

How to Be Jesus to Your Kids

I. Jesus was perfectly bold, especially given His earthly age

- *What if we were bolder in our proclamations?* We would be far more passionate about our Lord regardless of the age of our children or their level of obedience. We'd also find it easier to be a good example of other parents regardless of their age.

II. He was perfectly wise.

- *What if we thought and analyzed in line with Christ's wisdom?* The rabbit trails and Failure Philosophies wouldn't distract us or cause us to stumble. God's wisdom would perfectly answer each parenting situation, and, if we plumbed its depth, we wouldn't needlessly flounder in our culture's Disney worldview and pre-pagan mindset.

III. He was perfectly focused.

- *What if we were focused on the mission of our Father instead of being distracted by the temporary and sinful foolishness of this life?* If Christ's one goal was to fulfill the will of the Father, why are sports and relationships and diplomas and careers so all-consumingly important to us? With a sanctified life-goal like that, we could continue the apostle's ministry of turning this world upside down — and we could start with our children!

IV. He was perfectly loving.

- *What would change in our relationships if we loved like Christ?* Goodbye arguments, gossip, bad advice, and weather-casting small talk. Hello prayer, intentional edification, wise counsel, significant discussion, and life-changing intimacy!

V. He was perfectly joyful.

- *What if our lives were categorized by joy?* Imagine the griping, complaining, whining, and general discontentment that would disappear from your home! Imagine now what would necessarily have to take its place.

VI. He was perfectly serving.

- *What if we served our family as Christ did?* Think of the bridges that would be built. Consider the example that would be shown. Imagine the work that would be accomplished!

VII. He was perfectly exemplary for us.

- *What if we were the same example to others that Jesus is to us?* Spiritual multiplication produces faster than any math equation! We have a nearly captive audience in our children. How much will they benefit from seeing Christ in us?