



Jesus Loves the Little Children



Explore God's heart for children through scripture, learning how Jesus values, protects, and blesses the little ones.

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Introduction

Welcome to this 7-day Bible study plan on children, centered on the beautiful truth that *Jesus loves the little children*. Throughout Scripture, children hold a special place in God's heart, and Jesus Himself emphasized their importance in the kingdom of heaven. This study will guide you through passages that reveal God's love, care, and purpose for children, as well as practical lessons adults can learn from their faith and innocence.

Children embody qualities such as trust, humility, and wonder—characteristics that Jesus invites us all to emulate. Despite their small stature and limited understanding, Scripture shows us that children are deeply valued by God and integral to His kingdom plan. Jesus welcomed them, blessed them, and used them as examples for how we should approach faith.

As we explore these passages, you will be encouraged to see God's affection for children, consider our responsibility to nurture their growth spiritually, and be reminded of the pure, simple faith that Jesus delights in. Whether you are a parent, teacher, or someone who loves children, this study will affirm how precious they are in God's eyes and inspire you to reflect His love to the young hearts around you.

May this journey deepen your understanding of God's heart, encourage your faith, and empower you to be a blessing to the children in your life. Let's begin by opening our hearts to the timeless truth that *Jesus loves the little children*, and through them, teaches us how to truly follow Him.





Day 1: 🍼 Children in God's Kingdom



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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 – And 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: 🧒 Children in God's Kingdom

Devotional: Welcoming Children into God's Kingdom

Jesus' invitation to children reminds us of their invaluable place in His kingdom. When the disciples tried to redirect the children away from Jesus, He corrected them with a loving command to let the children come. This highlights that children are not just future believers but vital members of God's family now.

The kingdom of heaven is open to those who approach God with faith and humility like children. Kids often show trust without skepticism, genuine dependence without pride—qualities Jesus welcomes and encourages in us all.

Recognizing children as a gift from God, we learn to cherish and nurture them spiritually. It's a call to adults to protect their innocence, guide their hearts, and model Christ's love. Like Jesus, we must receive children with open arms and hearts, acknowledging their unique role and worth in God's kingdom.



Reflect and Apply

1. How do you see children's faith as an example for your own?

2. In what ways can you better welcome and include children in your faith community?

3. What does it mean personally to you that the kingdom of heaven belongs to those like children?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a child whose faith or trust has inspired you.

2. Describe how you can show Jesus' love to children in your life this week.

3. Reflect on your own faith journey—what can you learn from children's simplicity and trust?



Day 1: 🧒 Children in God's Kingdom

Prayer for Today

Dear Lord, thank You for Your deep love for children and Your example to welcome them. Help me value and honor the children in my life as You do. Teach me to approach You with the trust and humility of a child so I may grow closer to You. Guide me to protect, nurture, and encourage young hearts in their faith journey. May Your love shine through me to bless them abundantly. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 🙏🧒❤️





Day 2: ❤️ Jesus Blesses the Little Ones



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Your Verse

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

Supporting Scriptures

- *Luke 18:15-17 – Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'*
- *Numbers 6:24-26 – 'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.'*



Day 2: ❤️ Jesus Blesses the Little Ones

Devotional: Receiving and Sharing God's Blessing

Jesus' touch and blessing on the children reveal God's tender care and favor. In a culture where children often had low status, Jesus elevated them by personally holding and blessing them. This act of intimacy conveys that children are precious and deserving of God's grace.

God's blessings are more than good wishes; they carry spiritual power and protection. When Jesus blesses, He imparts peace, favor, and divine care. This encourages us to pray for children, asking God to surround them with His goodness and guide them on His path.

As followers of Christ, we can extend this blessing by speaking words of life and encouragement to children. By blessing the next generation, we align with Jesus' heart to nurture them and support their growth in faith and character.



Reflect and Apply

1. How do you experience God's blessing in your own life?

2. Who are the children in your circle that might need God's blessing through your prayers or words?

3. What does it mean to you that Jesus physically blessed children?



Day 2: ❤️ Jesus Blesses the Little Ones

Journaling Prompts

1. Write a prayer asking God to bless a specific child or children you know.

2. Recall a moment when you felt especially blessed by God and describe it.

3. List ways you can actively bless children around you this week through words or actions.



Day 2: ❤️ Jesus Blesses the Little Ones

Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, thank You for blessing the little children with Your touch and love. Help me to understand the power of Your blessing in my life and in the lives of children around me. Teach me to be an instrument of Your grace by blessing, encouraging, and uplifting the children You've placed in my path. May they grow strong in faith and know Your peace. *Amen.* ✨💞❤️🙏





Day 3: ✨ Childlike Faith Saves



Your Verse

Matthew 18:3 – Jesus said, '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.'*
- *John 3:5 – Jesus answered, 'No one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.'*



Devotional: Embracing Childlike Faith for Salvation

Jesus challenges us to adopt the faith qualities of children to enter His kingdom. Childlike faith is characterized by trust, humility, and openness—not childishness or ignorance. It means depending fully on God, without doubt or pride, and accepting His grace with gratitude.

This passage reminds believers that salvation requires a heart posture free from self-reliance and skepticism. Children intuitively trust their caregivers, and Jesus calls us to trust God even more deeply.

Becoming like little children means putting aside arrogance, ambition, and the need to control, instead embracing vulnerability and complete reliance on God's goodness and power. This faith opens the door to a transformative relationship with God and aligns us with the abundant life Jesus offers.



Reflect and Apply

1. In what areas do you struggle to trust God fully as a child would?

2. How can you cultivate humility and openness in your faith daily?

3. What are practical steps to 'become like little children' spiritually?



Journaling Prompts

1. Reflect on a time you trusted God like a child—describe how that felt.

2. Write about what barriers prevent you from complete faith and how to overcome them.

3. List specific ways to practice humility and trust in your relationship with God.



Day 3: ✨ Childlike Faith Saves

Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, help me lay down my pride and doubts to trust You with a childlike heart. Teach me to rely fully on Your promises and love as little children rely on their parents. Renew my faith and make me humble, so I may enter Your kingdom with joy and confidence. May my heart be soft and open to Your Spirit. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 🙏 ✨ 🙏 ❤️





Day 4: ❤️ God's Heart for Children



Your Verse

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 - These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children.

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



Devotional: Teaching and Nurturing Children's Faith

God's instructions emphasize the importance of teaching children His ways consistently and lovingly. Parents and caregivers are called to impress God's commandments on children, integrating faith into daily life.

Spiritual instruction is not merely formal education but a lifestyle: conversations at home, daily examples, and encouragement in the faith journey. Proverbs assures us that early training forms a foundation that endures for life.

Furthermore, Ephesians encourages nurturing children with patience and grace, avoiding harshness that can discourage their hearts. God's heart for children includes both accountability and abundant love, shaping their character and faith.

In embracing this responsibility, we partner with God in raising generations who know and love Him, demonstrating the significance He places on guiding children thoughtfully and prayerfully.



Reflect and Apply

1. How are spiritual truths shared in your home or community with children?

2. What balance do you see between discipline and grace in your approach to children?

3. How can you grow in partnering with God to nurture children's hearts?



Journaling Prompts

1. Describe ways you can impress God's love and commandments on children daily.

2. Write about an experience where faith was openly shared with children that impacted them.

3. Reflect on how you can improve in patience and gentleness when guiding children.



Day 4: ❤️ God's Heart for Children

Prayer for Today

Father God, Thank You for entrusting adults with the sacred task of guiding children in Your ways. Grant us wisdom, patience, and love to teach them faithfully. Help us model Your truth through our words and actions, nurturing their hearts with grace and consistency. May the seeds of faith we plant bear fruit in their lives, glorifying Your name. *Amen.* 🍏 📖 💡 🙏





Day 5: 🙏 Children as Blessings and Legacy



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Your Verse

Psalm 127:3-5 - Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him.

Supporting Scriptures

- *Isaiah 54:13 - All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace.*
- *Matthew 21:16 - 'Out of the mouths of babies and infants, you have prepared praise.'*



Day 5: 🧒 Children as Blessings and Legacy

Devotional: Cherishing Children as God's Blessings

Children are a divine gift and a lasting legacy, treasured as blessings from God. Psalm 127 describes children as rewards, affirming their high value beyond human measures.

Isaiah promises that children taught by God will live in peace, highlighting the blessing of imparting divine wisdom. Jesus also recognized children as sources of genuine praise, sometimes even more effective than adults.

This perspective invites us to cherish children not only for their immediate presence but also as an investment in God's purposes for generations. It encourages gratitude and responsibility to honor God through raising children rooted in His truth.



Reflect and Apply

1. How does seeing children as God's heritage affect your view of them?

2. What legacy of faith do you hope to leave for future generations?

3. How can you encourage children to praise God with genuine hearts?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write about what makes a child a blessing in your life or community.

2. Reflect on ways you can contribute to a godly legacy for young ones.

3. List praises you've witnessed from children that touched your heart.



Day 5: 🧒 Children as Blessings and Legacy

Prayer for Today

Lord God, thank You for the precious blessing of children who enrich our lives and glorify Your name. Help us to value them as Your heritage and to nurture them with wisdom and love. May they grow in peace and bring You praise, inspiring all who hear them. Guide us in leaving a godly legacy that honors You for generations to come. *Amen.* 🌿 🎵 🧒 🙏





Day 6: 🤝 Protecting the Vulnerable



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Your Verse

Psalm 82:3-4 – Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.

Supporting Scriptures

- *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.*
- *James 1:27 – Religion that God our Father accepts as pure is to look after orphans and widows in their distress.*



Day 6: 🧡🧡 Protecting the Vulnerable

Devotional: Answering God's Call to Protect Children

God calls us to protect and defend children, the vulnerable members of society. Psalm 82 reminds us that caring for orphans and those without protection is a holy duty.

Jesus sternly warns against mistreating children, making a strong statement about their sacredness in His eyes. This challenges communities to be vigilant against injustice, abuse, and neglect that harm children physically or spiritually.

True religion involves active compassion and intervention for those in distress. As followers of Christ, we must advocate for children's well-being, ensuring they live in safety and flourish with dignity and care. Our actions echo God's heart for justice and mercy.



Reflect and Apply

1. What responsibilities do you have to protect children in your community?

2. How does Jesus' warning change your view on the seriousness of harming children?

3. In what ways can you actively show compassion to vulnerable children?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time you stood up for a child or vulnerable person.

2. Reflect on barriers you face in protecting children and how to overcome them.

3. List practical steps you can take to advocate for children's safety and well-being.



Day 6: 🧡 Protecting the Vulnerable

Prayer for Today

Father, open my eyes to the needs of vulnerable children and give me courage to stand up for their protection. Help me to be compassionate, wise, and proactive in safeguarding their bodies, hearts, and souls. May my actions reflect Your justice and mercy, shielding these little ones from harm and showing Your love. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 🛡️ 🧡 ❤️ 🙏





Day 7: 🌈 Celebrating Children's Faith and Future



Your Verse

Matthew 21:16 – 'Out of the mouths of babies and infants, you have prepared praise.'

Supporting Scriptures

- *1 Timothy 4:12 – Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity.*
- *Jeremiah 29:11 – For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you.*



Devotional: Honoring and Encouraging Children's Faith

Children's faith and praise play a powerful role in the life of the church and God's purposes. Jesus recognized that even the youngest can express genuine worship and point others to God.

Paul encourages young believers not to be underestimated but to lead by example in faith, love, and purity. God's plans for young lives are filled with hope and prosperity, reassuring us that their future is secure in His hands.

Celebrating children means investing in their spiritual growth with confidence that God uses them mightily. It also inspires us to support and encourage their unique gifts and heart for God.



Reflect and Apply

1. How do you affirm and support the faith of children around you?

2. In what ways can young people be leaders and examples in your community?

3. What hopes do you hold for children's future in God's plans?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time you witnessed meaningful faith expression from a child or young person.

2. List ways to encourage young believers to grow spiritually and lead well.

3. Reflect on God's plans for children and how you can partner with Him in their journey.



Day 7: 🌈 Celebrating Children's Faith and Future

Prayer for Today

Gracious God, thank You for the faith and praise that young hearts offer to You. Empower children and youth to be bold examples of Your love and truth. Help us to nurture their gifts and dreams, trusting in Your perfect plans for their lives. May they grow strong in faith and impact the world for Your glory.

In Jesus' name, Amen. 🎉👧👦🌟🙏





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