

## The Year Long Celebration of God

### Children's Day Bible Reading

#### The God of Children

- **Mark 10:13-16**, *"And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, 'Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all.' 16 And He took them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands on them."*
- **Psalms 113:9**, *"He makes the barren woman abide in the house As a joyful mother of children. Praise the Lord!"*
- **Jeremiah 1:5**, *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you."*
- **Psalms 139:15-16**, *"My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth; 16 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them."*

#### God's Expectations for Children

- **Exodus 20:12**, *"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you."*
- **Deuteronomy 5:16**, *"Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, that your days may be prolonged and that it may go well with you on the land which the Lord your God gives you."*
- **Ephesians 6:1-3**, *"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), 3 so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth."*
- **Colossians 3:20**, *"Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord."*
- **I Timothy 4:12**, *"Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe."*
- **I Peter 5:5**, *"You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble."*

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### The Value of Children

- **Psalm 127:3-5**, *“Behold, children are a gift of the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward. 4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one’s youth. 5 How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; They will not be ashamed When they speak with their enemies in the gate.”*
- **Matthew 18:10**, *“See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of My Father who is in heaven.”*
- **Proverbs 17:6**, *“Grandchildren are the crown of old men, And the glory of sons is their fathers.”*
- **Mark 10:13-14**, *“And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, “Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”*
- **John 16:21**, *“Whenever a woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy that a child has been born into the world.”*

### What We Can Learn from Children

- **Matthew 18:2-6**, *“And He called a child to Himself and set him before them, 3 and said, ‘Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me; 6 but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.”*
- **Psalm 8:1-2**, *“O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth, Who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens! 2 From the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have established strength Because of Your adversaries, To make the enemy and the revengeful cease.”*
- **Matthew 21:15-16**, *“But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He had done, and the children who were shouting in the temple, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David,’ they became indignant 16 and said to Him, ‘Do You hear what these children are saying?’ And Jesus \*said to them, ‘Yes; have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies You have prepared praise for Yourself’?”*
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### How to Minister to Children

- **Proverbs 22:6**, *“Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.”*
- **Ephesians 6:4**, *“Do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”*
- **Isaiah 54:13**, *“All your sons will be taught of the Lord; And the well-being of your sons will be great.”*
- **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**, *“Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”*
- **Proverbs 22:15**, *“Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.”*
- **Proverbs 29:17**, *“Correct your son, and he will give you comfort; He will also delight your soul.”*
- **I Timothy 5:8**, *“But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”*

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