Understanding Why Jesus Came for Children



Explore God's heart for children and discover why Jesus came to earth, bringing love, hope, and salvation to the youngest among us.





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Introduction

Welcome to this 7-day Bible study on children and the incredible reason Jesus came to earth. From the earliest days of His ministry, Jesus showed a special love and care for children, teaching us that they hold a precious place in God's kingdom. In these studies, we will reflect on God's heart toward children, understand how Jesus demonstrated this love, and uncover the profound purpose of His coming—to bring salvation and hope to everyone, including the smallest and most vulnerable among us.

It's easy to think that Jesus' ministry was primarily for adults or that children were peripheral to His mission. However, the Gospels tell a different story—one where children were welcomed, blessed, and used as examples of faith and humility. The theme "Why Jesus Came to Earth" reminds us that His mission was inclusive and transformative, inviting us to view children through God's eyes as essential members of His family.

Throughout this study, you'll be encouraged to deepen your understanding of God's love, protection, and purpose for children. Each day focuses on a scriptural passage revealing aspects of Jesus' interaction with children and His ultimate purpose for coming into the world. As you journey through these devotionals, reflect on your own heart and the role children play in your life and faith community. Let this study inspire you to see children more clearly as treasured souls whom Jesus delights to save and nurture. May it also lead you to a stronger appreciation of Christ's mission as one of radical love and redemption, extended to all ages and backgrounds.







Jesus came to bring light, life, and salvation—and children are at the heart of His kingdom. Let's begin this journey with open hearts, ready to encounter the Savior who loves all people, especially the children.









Day 1: 🕢 Jesus Welcomes Children









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







Day 1: 🐽 Jesus Welcomes Children

Devotional: Jesus Embraces the Innocence of Children

Jesus' words in Mark 10:14 remind us that children are precious to God and have a special place in His kingdom. Contrary to the views of some religious leaders at the time who saw children as insignificant in spiritual matters, Jesus made it clear that God's kingdom belongs to those who have humility and simple faith—qualities often seen in children.

When Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me," He was expressing God's heart for the vulnerable and the innocent. He wasn't simply offering a blessing; He was making a profound statement about the nature of God's kingdom—it is an inclusive kingdom where even the smallest among us are valued and welcomed.

In our own lives and communities, we are called to emulate Jesus' example by honoring and protecting children, recognizing their worth not only as future leaders but as active members of God's family here and now. Jesus came to earth with a mission to rescue and restore all people, including children, reminding us that faith is not about status or age but the posture of the heart.







Day 1: 💮 Jesus Welcomes Children

Reflect and Apply

1.	How does Jesus' attitude toward children challenge any preconceived notions I might have?
2.	In what ways can I become more childlike in faith and humility as Jesus describes?
3.	How can I actively welcome and value children in my faith community?







Day 1: 💮 Jesus Welcomes Children

Journaling Prompts

1.	Describe a childhood memory that reflects God's love in your life.
2.	Write about a time you witnessed Jesus' care through children or families.
3.	Consider how you can support children's spiritual growth where you live.







Day 1: 💮 Jesus Welcomes Children

Prayer for Today

Dear Lord, thank You for showing us through Jesus how precious children are in Your kingdom. Help us to welcome them with open hearts and to learn from their simple trust and humility. Teach us to reflect Your love in how we treat the young and to support their growth in faith and life. May we always remember that Your kingdom belongs to those who come to You like little children. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*









Day 2: 🗱 Jesus Came to Save









Your Verse

Luke 19:10 - "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Supporting Scriptures

- John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
- 1 Timothy 2:3-4 "This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."







Devotional: Jesus' Mission Includes Saving Children

Jesus' mission on earth was clear: to seek and save the lost. This includes every person, regardless of age, status, or background—even children. Children, like all people, are affected by sin and in need of salvation. Jesus' willingness to come into the world as a child Himself shows His deep identification with our human experience from the very beginning.

Luke 19:10 reminds us that no one is beyond Jesus' love and saving power—children included. He didn't just come to teach or to set an example; He came to rescue humanity from separation from God. This rescue mission is as crucial for children as it is for adults, emphasizing the importance of introducing them early to the hope and salvation found in Christ.

As we consider why Jesus came to earth, we see that one of His primary purposes was to offer **new life** to all, demonstrating God's immense love. When we bring children to Jesus, we are participating in God's saving work. Through faith, children become part of this new life and God's eternal family.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What does it mean that Jesus came to save everyone, including children?
2.	How can we effectively share the message of salvation with children?
	In what ways does understanding Jesus' mission impact how I view my role with children?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Reflect on how Jesus' mission to save the lost has impacted your own life.
	Write about a child or children you know who need to hear about Jesus' love.
	Consider how you might pray for children to come to know Jesus' salvation.







Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, thank You for coming to seek and save the lost, including the children You love so dearly. Help us to share Your message of hope and salvation with the youngest hearts and to guide them toward You. May their lives be transformed by Your grace and truth, and may we be faithful in supporting their journey. Fill us with Your love and wisdom as we help children know You. *In Your holy name, 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

- Mark 10:15 "Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."
- 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."







Devotional: Embracing Faith with a Child's Heart

Jesus invites us to embrace childlike faith—a trust that is simple, humble, and wholehearted. In Matthew 18:3, Jesus highlights that the kingdom of heaven requires a transformation of heart, moving away from pride or skepticism toward the openness and dependency that characterize children.

This kind of faith isn't about naivety, but rather about complete reliance on God's goodness and promises. Children trust their parents' care without doubt or hesitation, and Jesus calls us to trust God in a similar way.

Understanding why Jesus came to earth helps us grasp this deeper meaning of faith. He models perfect trust in the Father and invites us to join Him in that relationship. Our ability to enter God's kingdom depends on our willingness to let go of self-sufficiency and embrace reliance on God's grace, just like a child trusts a loving parent.

Reflecting on our own faith through this lens can renew our spiritual lives and deepen our relationship with God.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What does childlike faith look like in my daily life?
2.	Are there areas where I struggle to trust God fully?
3.	How can I encourage children to develop strong, trusting faith in God?







Journaling Prompts

	Write about a moment when your faith was simple and trusting like a child's.
2.	List ways you can remind yourself to rely on God more fully each day.
3.	Think of a child in your life—how can you pray for their faith journey?







Prayer for Today

Father God, teach me to approach You with childlike faith and trust. Help me to let go of doubts and fears and to depend fully on Your loving wisdom. May my faith be simple, open, and sincere, reflecting the trust children have in their parents. Guide me in nurturing this faith in children around me so they too may experience Your kingdom. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* \bigwedge \bigcirc \bigcirc









Day 4: Protecting the Little Ones









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Your Verse

Matthew 18:6 - "If anyone causes one of these little ones—those 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."
- Proverbs 22:6 "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."







Day 4: Protecting the Little Ones

Devotional: Jesus' Call to Protect Children Holistically

Jesus speaks strongly about the importance of protecting children from harm —especially spiritual harm. In Matthew 18:6, His stern warning reveals how seriously God takes the wellbeing of the little ones who follow Him.

Children are not only precious gifts from God but also vulnerable and impressionable. This calls God's people to be vigilant and protective, ensuring their safety physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Jesus' mission included caring for children and ensuring they are nurtured in faith and love. As believers, we are responsible for creating safe spaces where children can grow in their relationship with God without fear or harm. This responsibility extends to teaching them God's truth, guiding them wisely, and defending them against anything that might cause them to stumble or lose faith.







Day 4: **(**) Protecting the Little Ones

Reflect and Apply

1.	In what ways can I protect children spiritually and emotionally?
	Are there environments where children I know need more safety and care?
3.	How can my community better safeguard and nurture children's faith?







Day 4: **(**) Protecting the Little Ones

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time you or someone else protected a child's wellbeing.
2.	Consider what steps you can take to encourage children's spiritual safety.
3.	List prayers for children facing challenges or vulnerability.







Day 4: Protecting the Little Ones

Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, thank You for reminding us of the importance of protecting children. Give us wisdom and courage to guard their hearts and minds from anything that could cause harm. Help us create loving and safe environments where children can grow in You. May Your Spirit lead us to be faithful stewards of the little ones You cherish. In Your strong and gentle name, Amen.























Your Verse

Matthew 21:16 - "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, 'From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise'?"

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 8:2 "Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies."
- Isaiah 11:6 "The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat... and a little child will lead them."







Devotional: Children's Praise Builds God's Kingdom

Jesus affirmed that children's voices and praise have powerful significance in God's kingdom. In Matthew 21:16, He highlights that praise from children is not only accepted but instrumental in God's work in the world.

Children's innocence and purity enable them to reflect God's glory without pretense. Their genuine worship and praise can dismantle opposition and invite divine presence. This reveals the strength and importance of children's faith expressions within the church and society.

The kingdom of God is often described in terms of peace, justice, and restoration—values children can uniquely embody and lead us toward. Their trust, joy, and honesty illustrate the nature of God's reign and serve as a model for all believers. Jesus honored this by welcoming children and recognizing their role in praising and proclaiming God's kingdom.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How does the praise of children impact my view of worship and faith?
2.	In what ways can children lead us in demonstrating God's kingdom values?
3.	How can I encourage and listen to the voices of children in faith settings?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Recall a moment when a child's faith or praise inspired you.
2.	Write about how children's genuine faith can influence adults.
3.	List ways to include children actively in worship and church life.







Prayer for Today









Day 6: W Jesus' Love for the Least









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Your Verse

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."

Supporting Scriptures

- Zechariah 8:5 "The city streets will be filled with boys and girls playing there."
- James 1:27 "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress."







Day 6: V Jesus' Love for the Least

Devotional: Serving Jesus Through Loving Children in Need

Jesus' heart was especially tuned to the needs and plight of the least and most vulnerable, including children. Matthew 25:40 reminds us that when we care for children in need, we are directly serving Jesus Himself.

Many children around the world face hardships such as poverty, neglect, and injustice. Jesus calls His followers to respond with compassion and action.

Why did Jesus come to earth? To demonstrate God's love tangibly to the forgotten and forgotten children. His life was a loving example of reaching out to those whom society often overlooks. As His followers, we are called to echo this love by advocating for and caring for children who are poor, orphaned, or marginalized.

This kind of ministry expresses true faith and religion—not just rituals but living out the love of Jesus in practical ways.







Day 6: **9** Jesus' Love for the Least

Reflect and Apply

1.	How do I respond to the needs of children in difficult circumstances?
2.	In what ways can I demonstrate Jesus' love to vulnerable children today?
	What practical steps can my community take to serve children in distress?







Day 6: **>** Jesus' Love for the Least

Journaling Prompts

	Write about an experience serving a child in need or support for such service.
	Make a plan for how you can advocate or volunteer for children facing hardship.
3.	Pray for children who are neglected or disadvantaged, listing their needs.







Day 6: W Jesus' Love for the Least

Prayer for Today

You. Stir our hearts to compassion and action, helping us to love and protect the least among us. Give us wisdom and resources to support vulnerable children and fight for their rights. May our lives reflect Your love for all children, especially those who suffer. *In Your merciful name, Amen.* \triangle









Day 7: Pope for Every Child









Day 7: 6 Hope for Every Child

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 a hope and a future."

Supporting Scriptures

- Romans 15:13 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him."
- Isaiah 40:31 "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles."







Day 7: 6 Hope for Every Child

Devotional: Trusting God's Hope and Future for Children

God's promises extend to every child, assuring them of hope, a future, and a plan filled with purpose and blessing. Jeremiah 29:11 is a powerful reminder that God delights in guiding our steps and securing our wellbeing—this promises true for children as well.

Understanding why Jesus came to earth includes embracing the hope He offers to all, including the children whose futures may seem uncertain or difficult. Jesus' life and resurrection are the foundation of this hope, guaranteeing eternal life and abundant blessings beyond today's challenges.

As believers, we are caretakers of this hope, charged with nurturing, protecting, and encouraging children to trust God's good plans for their lives. In doing so, we join God's redemptive work to bring restoration and joy to new generations.

Let this hope inspire you, fuel your prayers, and motivate your actions on behalf of children everywhere.







Day 7: 🌈 Hope for Every Child

Reflect and Apply

How can I personally reflect God's hope to the children around me?
What fears or doubts might children face about their future, and how can address them?
In what ways is God calling me to participate in building a hopeful future for children?







Day 7: 🌈 Hope for Every Child

Journaling Prompts

Reflect on God's hope in your own life—how can you share this with children?
List specific hopes and prayers you have for children in your family or community.
Plan a tangible way to encourage or mentor a child with God's promises in mind.







Day 7: 6 Hope for Every Child

Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for the hope and future You promise to every child. Help us to be vessels of Your joy, peace, and assurance. May our lives inspire children to trust in You completely and look forward to the plans You have made for them. Empower us to nurture this hope daily and work tirelessly for their welfare. *In Jesus' victorious name, Amen.*







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