filling them with love. Though the Holy Spirit is invisible, His influence is very real and evident—especially in nurturing faith from a young age. As children grow and learn, the Spirit is present to illuminate Scripture, encourage obedience, and inspire love for God and others.

In this 7-day plan, we will explore key Scriptures highlighting the value of children, the role of the Holy Spirit, and how parents, teachers, and the church can foster a Spirit-led upbringing. Each day offers reflections and prayers designed to deepen your understanding and connection with God's presence in the lives of children.

**Whether you are a parent, mentor, church leader, or simply someone who loves children, this study will help you see how God's Spirit moves powerfully in their lives.** Let's open our hearts to the wonder of children and the transformative work of the Holy Spirit among them.





## Day 1: 🍼 God's Love for Children



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## 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."*
- *Psalms 127:3 – "Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him."*



Day 1: 🧒 God's Love for Children

## Devotional: Embracing Children as Treasures to God

**Children are precious to God.** Jesus openly welcomed them and highlighted their importance in the kingdom of heaven. This invites us to recognize children not as lesser in faith but as examples of trust and purity. Their simple faith is exactly what Jesus encourages us to have.

*The Holy Spirit delights in working within children*, nurturing their hearts through love and truth. Even when children cannot fully understand complex theology, the Spirit connects deeply with their spirit, planting seeds of faith that can grow over a lifetime.

Today, reflect on how Jesus' attitude toward children can influence how you treat the children in your life. Are you welcoming and patient with them? Do you recognize the Spirit's work in their hearts, even in small ways? Trust that God's love is guiding them always.



Day 1: 🧒 God's Love for Children

## Reflect and Apply

1. How does Jesus' example of welcoming children shape your view of them?

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2. In what ways do you sense the Holy Spirit working in children you know?

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3. How can you better support and nurture children in their faith journey?

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Day 1: 🧒 God's Love for Children

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a childhood memory where you felt loved by God or someone else.

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2. List qualities in children that remind you of God's character.

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3. Describe how you can be more welcoming and patient with children.

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Day 1: 🧒 God's Love for Children

## Prayer for Today

**Lord, thank You for the precious gift children are to Your kingdom.** Help me to welcome them just as Jesus did, with open arms and a loving heart. May Your Holy Spirit guide them, protect their innocence, and grow their faith daily. *Fill their lives with Your peace and joy, and empower me to be an encouraging presence in their journey.* Amen. 🙏❤️✍️





## Day 2: 🕊️ Who Is the Holy Spirit?



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## Your Verse

*John 14:26 - "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Romans 8:16 - "The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children."*
- *Acts 1:8 - "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses..."*



Day 2: 🕊️ Who Is the Holy Spirit?

## Devotional: Discovering the Holy Spirit, Our Divine Helper

**The Holy Spirit is God's presence living within us.** Referred to as the Advocate or Helper, the Spirit guides, teaches, comforts, and empowers believers. Jesus promised His followers that the Holy Spirit would remind them of His teachings and help them live in faithful obedience.

For children, this invisible Friend becomes their companion even when they cannot fully grasp theological concepts. The Spirit nudges their conscience, inspires kindness, and comforts in times of fear or sadness. The Spirit is a gift freely given to all who believe—regardless of age.

Today, open your heart to understanding more deeply who the Holy Spirit is. Consider how this divine presence can help children grow in truth, love, and courage as they walk their faith path day by day.



Day 2: 🕊️ Who Is the Holy Spirit?

## Reflect and Apply

1. How do you experience the Holy Spirit's guidance in your life?

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2. In what ways can you explain the Holy Spirit's role to a child?

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3. How might the Holy Spirit encourage children during challenges?

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Day 2: 🕊️ Who Is the Holy Spirit?

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write a prayer inviting the Holy Spirit to teach and guide you.

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2. List moments when you felt comforted or led by the Spirit.

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3. Describe how you would explain who the Holy Spirit is to a child.

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Day 2: 🕊️ Who Is the Holy Spirit?

## Prayer for Today

**Holy Spirit, thank You for being our Advocate and Guide.** Teach me how to recognize Your voice and lead children toward truth and love. Help us all to experience Your power within, and to live boldly as Your witnesses each day. *Fill our hearts with Your peace and wisdom, and equip us to reflect Christ's love.* Amen. 🕊️ ✨ 🙏





## Day 3: ✨ The Spirit's Power in Children





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## Your Verse

*1 Timothy 4:12 - "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Joel 2:28 - "Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions."*
- *Acts 2:17 - "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people..."*



## Day 3: ✨ The Spirit's Power in Children

# Devotional: Empowered Youth: The Spirit Ignites Courage

**God empowers children through His Spirit.** Age is not a barrier to the Spirit's work. Timothy was encouraged not to be discouraged by his youth but to be an example in faith and character. Likewise, the Holy Spirit pours out gifts on sons and daughters of all ages.

Children today can be witnesses of God's love, show kindness, serve others, and even share God's truth. The Spirit equips them with courage and wisdom beyond their years. Rather than underestimate a child's potential, we must encourage them to be led and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Reflect today on the unique ways God may be calling children to serve and influence the world around them through the gift of His Spirit.



Day 3: ✨ The Spirit's Power in Children

## Reflect and Apply

1. How have you seen young people demonstrate faith and purity?

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2. What gifts might the Holy Spirit be developing in children you know?

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3. How can you encourage children to walk boldly in the Spirit?

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## Day 3: ✨ The Spirit's Power in Children

# Journaling Prompts

1. Recall a time when a young person inspired you by their faith.

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2. List ways children can serve God's kingdom today.

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3. Write about how you can support a child in their spiritual gifts.

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## Day 3: ✨ The Spirit's Power in Children

## Prayer for Today

**Father, thank You for pouring out Your Spirit on all generations.** Empower the children in our lives to live boldly in faith, love, and purity. Help them to listen to Your Spirit and use their gifts for Your glory. Give them courage and wisdom to be shining lights in this world. Amen. ✨ 🙏 🌟





## Day 4: 💡 Teaching Children by the Spirit



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## Your Verse

*Ephesians 6:4 - "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Deuteronomy 6:6-7 - "Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home..."*
- *Psalms 34:11 - "Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord."*



## Day 4: 💡 Teaching Children by the Spirit

## Devotional: Spirit-led Parenting and Discipleship

**Teaching children about God is a Spirit-led responsibility.** Parenting and mentoring must be rooted in love, patience, and the gentle guidance of the Holy Spirit. God instructs us not to provoke children but to nurture them through consistent teaching and modeling of faith.

The Spirit helps both adult and child—adults gain wisdom in instruction, and children receive understanding and spiritual growth. As we commit to walk in the Spirit, our teaching becomes alive, effective, and transformative.

Today, consider how the Spirit can empower you to disciple children well. Invite God's guidance in every conversation and interaction, trusting the Spirit will work in their hearts beyond what you see.





## Day 4: 💡 Teaching Children by the Spirit

## Reflect and Apply

1. How can you apply the Spirit's guidance in teaching children?

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2. In what ways do you need to rely more on the Holy Spirit for patience and wisdom?

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3. How does Scripture inspire your role in nurturing children's faith?

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## Day 4: 💡 Teaching Children by the Spirit

# Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time the Spirit helped you respond well to a child.

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2. List practical ways to integrate Scripture teaching daily with children.

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3. Describe your hopes for children growing under God's guidance.

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Day 4: 💡 Teaching Children by the Spirit

## Prayer for Today

**Lord, guide me by Your Spirit as I teach and nurture the children around me. Grant me patience, wisdom, and love so they may know You deeply. Help me to rely fully on Your presence, trusting You will work in their hearts even when I cannot see it. Thank You for this sacred trust. Amen.** 💡 🙏 ❤️





## Day 5: 🔥 The Spirit's Comfort and Presence



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## Your Verse

*John 14:16-17 - "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *2 Corinthians 1:3-4 - "God comforts us in all our troubles... so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."*
- *Psalms 23:4 - "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."*



## Day 5: 🔥 The Spirit's Comfort and Presence

## Devotional: Holy Spirit: Our Ever-Present Comforter

**Children face fears, challenges, and uncertainties, but the Holy Spirit is their constant Comforter.** Jesus promised the Spirit would never leave or forsake us, but be with us forever. This is a profound blessing especially for young ones who may feel afraid or alone.

Through the Spirit's presence, children can experience peace that surpasses understanding and courage to confront difficulties. The Spirit also equips us as adults to comfort and reassure children during trials, echoing God's faithful care.

Today, meditate on the Spirit's comforting role and ask God to make that presence known to the children in your circle. May they deeply sense they are never alone.



## Day 5: 🔥 The Spirit's Comfort and Presence

## Reflect and Apply

1. When have you experienced the Spirit's comfort in difficulty?

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2. How can you help children feel the Spirit's comforting presence?

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3. What fears can you bring to the Spirit's peace today?

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## Day 5: 🔥 The Spirit's Comfort and Presence

# Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time God's peace calmed your heart.

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2. List ways you can encourage a child feeling afraid.

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3. Describe how the Spirit's presence has been evident in your life.

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## Day 5: 🔥 The Spirit's Comfort and Presence

## Prayer for Today


**Holy Spirit, thank You for being our Comforter and everlasting presence.**  
 Surround the children in my life with Your peace and courage. Help them to know deeply that they are never alone, no matter what they face. Use me as an instrument of Your comfort and love. Amen. 🔥🕊️❤️





## Day 6: 🌱 Growing in Spirit and Truth



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## Your Verse

*John 16:13 - "But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *2 Peter 3:18 - "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."*
- *Colossians 1:10 - "So that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way."*




# Devotional: Nurturing Spiritual Growth Through the Spirit

**Spirit-led growth is vital for children's faith to mature.** The Holy Spirit guides each believer into truth, helping them understand God's Word and apply it in daily living. Growth is not just intellectual but spiritual—becoming more loving, patient, and faithful.

Children who are nurtured by the Spirit develop strong foundations for lifelong faith. This requires intentional discipleship, prayer, and environments rich in God's Word and Spirit-led community.

Reflect today on how you can foster spiritual growth in children by inviting the Spirit's guidance in teaching, playing, and everyday conversations about faith.



Day 6:  Growing in Spirit and Truth

## Reflect and Apply

1. What steps can you take to encourage spiritual growth in children?

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2. How do you sense the Spirit leading you to nurture faith in young hearts?

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3. What truth is the Spirit teaching you to share with children?

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Day 6: 🌱 Growing in Spirit and Truth

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a spiritual truth you want to pass to a child.

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2. List habits that help nurture faith growth among children.

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3. Describe how you can create Spirit-filled learning moments.

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Day 6: 🌱 Growing in Spirit and Truth

## Prayer for Today

**Spirit of truth, guide us into deeper understanding and growth.** Help children in our care to know You intimately and follow You faithfully. Empower us to disciple with love and patience so their faith might flourish. May Your grace and truth transform every heart. Amen. 🌱 📖 🙏





## Day 7: 🎉 Living Joyfully in the Spirit





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## Your Verse

*Galatians 5:22-23 - "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Nehemiah 8:10 - "The joy of the Lord is your strength."*
- *Philippians 4:4 - "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"*



Day 7: 🎉 Living Joyfully in the Spirit

# Devotional: Joyful Living as Spirit-Filled Children of God

**The Holy Spirit produces joy and goodness in children's lives.** As they grow in the Spirit, their fruits become evident—love, kindness, peace, and self-control. These qualities reflect Christ's character and impact everyone around them positively.

Children living by the Spirit radiate joy, even in trials. This joy strengthens them and offers a powerful testimony of God's work within. Celebrating the fruit of the Spirit encourages children to continue walking with God and to share His love freely.

Today, focus on rejoicing in the Spirit's work in children and your own life. Let joy be a hallmark of your faith journey.



Day 7: 🎉 Living Joyfully in the Spirit

## Reflect and Apply

1. Which fruit of the Spirit do you see most clearly in children?

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2. How can joy in the Spirit provide strength during difficult times?

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3. In what ways can you encourage children to live out the Spirit's fruit?

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Day 7: 🎉 Living Joyfully in the Spirit

## Journaling Prompts

1. Identify which fruit of the Spirit you want to grow more.

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2. Write about a joyful moment that revealed God's presence to you.

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3. Plan a way to celebrate the Spirit's work with children around you.

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Day 7: 🎉 Living Joyfully in the Spirit

## Prayer for Today

**Thank You, Holy Spirit, for the fruit You cultivate in our lives.** Fill children with love, joy, peace, and all goodness. May their lives reflect Your glory and be a powerful light in the world. Help us all to rejoice always and live by Your Spirit. Amen. 🎉 ✋ ❤️





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