## Children: You Belong in God's Kingdom



Explore how children belong in God's kingdom through Scripture, reflection, and prayer over seven transformative days of Bible study.





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### Introduction

Welcome to this 7-day Bible study on the topic of *Children* and the beautiful truth: *You Belong in God's Kingdom*. Throughout Scripture, children are not only cherished but are often held up as examples of faith, humility, and purity — qualities deeply valued in God's kingdom. This study will deepen your understanding of what it means to be included in God's kingdom, how children model the faith God calls us to, and how He welcomes all with open arms.

The kingdom of God is not exclusive; instead, it invites everyone, especially the humble and the trusting, much like children. Jesus Himself taught us that the kingdom belongs to those who receive it like a child (Mark 10:14). This truth offers profound reassurance: regardless of age or background, each person is embraced by God's loving kingdom.

Across these seven days, we will explore key passages highlighting children's place in God's heart, their role in our faith journey, and how believers of all ages can cultivate childlike faith. As you meditate on these Scriptures, engage with the reflections and journaling prompts, and seek God through prayer. May this study nurture your relationship with God and deepen your identity as a beloved member of His kingdom.

Prepare to be inspired to trust more fully, to love more openly, and to live as a treasured child of God, secure in His eternal kingdom. *Let's begin this journey together!* \( \bigcirc\)

















### 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**

- Matthew 18:3 "And he said: 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."
- Luke 18:16 "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."







### Devotional: Jesus Welcomes Children into His Kingdom

Jesus clearly welcomes children into His kingdom. In Mark 10:14, Jesus emphasizes that the kingdom of God belongs to those who come with the innocence, trust, and humility like little children. This invitation is radical because in society, children often lack power or status, yet in God's kingdom, these qualities open the door to His presence.

Jesus teaches us that becoming like a child is essential to entering God's kingdom. This means trusting God simply and wholly, relying on His love and provision without doubt, and embracing humility by depending on Him. As believers, whether young or old, we are called to adopt this childlike faith.

*Remember:* you belong in God's kingdom not because of what you have done, but because of who you are to God — His beloved child.







### Reflect and Apply

	What qualities of children does Jesus highlight as key to entering God's kingdom?
2.	In what areas of your faith could you develop more childlike trust?
	How does knowing you belong in God's kingdom affect your daily identity?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time you felt fully accepted by God as His child.
2.	Describe what childlike faith means to you personally.
3.	List ways you can welcome others into God's kingdom as Jesus does.







### Prayer for Today

**Dear Father,** thank You for welcoming me as Your precious child. Help me to trust You with a heart like a child — full of faith, dependance, and joy. Teach me humility so I can walk closely with You and reflect Your welcoming love to others. Remind me daily that I belong in Your kingdom, and may this truth shape how I live and love. In Jesus' name, *amen*.



















### Your Verse

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

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 131:2 "But I have calmed and quieted myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child I am content."
- 1 Peter 5:6 "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time."







### Devotional: Becoming Humble Like a Child

Jesus calls us to change and become like little children to enter heaven's kingdom. This transformation is not about physical age but about adopting childlike qualities — humility, teachability, and trust. Often, adult pride or self-sufficiency blocks us from fully depending on God, but children naturally rely on their caregivers.

Psalm 131 beautifully captures the peaceful contentment of a child resting in a parent's care. When we humble ourselves and trust God's timing, as 1 Peter 5:6 encourages, we experience His lifting power and grace.

This call to humility challenges our self-reliance and invites us to rest in God's love and authority. What adult barriers prevent you from embracing this childlike faith today?







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How does humility help us connect more deeply with God?
2.	In what ways can you remind yourself to depend on God daily?
3.	What worries or pride do you need to surrender to God now?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Reflect on your own faith journey and where pride may have blocked you
2.	Write about a time God lifted you when you humbled yourself.
3.	List practical steps you can take to grow childlike trust in God.







### **Prayer for Today**

**Lord,** cultivate humility within me so I can rest peacefully in Your care like a child with a loving parent. Help me to surrender my pride and fully trust Your timing and plans. Teach me to lean on You in every circumstance and embrace the peace that comes from childlike faith. Thank You for lifting me up when I humble myself. In Jesus' name, *amen*.









# Day 3: X Innocence and Purity in God's Eyes









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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**

- Proverbs 22:6 "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."
- Philippians 4:8 "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure... think about such things."







Day 3: 🎇 Innocence and Purity in God's Eyes

### Devotional: Valuing Innocence and Purity

Jesus cherishes the innocence and purity of children, reminding us that these qualities are precious in God's kingdom. Bringing children to Jesus was a tangible expression of trusting Him to nurture their hearts, emphasizing how foundational innocence and purity are to spiritual growth.

Proverbs 22:6 highlights the importance of guiding children early in life towards God's ways so they maintain their faith and integrity as they grow. Meanwhile, Philippians 4:8 encourages us to fill our minds with pure and wholesome thoughts, reflecting God's desire for us to live with moral clarity and goodness.

Though life's experiences can challenge our innocence, God's kingdom invites us to pursue hearts and minds that reflect His purity, showing the world His love through our words and actions.







Day 3: 💥 Innocence and Purity in God's Eyes

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How can you cultivate purity in your thoughts and actions?
2.	In what ways does innocence play a role in your relationship with God?
2	What habits can halp protect or rectors childlike purity in your life?
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Day 3: 🎇 Innocence and Purity in God's Eyes

## **Journaling Prompts**

	Write about how you can encourage children (or others) to follow God faithfully.
2.	Describe what 'purity of heart' means to you personally.
3.	List practical ways to renew your mind with pure and noble thoughts.







Day 3: 🎇 Innocence and Purity in God's Eyes

### **Prayer for Today**

Heavenly Father, thank You for valuing innocence and purity in Your kingdom. Help me to nurture a heart and mind that reflect Your goodness. Guard me from thoughts and actions that hinder my walk with You, and guide me to live with integrity and love. Teach me to walk in Your truth and to encourage others to follow Your ways faithfully. In Jesus' name, *amen*.









## Day 4: Welcoming and Protecting Children









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### Your Verse

Matthew 18:6 - "If anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 127:3 "Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him."
- Ephesians 6:4 "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."







Day 4: 🍑 Welcoming and Protecting Children

### Devotional: The Call to Protect and Welcome Children

**Protecting and welcoming children is a serious responsibility in the kingdom of God.** Jesus' stern warning in Matthew 18:6 reveals how deeply He loves children and how unacceptable it is to cause them harm or lead them away from faith.

Children are a precious heritage from God, as Psalm 127:3 says, entrusted to families and communities who must nurture and protect them. Ephesians 6:4 gives clear guidance for parents and leaders to raise children in the instruction of the Lord, not provoking or discouraging them but lovingly guiding them in faith.

This passage is a powerful reminder of the spiritual safety and encouragement all children need, both physically and emotionally, to thrive as members of God's kingdom.







Day 4: 🎔 Welcoming and Protecting Children

## Reflect and Apply

	What does it mean to 'welcome' children into your community or faith family?
2.	How can you protect the faith and innocence of children around you?
	Are there ways you might unintentionally cause 'stumbling' to others, especially children?







Day 4: 🎔 Welcoming and Protecting Children

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Reflect on how you can help create a safe spiritual environment for children.
2.	Write about the role of adults in nurturing children's faith.
3.	List actions or attitudes you will commit to avoid that might harm children's faith.







Day 4: 🍑 Welcoming and Protecting Children

### **Prayer for Today**

**Father God,** thank You for entrusting children to our care. Give me wisdom, patience, and love to protect, welcome, and nurture them in Your ways. Help me to be aware of how my words and actions impact the little ones around me. Guide me in being a safe and encouraging presence, reflecting Your heart for every child. In Jesus' name, *amen*.









## Day 5: Strategies God's Unconditional Love for Children









#### Your Verse

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."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Isaiah 54:10 "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken."
- 1 John 3:1 "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!"







### Devotional: Rejoiced Over by God's Love

God's love for children — and for all His people — is steadfast, unconditional, and joyful. Zephaniah 3:17 vividly describes God as a Mighty Warrior who saves and takes great delight in His children, rejoicing over them like a father or mother celebrating their child.

His love is unchanging, as Isaiah 54:10 reassures us, no matter how difficult circumstances may shift. The Father lavishes us with this love, calling us His children, as 1 John 3:1 declares — affirming our identity and worth eternally grounded in Him.

Understanding this deep, rejoicing love encourages us to rest in God's presence, knowing that we belong fully and unconditionally to His kingdom family.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How does God's joyful love change the way you see yourself?
2.	In what ways can you remind yourself of God's unshakable love daily?
3.	How can you share God's unconditional love with children and others?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about what it feels like to know God rejoices over you.
2.	Describe times when you experienced God's unfailing love.
3.	Plan ways to express God's love practically to the children around you.







### Prayer for Today

**Dear Lord,** thank You for loving me so unconditionally and rejoicing over me with song. Help me to live in this truth every day, remembering my identity as Your beloved child. Teach me to extend this same deep, joyful love to children and those around me so they may also know they belong in Your kingdom. Fill me with peace and confidence in Your unfailing love. In Jesus' name, amen.









# Day 6: Find Embracing God's Kingdom Community









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### Your Verse

Galatians 3:26-27 - "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 8:16 "The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children."
- Ephesians 2:19 "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people."







Day 6: @ Embracing God's Kingdom Community

### Devotional: Living as God's Kingdom Family

Belonging in God's kingdom means being part of a loving community where all are His children through faith. Galatians 3:26–27 explains that through faith and baptism we are clothed with Christ, becoming children of God united beyond any worldly barrier.

Romans 8:16 reminds us that the Holy Spirit confirms this identity within us, assuring us of our status in God's family. Ephesians 2:19 expands on this by declaring believers are fellow citizens and members of God's household — a diverse, welcoming community.

This kingdom community is a place of belonging for every child, where we support one another in faith and love. Embracing this truth strengthens our confidence and inspires us to live as true children of God.







Day 6: CEmbracing God's Kingdom Community

### Reflect and Apply

	How does your identity as God's child influence your relationships within the church?
	What can you do to foster a welcoming community for children and all believers?
3.	How does the Holy Spirit reassure you of your belonging in God's family?







Day 6: CEmbracing God's Kingdom Community

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about your experience of belonging or longing in community.
2.	Reflect on ways to encourage children to feel included in church life.
3.	List ways you can actively take part in the body of Christ as family.







Day 6: @ Embracing God's Kingdom Community

### **Prayer for Today**

God of all families, thank You for making me Your child through faith in Jesus. Help me to embrace my identity and live confidently in Your loving community. Unite me with fellow believers, and give me a heart to welcome and support children and others, so all may experience the joy of belonging in Your kingdom. Guide me by Your Spirit daily. In Jesus' name, *amen*.









## Day 7: 🗱 Living Out Your Kingdom Identity









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#### Your Verse

1 John 3:2 - "Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Colossians 3:12 "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."
- John 1:12 "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."







Day 7: 🛠 Living Out Your Kingdom Identity

### Devotional: Embracing and Living Your Child of God Identity

Our journey concludes with a powerful assurance: as children of God, our kingdom identity shapes who we are now and who we will become. 1 John 3:2 promises that in Christ's return, we will be transformed to fully reflect His glory.

Until then, Colossians 3:12 encourages us to live out this identity by demonstrating Christlike qualities such as compassion, kindness, and humility — qualities modeled in childlike faith and nurtured as kingdom values.

John 1:12 reminds us that this identity is a gift to all who receive and trust Jesus. Living as God's children means embracing these virtues daily and shining as reflections of His kingdom on earth.

As you finish this study, may you be inspired to boldly live as a true child of God, secure in your belonging and purpose within His eternal kingdom.







Day 7: 🎇 Living Out Your Kingdom Identity

## Reflect and Apply

	How does knowing your future transformation impact your present faith?
2.	Which Christlike qualities do you most want to develop as a child of God?
3.	How can you actively live out your identity to influence others positively?







Day 7: 🎇 Living Out Your Kingdom Identity

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about what it means to you to be a chosen, dearly loved child of God.
2.	Reflect on ways to practice compassion and humility this coming week.
3.	Plan specific actions that will help you reflect God's kingdom in daily life.







Day 7: 🎇 Living Out Your Kingdom Identity

### Prayer for Today

**Father,** thank You for making me Your beloved child and for the promise of becoming like Jesus. Help me to embrace this identity fully and live it out each day by reflecting Your love and grace. Fill me with compassion, kindness, and humility as I represent Your kingdom on earth. Strengthen my faith as I await Christ's return and encourage me to walk confidently in Your purpose. In Jesus' mighty name, *amen*.









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