Children: Love That's Not Just a Feeling



Explore the true meaning of love for children, rooted in action, commitment, and God's example over seven thoughtful days.





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Introduction

Welcome to your 7-day journey on understanding the profound love we are called to have for children—not as a fleeting emotion, but a steadfast commitment. In a world where feelings often change like the wind, God's love remains constant and unchanging. This study invites you to dig deeper into how we can embody a love for children that goes beyond feelings—one that manifests in care, protection, nurturing, and teaching.

Children represent hope and the future God entrusts to us. They need more than affection; they need consistent, intentional love grounded in God's Word and example. Throughout these seven days, we will explore Scripture that highlights the divine value of children and how God models love through His faithfulness and actions.

Each day offers a focused devotional to help you reflect on ways to grow in your love for children that is actionable and enduring. You will also find journaling prompts and prayer to support your spiritual growth and engagement with God's heart for children. Whether you are a parent, mentor, teacher, or simply someone who cares deeply about the well-being of the little ones around you, this study will encourage you to express love as God does—steadily, sacrificially, and sincerely. Let's begin this transformative journey together, embracing a love that is not just a feeling, but a divine calling in action.

















Day 1: V God's Eternal Love for Children

Your Verse

Mark 10:16 - "And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them."

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 127:3 "Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him."
- Matthew 18:5 "And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."







Day 1: Odd's Eternal Love for Children

Devotional: Embody God's Embracing Love for Children

God's love for children is evident and enduring. In Mark 10:16, Jesus not only welcomed children but blessed them—demonstrating that children hold a cherished place in God's heart. Loving children the way God does means recognizing their worth and welcoming them without hesitation or condition.

Feeling love is easy, but God's love is action-oriented, intentional, and sacrificial. When Jesus took children into His arms, He physically demonstrated love, care, and protection. This day challenges us to ask whether our love for children mirrors this active care or remains superficial.

Reflect on God's welcome toward children and consider how you can be a living example of His everlasting love today.







Day 1: 💙 God's Eternal Love for Children

Reflect and Apply

1.	In what ways do I demonstrate love for children beyond feelings?
2.	How can I actively bless and support the children in my life?
3.	Do I view children as a blessing or a burden in my daily walk?







Day 1: 💙 God's Eternal Love for Children

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a memory when you felt deeply loved as a child.
2.	List ways you can intentionally show love to children this week.
3.	Describe how God's love challenges or changes your views about children.







Day 1: Odd's Eternal Love for Children

Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for Your unwavering love for children. Help me to see them as You see them—as precious, deserving of care and blessing. Give me the strength and wisdom to express love through action, not just words or feelings. May I be Your hands and heart to every child I encounter. Teach me to reflect Your kindness and patience as You have shown to me. *Guide my ways and deepen my love for the little ones You entrust to me.* Amen.







Day 2: Seeing Children Through God's Eyes









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Your Verse

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

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."
- Isaiah 54:13 "All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace."







Day 2: 👀 Seeing Children Through God's Eyes

Devotional: Adopt God's Perspective on Children

Jesus teaches us to welcome children without hindrance. They are not obstacles but beautiful examples of humility and faith. When we see children through God's eyes, we understand their incredible value and potential for His kingdom.

Too often, societal distractions or busyness can blind us to the spiritual significance of children. This day encourages us to align our vision with God's —valuing children as full participants in His kingdom and giving them the space, care, and attention they need to grow in faith and character.

How we see children affects how we love and invest in them. Let God expand your vision to truly appreciate the spiritual richness children embody.







Day 2: 🔊 Seeing Children Through God's Eyes

Reflect and Apply

	What attitudes might be hindering my ability to love and invest in children?
	How can I create space for children to grow spiritually in my life or community?
3.	Do I trust that children hold a valuable place in God's kingdom?







Day 2: 🔊 Seeing Children Through God's Eyes

Journaling Prompts

Reflect on a time you felt overlooked or undervalued as a child and how that shaped your view of God's love.
Write a prayer asking God to help you see children clearly through His eyes.
List practical ways to nurture children's spiritual growth in your sphere of influence.







Day 2: Seeing Children Through God's Eyes

Prayer for Today

Father, open my eyes to see children as You do. Help me to welcome, cherish, and protect them, remembering that they are precious members of Your kingdom. May I never be an obstacle but always a bridge to Your love and truth. Fill me with patience, understanding, and the joy of nurturing the young ones in my life. *Thank You for trusting me with this sacred responsibility.* Amen.







Day 3: Day Children









Day 3: Day Action: Serving Children

Your Verse

1 John 3:18 – "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

Supporting Scriptures

- James 1:27 "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress."
- Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you... For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."







Day 3: Love in Action: Serving Children

Devotional: Sincere Love Must Be Seen and Felt

Love for children is demonstrated not in feelings alone but in tangible action.

The apostle John urges us to love sincerely, with deeds that back up our words. For children, this means meeting their needs physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

This day challenges you to move beyond saying "I love children" toward actively serving and caring for them. Actions like listening attentively, advocating for their well-being, or simply spending meaningful time can transform a child's life. God commands care especially for the vulnerable and entrusts us as His hands.

Remember, loving children is God's work through you—love expressed through service bears witness to His truth in your life.







Day 3: CD Love in Action: Serving Children

Reflect and Apply

1.	What practical ways can I show love to children around me this week?
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	Am I inadvertently neglecting children's needs by only expressing love in words?
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	How can my actions better align with God's call to care for vulnerable children?
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Day 3: w Love in Action: Serving Children

Journaling Prompts

1.	Describe a time when someone's actions made you feel truly loved as a child.
2.	Make a list of small but meaningful acts you can do for children daily.
3.	Write a commitment prayer to serve children with intentional love.







Day 3: Cove in Action: Serving Children

Prayer for Today

Lord, help me to love children with hands and heart. Teach me to move beyond words to acts of kindness and care that meet real needs. Empower me to serve with humility and joy, reflecting Your love to every child I encounter. Open my eyes to see where love is needed, and grant me the courage to act faithfully in Your name. *Thank You for using me as an instrument of Your genuine love.* Amen.

















Your Verse

Psalm 82:3 – "Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed."

Supporting Scriptures

- Proverbs 31:8 "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute."
- Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you... plans to give you hope and a future."







Devotional: Stand Firm as Children's Protector and Advocate

Part of loving children is fiercely protecting their innocence and rights. God calls us to be defenders and advocates for the vulnerable, including children who cannot speak or protect themselves.

Children depend on adults to safeguard their physical safety and to nurture their spiritual and emotional well-being. This responsibility requires vigilance against harm, injustice, neglect, or abuse. It also means actively creating safe environments where children can thrive.

Reflect today on the ways you can be a protector and advocate, standing firm for the needs and rights of children as God commands us.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What vulnerabilities in children around me need protection?
	How can I be more intentional in advocating for children's rights and safety?
3.	Do I understand the spiritual and emotional protection children require?







Journaling Prompts

	Write about a time when you or someone you know protected a child from harm.
2.	Identify ways your community might better protect and serve children.
3.	Create a personal prayer to commit yourself to children's protection.







Prayer for Today

God of justice, strengthen me to stand for children's protection. Give me courage to defend those who cannot defend themselves. Help me to be alert and proactive in guarding children's safety and dignity. Teach me to cherish their future as You do, trusting in Your plans full of hope. *May I always act as Your guardian over the innocent.* Amen.

















Day 5: 7 Nurturing Growth and Faith

Your Verse

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 - "These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home..."

Supporting Scriptures

- Ephesians 6:4 "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."
- Colossians 3:21 "Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged."







Day 5: 7 Nurturing Growth and Faith

Devotional: Be a Steady Guide for Children's Growth

Love for children includes nurturing their spiritual and emotional growth daily. Just as God commands in Deuteronomy, we are to intentionally teach and model faith so children's hearts are grounded in truth.

Nurturing growth involves patience, encouragement, and consistent training that builds character and resilience. It also requires creating an environment where children feel safe to ask questions and express themselves.

Today, reflect on how you can be a source of steady growth to children—helping them develop faith, hope, and love through your example and guidance.







Day 5: 🎖 Nurturing Growth and Faith

Reflect and Apply

1.	How am I contributing to the spiritual growth of children in my life?
2.	Are my words and actions encouraging or discouraging to children?
3.	What practical steps can I take to nurture children's faith daily?







Day 5: 🎖 Nurturing Growth and Faith

Journaling Prompts

1.	Recall a person who nurtured your faith as a child and how it shaped you.
2.	Write a plan for intentionally teaching or encouraging children spiritually.
3.	Pray for the patience and wisdom to nurture children effectively.







Day 5: 7 Nurturing Growth and Faith

Prayer for Today

Lord, help me nurture children in Your truth and love. Grant me patience and wisdom to guide them with kindness and clarity. May I be a consistent source of encouragement and faith-building in their lives. Help me create safe spaces where they can grow and thrive spiritually and emotionally. *Thank You for the privilege of nurturing the next generation in You.* Amen.

















Day 6: OBuilding Trust and Respect

Your Verse

Proverbs 20:11 - "Even small children are known by their actions, so is their conduct really pure and upright?"

Supporting Scriptures

- Luke 2:52 "And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."
- 1 Timothy 4:12 "Set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."







Day 6: OBuilding Trust and Respect

Devotional: Earn Trust Through Consistent Love

Loving children means earning their trust and teaching them respect through our example. Proverbs reminds us that children's character is seen in their actions as shaped by trusted adults. Jesus Himself grew in wisdom and favor, showing the importance of balance in training and loving children.

Respect is a two-way street built on trust, consistency, and integrity. Children need adults who follow through on promises, listen attentively, and treat them with dignity. This day invites you to reflect on how your attitudes and behaviors foster trust or create barriers.

How can you cultivate relationships where children feel valued and respected as you guide them toward maturity?







Day 6: 🎔 Building Trust and Respect

Reflect and Apply

1.	Do children around me feel safe to trust and respect me?
2.	How can my consistency improve to model integrity and love?
3.	What behaviors might be hindering healthy relationships with children?







Day 6: 🎔 Building Trust and Respect

Journaling Prompts

	Write about a trusted adult who showed you respect and how it influenced you.
2.	Identify ways you can improve your reliability and consistency with children.
	Pray for the humility and grace to build meaningful, honorable relationships.







Day 6: 🌣 Building Trust and Respect

Prayer for Today

Dear God, teach me to build trust and respect with children. Help me to act with integrity and keep my word. May I be an example of Your steadfast love that children can depend on. Guide my speech and actions so that I foster healthy, uplifting relationships. *Thank You for trusting me with this sacred calling.* Amen. \heartsuit \diamondsuit \diamondsuit







Day 7: 🎇 Reflecting God's Unfailing Love









Day 7: * Reflecting God's Unfailing Love

Your Verse

1 Corinthians 13:4–7 – "Love is patient, love is kind... It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

Supporting Scriptures

- John 15:12 "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."
- Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."







Day 7: X Reflecting God's Unfailing Love

Devotional: Commit to God's Enduring Love for Children

As we conclude this study, remember that love for children should mirror God's unfailing love for us. The love described in 1 Corinthians 13 is active, patient, kind, and enduring—more than feelings, it is a commitment made visible through actions.

Jesus commands us to love as He loved, showing sacrificial and unconditional love. Loving children with this standard transforms them and us, shaping families and communities in His likeness.

Today, commit anew to loving children with a love that perseveres—steady through life's challenges, faithful in every circumstance.







Day 7: 🎇 Reflecting God's Unfailing Love

Reflect and Apply

1.	How can I more fully embody God's patient and kind love toward children?
2.	In what ways does my love reflect God's sacrifice and faithfulness?
3.	What steps can I take to persevere in loving children consistently?







Day 7: 🎇 Reflecting God's Unfailing Love

Journaling Prompts

1.	Reflect on the qualities of love from 1 Corinthians 13 and how you can apply them.
2.	Write a prayer committing to love children as God loves you.
3.	List challenges you might face in loving children and your plan to overcome them.







Day 7: 💸 Reflecting God's Unfailing Love

Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your perfect example of love. Help me to love children with patience, kindness, and perseverance. May my love reflect Your faithfulness and sacrifice, impacting lives for Your glory. Strengthen my heart to remain steadfast, even when love is challenging. May I be a beacon of Your light, reflecting Your unending love to every child You place before me. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 🎇 🙏 🖤 💸







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