Children: Living a Life of Goodness That Pleases God



Explore how children can embody goodness that delights God through Scripture, prayer, and reflection in this 7-day study.





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Introduction

Welcome to this 7-day Bible study on *Children: Living a Life of Goodness That Pleases God.* Children are often seen as symbols of innocence and purity in the Bible, and God's heart especially delights when we embrace the qualities of goodness, kindness, and faithfulness as He teaches through them. This study invites you to journey through Scripture that highlights the unique role children have in demonstrating a goodness that truly pleases God.

Throughout these seven days, you will encounter stories, teachings, and reflections designed to inspire children, parents, and mentors alike. Whether you are a child seeking to understand how to live a life that honors God, or an adult guiding young ones, this study offers practical and spiritual insights grounded in biblical truth.

Goodness that pleases God is not about perfection or simply trying to do good deeds. It's about a heart transformed by God's love, producing genuine kindness, faith, and obedience. In the Gospels, Jesus emphasized childlike faith and qualities as central to the kingdom of God, showing us that true goodness comes from a humble and trusting heart.

Each day of the study includes a primary scripture passage, supporting verses, a thoughtful devotional, and reflective questions to help you engage deeply. You will also find journaling prompts for personal growth and a prayer to invite God's presence and power into your walk.







As you dive into this study, may you be encouraged to grow in the goodness that pleases God and become a shining example of His love and grace in the world.

















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

- Psalm 34:8 "Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in 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."







Devotional: Embracing a Childlike Heart to Please God

Jesus teaches us a vital truth today: to please God, we need to have a heart like a child. Children live with genuine trust, openness, and humility—qualities that God cherishes deeply. When Jesus said we must become like little children to enter His kingdom, He was inviting us to embrace these beautiful traits.

Being like a child doesn't mean being naive or inexperienced. Rather, it means trusting God fully, relying on His goodness, and demonstrating a kind and humble spirit. Children are often quick to forgive, slow to judge, and eager to learn—all aspects of goodness that please God.

Parents and mentors have an important role in nurturing this heart in children, but all believers can learn from a childlike approach to God. It's about trusting God in every circumstance, being teachable, and choosing kindness.

As you reflect on your own life, ask: How can I embody this childlike goodness that pleases God? What keeps me from fully trusting and depending on God today?







Reflect and Apply

1.	What qualities of a child do you find most pleasing to God?
2.	How can humility and trust transform your relationship with God?
3.	In what areas of your life do you struggle to 'become like little children'?
4.	How can adopting a childlike heart influence your daily actions?













Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time you felt closest to God like a child trusting a parent.
2.	List three ways you can show kindness and humility this week.
3.	Reflect on any barriers that keep you from fully trusting God.







Prayer for Today

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for inviting me to come to You like a child, trusting wholeheartedly and walking humbly. Help me to reflect Your goodness in my thoughts and actions. Teach me to embrace Your love with open arms and a willing heart. May Your Spirit guide me to live each day in a way that pleases You deeply. Thank You for Your unfailing kindness and patience. *Amen.* \bigwedge \swarrow \swarrow

















Your Verse

Ephesians 4:32 — "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Supporting Scriptures

- Colossians 3:12 "Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."
- Luke 6:35 "But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back."







Devotional: Letting Kindness Shine Through Every Action

God's goodness shines brightest through our kindness. Today's scripture in Ephesians reminds us to be kind and compassionate, mirroring the forgiveness and love God has shown us through Christ. Kindness is a fruit of a heart transformed by God's goodness and a powerful way children and adults alike can please Him.

Children naturally express kindness in simple ways—sharing toys, comforting friends, or saying a gentle word. When kindness is motivated by God's love, it has the power to heal, build bridges, and bring joy to others. It's a reflection of God's character and a testament to His work in our hearts.

The challenge is to extend kindness even when it's difficult—when we face people who hurt us or when we feel unappreciated. That kind of goodness genuinely pleases God because it requires surrendering our pride and choosing love over self-interest.

As you meditate on kindness today, consider how God is calling you to show compassion and forgiveness in your relationships and daily life.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you show kindness in your daily life?
2.	When is it hardest for you to be kind, and how can God help you in those moments?
3.	Why do you think kindness is essential to pleasing God?
4.	Can you recall a time when someone's kindness deeply impacted you?











Journaling Prompts

	Write about someone who models kindness well and what you can learn from them.
2.	List three ways you can be more compassionate and forgiving this week.
3.	Reflect on how God's kindness has transformed your life.







Prayer for Today

















Day 3: 🍞 Growing in Faith and Obedience

Your Verse

Proverbs 3:5-6 — "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 119:9 "How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word."
- John 14:15 "If you love me, keep my commands."







Day 3: Forowing in Faith and Obedience

Devotional: Trusting God Brings a Life of Goodness

Goodness that pleases God grows from a foundation of faith and obedience.

Proverbs invites us to trust completely in the Lord and submit to His ways. For children, learning to obey and trust is a vital step toward walking in God's goodness.

Faith isn't just believing God exists; it's trusting Him fully even when we don't understand. Obedience is the outward expression of that faith—choosing to follow God's commands and directions in our lives. Together, they form the soil in which goodness grows strong and enduring.

Children often learn obedience through simple daily habits, but these build into lifelong disciplines. Knowing God's Word and relying on His Spirit gives strength to obey and live in a way that honors Him.

Today, consider how your faith and obedience help you grow in goodness. How might trusting God more deeply alter your choices and attitude?







Day 3: 🍞 Growing in Faith and Obedience

Reflect and Apply

1.	What does it mean to trust God with all your heart?
2.	Where do you find it challenging to obey God fully?
3.	How does God's Word support your journey of faith and goodness?
4.	Why is obedience an expression of love for God?













Day 3: 🍞 Growing in Faith and Obedience

Journaling Prompts

1.	Recall a time when trusting God led you in the right direction.
2.	Write out Proverbs 3:5-6 and reflect on what it means to submit to God.
3.	Make a practical plan for growing in obedience this week.







Day 3: Forowing in Faith and Obedience

Prayer for Today

Dear God, thank You for being trustworthy and wise. Help me to lean not on my own understanding but on You always. Teach me to obey Your Word out of love, and guide my steps to follow You faithfully. Grow a strong faith in me that produces goodness pleasing to You. *Amen.* 🎉 🛴

















Your Verse

Psalm 51:10 — "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

Supporting Scriptures

- Matthew 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."
- 1 Timothy 4:12 "Set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."







Devotional: Seeking a Pure Heart to Reflect God's Glory

A heart of purity is essential to pleasing God. Psalm 51 captures the soul's cry for cleansing and renewal. God longs for our hearts to be pure—free from deceit, selfishness, and sin—so that His goodness can shine through us.

Children often exhibit pure hearts naturally because they are less influenced by the complexities and compromises of life. As adults or mentors, we are reminded to guard our hearts diligently and seek God's renewing power daily.

Having a pure heart aligns us with God's will. It enables us to see Him more clearly and live as true examples of His love and truth. Purity opens the door to a steadfast spirit—one that clings to God even amid trials.

Ask yourself today: Where might impurities be hiding in your heart? How can you invite God to purify and strengthen you?







Reflect and Apply

1.	What does it mean for your heart to be pure in God's eyes?
2.	How can a pure heart influence your actions and choices?
3.	In what ways do you see God renewing your spirit daily?
4.	How can you model purity to others as a child or mentor?













Journaling Prompts

1.	Write a prayer asking God to create a pure heart in you.
2.	List habits or thoughts that help you maintain purity.
3.	Reflect on a moment when God's purity impacted your life.







Prayer for Today

Holy Father, I ask You to create in me a pure heart and renew my spirit. Cleanse me from anything that blocks Your goodness and help me to live a life that honors You. May my heart be steadfast and my purpose aligned with Your will. In Jesus' name, *Amen.*

















Day 5: 🔀 Shining Light as Children of God

Your Verse

Matthew 5:14–16 — "You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Supporting Scriptures

- Philippians 2:15 "Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky."
- John 8:12 "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness."







Day 5: 🔀 Shining Light as Children of God

Devotional: Let Your God-Given Light Shine Brightly

Children of God are called to be light in a dark world. Jesus' words remind us that our goodness isn't hidden or selfish but meant to shine brightly for others to see. When we live in ways that honor God—through kindness, truth, and faith—we illuminate His love and draw others closer to Him.

Shining your light involves small choices each day: speaking encouraging words, helping someone in need, or standing up for what is right. These acts reveal the goodness that pleases God and serve as testimony to His transformative power.

For children especially, this can be an exciting identity to embrace—a chance to make real differences in their schools, homes, and communities. Adults, likewise, are called to nurture and encourage this light-sharing.

Reflect today on how you are letting your light shine. What opportunities has God given you to display His goodness?







Day 5: 🐯 Shining Light as Children of God

Reflect and Apply

1. How does shining your light please God?
2. In what areas of life can you reflect God's goodness more clearly?
3. Who in your life could benefit from seeing your light?
4. What fears or doubts hold you back from shining brightly?













Day 5: 🐯 Shining Light as Children of God

Journaling Prompts

1.	Describe ways you've been a light to others recently.
2.	List chances you have this week to show God's goodness.
3.	Write about someone whose light inspires you.







Day 5: 😂 Shining Light as Children of God

Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, thank You for calling me Your light. Help me to shine brightly through good deeds, love, and faithfulness. Guide me to be bold in living for You so others may glorify the Father. May my life reflect Your goodness and hope. *Amen.* �� 🙏 💸















Your Verse

Galatians 6:9 — "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Supporting Scriptures

- James 1:4 "Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."
- Romans 12:12 "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."







Devotional: Persevering Patiently in Doing Good

Goodness that pleases God requires patience and perseverance. It's not always easy to do what is right consistently, especially when results aren't immediate. Galatians encourages us to persist in goodness, trusting God's perfect timing for the harvest.

Children may become discouraged when they don't see quick rewards for their efforts, but the Bible reminds us that God is working through our faithfulness to produce lasting fruit. Patience nurtures our character and deepens our trust in God's promises.

Remember, God's goodness unfolds gradually. Each step of obedience, kindness, and faithfulness matters. The challenge is to keep pressing forward with hope and determination, knowing God values the journey as much as the outcome.

Where might God be asking you to cultivate more patience and perseverance today?







Reflect and Apply

1. Why is it important not to become weary in doing good?	
2. How can patience deepen your relationship with God?	
3. What motivates you to keep doing good even when it's hard?	
4. How can you encourage others to persevere in goodness?	













Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time you had to be patient for a good outcome.
2.	List ways to stay motivated in doing good continually.
3.	Reflect on how perseverance has shaped your faith.







Prayer for Today

Father God, thank You for encouraging me not to grow weary but to keep doing good. Grant me patience and strength to persevere through challenges. Help me to trust Your timing and remain steadfast in my faith and actions. May my life bring glory to You as I faithfully walk in Your goodness. *Amen.*











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Your Verse

Hebrews 11:6 — "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

Supporting Scriptures

- Matthew 25:21 "Well done, good and faithful servant!... Come and share your master's happiness!"
- 1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord."







Day 7: Rewarded for Living Goodness

Devotional: Faithful Goodness Earns God's Reward

God promises a reward for those who seek Him and live in faithfulness.

Hebrews reminds us that pleasing God requires faith and that He honors those who earnestly seek Him. Living a life marked by goodness as children of God is not in vain.

The parable of the talents in Matthew illustrates how God celebrates faithful stewardship and obedience. Goodness that pleases God leads to spiritual joy and eternal blessing. It encourages children and believers of all ages to commit wholeheartedly to His ways.

As you finish this 7-day study, reflect on your journey of growing in goodness. Remember, your faith and goodness shine before God, and He delights to reward your faithful heart.

May this inspire you to continue living a life of excellence and love, trusting God's promises today and always.







Day 7: $\mathbf{\nabla}$ Rewarded for Living Goodness

Reflect and Apply

1. What does it mean to earnestly seek God?	
2. How does faith help you live a life pleasing to God?	
3. In what ways has God rewarded your faithfulness?	
4. What motivates you to remain steadfast in doing good?	













Day 7: 🔽 Rewarded for Living Goodness

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write down how your faith has grown through this study.
2.	List rewards or blessings you've experienced from faithful living.
3.	Pray about your commitment to continue living with genuine goodness.







Day 7: Rewarded for Living Goodness

Prayer for Today

Loving Father, thank You for Your promises and rewards. Help me to walk in faith and live a life pleasing to You. Strengthen my heart to be faithful and good in all I do, knowing You rejoice over my efforts. May my life glorify You now and forever. *Amen.* \bigvee \bigwedge







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