Children: Sharing with a Joyful Heart



Explore God's heart for children and learn to share His love with joy and gratitude over seven inspiring days.





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Introduction

Welcome to this 7-day Bible study on 'Children: Sharing with a Joyful Heart.' Throughout Scripture, children hold a special place in God's heart. They remind us of innocence, trust, and the pure faith that Jesus calls us to embody. This study invites you to rediscover how joy is intertwined with sharing God's love, especially when it comes to His little ones.

Children are blessings — symbols of hope and future. Yet, our call extends beyond admiring them; we are encouraged to cultivate a joyful spirit in sharing with children, teaching, nurturing, and embracing them as Jesus did. From reflecting on the faith of a child to the responsibility of welcoming children into God's kingdom, this study will equip you with biblical truths and practical encouragement.

Over these seven days, you will discover scriptures that spotlight children's value, God's promises, and the joy found in generously sharing His love with them. Each devotional offers you reflection questions and journaling prompts to deepen your understanding and faith. Whether you are a parent, mentor, teacher, or friend, this journey will inspire you to cultivate a joyful heart in sharing God's blessings with His precious children.

Let us open our hearts, receive God's wisdom, and respond with gladness as we walk through Scripture together. May this time stir your passion to be a joyful reflection of God's love to every child in your life and beyond.

















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."
- Matthew 19:14 "Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me...'







Devotional: Recognizing the Divine Value of Children

Children are treasures in God's sight. Jesus emphasized their importance by welcoming them and calling for us not to prevent them from coming to Him. This shows us that children embody qualities that are crucial to entering God's kingdom — humility, trust, and a pure heart.

Reflecting on this calls us to value children deeply, not just as dependents but as vital members of the family of God. When we open our hearts to children, we open them to the wonders of God's kingdom. The joy in sharing God's love with children begins by recognizing their worth given by the Creator Himself.

This awareness encourages us to approach sharing with children joyfully — knowing that in welcoming them, we are welcoming Jesus.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How do I currently view children in my life and faith community?
	What qualities of children does Jesus emphasize for entering His kingdom?
3.	In what ways can I better welcome children spiritually and emotionally?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a childhood memory where you felt God's presence.
2.	List ways you can show joy when interacting with children.
3.	Reflect on how acknowledging a child's value shapes your faith.







Prayer for Today

Dear Lord, thank You for the beautiful gift of children and for valuing them so highly. Help me to see every child as You see them and to share Your love with joy and enthusiasm. May my heart be open and welcoming, reflecting Your grace and kindness to all little ones around me. Guide me to nurture their faith and confidence in You. Fill me with Your Spirit so my sharing brings glory to Your name and joy to their hearts. Amen. \bigwedge









Day 2: Wy Joy in Giving to Children









Day 2: Vy Joy in Giving to Children

Your Verse

Acts 20:35 - "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

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."
- 2 Corinthians 9:7 "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."







Day 2: Vy Joy in Giving to Children

Devotional: The Blessing of Cheerful Giving

God calls us to be cheerful givers especially towards children who rely on adults for teaching, guidance, and love. Acts 20:35 reminds us that blessing flows when we give generously, but the deeper joy comes when the giving springs from a cheerful heart.

When we share with children—whether time, wisdom, or resources—we mirror God's generosity. The Proverbs verse encourages us to invest in children's spiritual foundations, which reaps eternal rewards. Our giving creates ripples that influence a child's lifelong walk with God.

Joyful giving isn't just about material things; it's about sharing ourselves—our presence, wisdom, and encouragement. This joy comes from a heart aligned with God's love and a desire to build His kingdom in the next generation.







Day 2: 🎾 Joy in Giving to Children

Reflect and Apply

1.	Do I give to children with joy or out of obligation?
2.	How can I invest in a child's spiritual growth today?
3.	What does giving cheerfully look like in my daily life?







Day 2: 🎾 Joy in Giving to Children

Journaling Prompts

1.	Recall a time when giving brought you unexpected joy.
2.	Write about ways you can share your time or talents with children.
3.	Describe how cheerful giving affects your relationship with God.







Day 2: Vy Joy in Giving to Children

Prayer for Today

Lord, *teach me to give with a joyful and willing heart. Help me to invest my time, love, and resources into children who are precious in Your sight. May my giving reflect Your abundant grace and inspire children to grow in Your truth. Strengthen me to serve with gladness and selflessness, knowing that in giving, I receive Your blessings.* Amen.









Day 3: 😂 Faith Like a Child









Day 3: 💙 Faith Like a Child

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."
- Isaiah 11:6 "The wolf will live with the lamb...and a little child will lead them."







Day 3: 💙 Faith Like a Child

Devotional: Embracing Childlike Faith

Jesus calls us to adopt a childlike faith

To share God's love with a joyful heart, we must embrace that same faith attitude ourselves. When we are like children in faith, we are open to receiving God's grace, learning daily, and sharing that joy with others, especially children who mirror this same faith.

Furthermore, Scripture paints a picture of peace and restoration where children lead with purity and innocence. This reminds us of the transforming power of faith and the hope that children bring to a broken world.







Day 3: 🥰 Faith Like a Child

Reflect and Apply

1.	In what ways can I grow in childlike faith today?
2.	How does trusting God like a child transform my sharing of His love?
3.	What barriers keep me from simple, wholehearted faith?







Day 3: 🥰 Faith Like a Child

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a moment when your faith was simple and pure.
2.	Describe how you can model childlike faith to others.
3.	Reflect on how embracing humility impacts your relationship with God.







Day 3: 🥰 Faith Like a Child

Prayer for Today

Father, help me to have faith like a child — trusting, humble, and eager to follow You. Remove my doubts and fears, and fill me with wonder at Your love. As I share Your goodness with children, may I reflect their faith and inspire them to grow closer to You. Teach me to walk each day with a joyful and open heart. Amen.

















Day 4: " Nurturing Growth in Children

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

- Colossians 3:21 "Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged."
- Proverbs 1:8 "Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching."







Day 4: " Nurturing Growth in Children

Devotional: Gentle Guidance Fosters Growth

God entrusts adults with the responsibility to nurture children in His ways. This nurturing must be rooted in patience, love, and faithful instruction rather than irritation or harshness.

How we guide children affects their spiritual health and joy. When children feel safe, loved, and encouraged, they flourish in their faith and character.

The Bible encourages parents and mentors not to discourage children but to create environments where children can grow confidently in their knowledge of God's truth. Sharing God's love joyfully includes gently teaching and encouraging the next generation.







Day 4: 🍞 Nurturing Growth in Children

Reflect and Apply

1.	What methods do I use to encourage and nurture children's faith?
2.	How can I avoid patterns that discourage rather than uplift children?
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3.	What does loving instruction look like in my context?
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Day 4: 🍞 Nurturing Growth in Children

Journaling Prompts

1. F	Recall a mentor who positively influenced your spiritual growth.
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2. V	Write down ways you can nurture faith in children around you.
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3. F	Reflect on how patience strengthens relationships with children.
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Day 4: 7 Nurturing Growth in Children

Prayer for Today

Lord, grant me wisdom and patience to nurture children in Your truth. Help me to be a source of encouragement rather than frustration. May my words and actions build faith, joy, and confidence in their hearts. Teach me to share Your love in ways that inspire and guide gently. Let my heart overflow with grace as I invest in the lives of children. Amen.







Day 5: A Rejoicing Together in God's Family









Day 5: 🧆 Rejoicing Together in God's Family

Your Verse

Psalm 126:3 - "The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy."

Supporting Scriptures

- Zephaniah 3:17 "The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."
- Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"







Day 5: 🧆 Rejoicing Together in God's Family

Devotional: Celebrating God's Joy in Children

Joy is a hallmark of God's presence among His people. Embracing children into God's family brings special delight both to God and to us. Knowing that the Lord rejoices over us like a loving father encourages us to foster joy when sharing His love with children.

Celebrating God's great works together, including the blessing of children, fills our hearts with gratitude and happiness. Rejoicing together strengthens bonds and reflects God's vibrant love to others.

As we share with children with joy, we participate in God's delight, making His kingdom an inviting, joyful place.







Day 5: 🕭 Rejoicing Together in God's Family

Reflect and Apply

1. H	ow can I cultivate more joy in my interactions with children and others?
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2. W	hat does rejoicing in God's blessings look like practically?
3. In	what ways does shared joy strengthen community and faith?







Day 5: 🕭 Rejoicing Together in God's Family

Journaling Prompts

1. L	ist blessings you see in children around you.
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2. V	Write about a joyful experience you shared with a child.
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3. R	Reflect on how rejoicing in God changes your outlook.
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Day 5: 🧆 Rejoicing Together in God's Family

Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, fill my heart with joy as I celebrate Your great works in my life and through children. Help me to share that joy abundantly and to encourage others to rejoice in You. May my life reflect Your delight and love, creating a welcoming space for children and all Your people. Thank You for the blessings of laughter, learning, and love. Amen. 🖟 🍳 🛠

















Day 6: Serving Children with Love

Your Verse

Galatians 5:13 – "Serve one another humbly in love."

Supporting Scriptures

- 1 Peter 4:10 "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace."
- Matthew 25:40 "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."







Day 6: Serving Children with Love

Devotional: Joyful Service Reflects God's Love

Serving others with love is the essence of Christian living. When we serve children humbly, we demonstrate God's grace and care. This service isn't about duty—it's an expression of joy and reverence for the work God entrusts to us.

Every act of kindness toward children is an act of love toward Christ Himself. By recognizing this, our service becomes full of meaning and delight rather than obligation.

Whether through teaching, listening, or providing for their needs, serving children with a joyful heart blesses them and enriches our own faith journey.







Day 6: 🌣 Serving Children with Love

Reflect and Apply

1.	How do I view service — as duty or delight?
2.	What gifts has God given me to serve children effectively?
3.	How can serving children deepen my relationship with Christ?







Day 6: 🌣 Serving Children with Love

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time you served joyfully.
2.	List ways your unique gifts can bless children.
3.	Reflect on how serving others influences your faith.







Day 6: 🌣 Serving Children with Love

Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, thank You for the call to serve others in love. Help me to serve children with humility and joy, seeing Your face in every one of them. Teach me to be faithful with the gifts You have given me, using them to nurture and bless the next generation. May my service bring glory to You and joy to all I serve. Amen.

















Your Verse

1 John 4:7 - "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God."

Supporting Scriptures

- Romans 12:10 "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."
- John 15:11 "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."







Devotional: Completing the Joy through Love

Love is at the heart of our faith and our calling to share with children. The love God pours into us is meant to be shared eagerly and joyfully. This love fosters community, blessing, and growth.

As 1 John reminds us, love originates from God, and when we love others—especially children—we participate in His divine nature. Sharing God's love with joy completes the cycle of blessing and reflects Christ to the world.

In closing this study, reflect on how loving with a joyful heart transforms not only those we serve but also ourselves — filling us with lasting peace and delight.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How does God's love empower me to share with children joyfully?
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2.	In what ways does loving others bring joy to my life?
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3.	How can love and joy become more evident in all my relationships?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write how God's love has impacted your joy.
2.	Describe ways you can share God's love more freely.
3.	Reflect on a relationship deepened by love and joy.







Prayer for Today

God of Love, thank You for Your perfect love that fills me with joy. Help me to share this love with children and everyone around me, joyfully and sincerely. Let Your love shine through me, bringing hope, peace, and happiness. May I always remember that Your joy is my strength and Your love my motivation. Fill my heart to overflowing. Amen. \heartsuit \circlearrowleft \r







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