# Understanding Children Through God's Word



Explore what the Bible teaches about children and why these truths matter in our faith and daily lives.





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### Introduction

The Bible is not just an ancient book; it is a living guide that shapes how we understand all aspects of life — including children. **Children hold a special place in God's heart**, and through Scripture, we see profound insights about their value, role, and the way we are called to nurture them. This 7-day study will explore these themes, helping you grasp not only *what* the Bible says about children but also *why* it matters in our walk with God.

From the innocence and faith exemplified by children, to the responsibilities parents and communities have, Scripture provides timeless wisdom. It reveals that children are not only recipients of God's love but also integral to His kingdom purposes. As you engage with each day's passages and reflections, you'll grow in appreciation for how children reflect God's image and how we are called to protect, guide, and learn from them.

Whether you are a parent, teacher, mentor, or simply someone seeking to understand God's view on the next generation, this study invites you to see children through divine eyes — encouraging faith, care, and action that glorifies God. Let's begin this journey together, discovering the heart of God for children, and why this matters deeply in faith and life.

















### Your Verse

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

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 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."
- Genesis 1:27 "So God created mankind in his own image... male and female he created them."







### Devotional: Recognizing Children as God's Gift

Children as Blessings: From the very beginning, the Bible portrays children as a precious and intentional gift from God. Psalm 127:3 reminds us that children are not accidents or inconveniences but a reward from the Lord. This perspective radically shifts how we approach children in our families and communities. When we see them as blessings, we naturally respond with love, care, and respect.

Jesus' words in Mark 10 emphasize this value even further. He welcomed children and taught that the kingdom of God belongs to those with childlike faith. This teaches us that children aren't only important in the present but have a vital place in God's eternal kingdom and purpose.

**Created in God's Image:** Genesis 1:27 reminds us of the dignity children possess, as they reflect God's image. This gives every child intrinsic worth and dignity. How might your heart and actions change when you view children not only as a blessing but as image-bearers of God?







## Reflect and Apply

	How does viewing children as a heritage from God change how you treat them?
2.	In what ways can you welcome children like Jesus did?
3.	What does it mean practically to see children as image-bearers of God?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a child in your life and how they have been a blessing to you.
	Reflect on how you can better value children in your community or church.
3.	Record your thoughts on what it means to nurture a child's faith.







### **Prayer for Today**

















Day 2: Protecting and Guiding 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**

- Proverbs 22:6 "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."
- 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..."







Day 2: Protecting and Guiding Children

### Devotional: Nurturing Faith with Care and Guidance

**Instruction with Love:** God calls parents and caregivers to not only protect children physically but to nurture their spiritual growth. Ephesians 6:4 warns against frustration or harshness that might drive children away, encouraging gentle, loving guidance grounded in God's truth.

Proverbs 22:6 highlights the importance of laying a foundation early in life. When children are directed in the path God desires, they carry those lessons throughout life. This is not mere tradition but a divine strategy for their flourishing.

Deuteronomy 6 places responsibility on parents to teach continually and intentionally. Daily conversations, prayers, and example-building create a living faith experience. How is God asking you to be an instrument of instruction and protection for children today?







Day 2: **(**) Protecting and Guiding Children

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How can you balance firm discipline with grace in guiding children?
2.	What are some practical ways to teach children about God daily?
3.	In what ways do you need patience when disciplining or instructing children?







Day 2: Protecting and Guiding Children

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	List ways you can provide loving guidance to children in your life.
2.	Reflect on how your faith formation as a child shaped who you are now.
3.	Write a prayer asking for wisdom in teaching and protecting children.







Day 2: Protecting and Guiding Children

### **Prayer for Today**

**Lord, thank You for entrusting children to our care.** Help me to nurture them with patience and wisdom, guiding their hearts toward You. Teach me to discipline with love and to be a faithful example in word and deed. May the seeds I plant today grow into a lifelong faith. *Amen.*

















### 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 18:16 "Let the little children come to me... for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."
- 1 Peter 2:2 "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation."







### Devotional: Embracing Childlike Faith and Trust

Childlike Faith: Jesus emphasized that entering God's kingdom requires a change that mirrors the trust and humility of children. Matthew 18:3 is a powerful call for adults to rediscover the openness and dependence characteristic of children. This isn't about immaturity but about sincere trust and reliance on God.

Luke 18 further reveals God's heart toward children—He welcomes them and invites us to approach Him with similar simplicity. Their faith is often free from skepticism and self-reliance that complicates adult faith.

1 Peter 2:2 reminds us that like babies needing milk, spiritual growth begins with craving pure, wholesome truth. Embracing faith like a child means continuously seeking God's word and depending on Him daily.







## Reflect and Apply

What characteristics of childlike faith do you need to cultivate?
Are there ways you have become more self-reliant than God-reliant?
How can you foster a hunger for God's Word like a newborn's craving?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Reflect on moments when you experienced childlike trust in God.
2.	Write about challenges that make trusting God difficult for you.
3.	Record prayers asking God to restore a simple, open faith.







### Prayer for Today

**Father, teach me to trust You like a child**—with open hands and heart. Help me to humble myself and depend fully on Your goodness and grace. May I delight in Your Word and grow in faith each day. Thank You for inviting me into Your kingdom with childlike trust. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*







## Day 4: 🛍 Building a God-Centered Home









Day 4: n Building a God-Centered Home

### Your Verse

Joshua 24:15 - "...as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Deuteronomy 11:19 "Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home..."
- Psalm 78:4 "We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD..."







Day 4: n Building a God-Centered Home

### Devotional: Creating a Home Rooted in God's Word

**Faith Begins at Home:** God's design is for the home to be a training ground for faith. Joshua 24:15 expresses a strong, personal commitment to serve the Lord within one's household, underscoring the family's spiritual responsibility.

Deuteronomy and Psalms further remind us that teaching children about God's works and commandments must be intentional and ongoing. The home environment shapes how children perceive God and live out their faith.

Building a God-centered home goes beyond words; it includes example, worship, prayer, and lifestyle. What steps can you take today to make your household a place where God is honored and faith is passed down?







Day 4: 🖍 Building a God-Centered Home

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How does your home reflect your commitment to serve the Lord?
2.	What traditions or habits can you establish to teach children about God?
3.	How can you model faith authentically in daily family life?







Day 4: 🙆 Building a God-Centered Home

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write your own household declaration to serve the Lord.
2	List spiritual habits you want to develop or strengthen at home.
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3.	Reflect on the impact of faith practices you experienced in your family.







Day 4: 🟠 Building a God-Centered Home

### Prayer for Today

**Lord, help me build a home that honors You.** May my family serve You faithfully, teaching Your ways with love and consistency. Guide me as I lead by example, cultivating a sanctuary of faith and grace. Strengthen our commitment to pass down Your truth through generations. *Amen.*  $\bigcirc$ 















### 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 13:34 "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."
- Galatians 5:22–23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace..."







# Devotional: Demonstrating God's Unfailing Love to Children

Love as the Foundation: The way we love children reveals much about God's character. Paul's description of love in 1 Corinthians 13 is a perfect model for how we should relate to children—with patience, kindness, and unwavering commitment. Love builds security, shapes identity, and fosters growth.

Jesus commands us to love as He loves, setting the standard for sacrificial and unconditional love. This radical love extends beyond feelings—it is a choice and action rooted in the Spirit's fruit.

In your relationship with children, reflect on how this love is expressed. Are there areas where God invites you to love more generously or with greater endurance?







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How does God's love shape the way you care for children?
2.	In what ways can you grow in patience and kindness toward them?
3.	What does unconditional love look like in daily interactions?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Recall a moment when you experienced God's love through a child.
2.	Write about challenges you face in loving patiently and kindly.
3.	Pray for the Holy Spirit to cultivate love's fruit in you.







### Prayer for Today

Father, fill me with Your love. Help me to love children with patience, kindness, and perseverance, reflecting Your heart in every interaction. May my love be a safe haven that nurtures faith and hope. Teach me to love as Jesus loves, unconditionally and fully. *Amen.* > \(\mathbb{A} \) \(\mathbb{B} \)















### Your Verse

Luke 18:17 – "Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Matthew 21:16 "Out of the mouths of babes and infants, you have prepared praise."
- Proverbs 20:11 "Even a child is known by his actions, whether his conduct is pure and right."







### Devotional: Learning Faith Lessons from Children

**Children as Faith Teachers:** Children don't just need our instruction—they also teach us valuable lessons about faith. Jesus pointed out that receiving God's kingdom requires childlike openness and trust, emphasizing the powerful example children set.

Their genuine praise and simple faith models the heart attitude God desires from all believers. Proverbs reminds us that children's actions reveal true character, sometimes even correcting and encouraging adults.

Consider how children around you might be challenging your own faith or inviting you to deeper trust. Are you open to learning from their example?







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How have children influenced your understanding of faith?
2.	What qualities in children's faith can you emulate?
3.	Are you open to receiving spiritual lessons from younger believers?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Describe a time a child's faith impacted you.
2.	Write about ways children's praise challenges your heart.
3.	Pray for a teachable spirit inspired by children's faith.







### Prayer for Today







## Day 7: A Praying for the Next Generation









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### Your Verse

Jeremiah 29:11 – "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young... set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct..."
- Isaiah 54:13 "All your children will be taught by the LORD, and great will be their peace."







Day 7: 🙏 Praying for the Next Generation

### Devotional: Praying with Hope for God's Children

**Hope for Tomorrow:** God's plans for children are hopeful and prosperous. Jeremiah 29:11 offers assurance that the future of the next generation is in God's loving hands. This gives us confidence to pray and invest deeply in their lives.

Paul's encouragement to Timothy reminds young people that age does not limit their influence. Children and youth are vital participants in God's kingdom today, called to set examples and grow in faith.

Isaiah envisions a generation taught by God, living in peace. Our prayers and actions can partner with God's work, helping children become everything He created them to be.







Day 7: 🙏 Praying for the Next Generation

## Reflect and Apply

1.	What hopes do you have for the children in your life or community?
2.	How can your prayers shape the spiritual future of the next generation?
3.	Are you encouraging young believers to be examples of faith?







Day 7: 🙏 Praying for the Next Generation

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write down specific prayers for children's futures.
2.	Reflect on how you can support youth in their faith journey.
3.	Journal about your role in nurturing God's plan for children.







Day 7: A Praying for the Next Generation

### Prayer for Today

God of hope, I lift up the children You love so deeply. Guide their steps, protect their hearts, and fill them with Your peace. Help me to pray faithfully and support them as they grow in faith and influence. May Your good plans for their future unfold powerfully. *Amen.* 🙏 🌈 👀 🛠







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