

DAILY READING: CHILDREN

Jesus loves children. I am God's child and He loves me. God is my loving Heavenly Father. He is a perfect Father and loves me perfectly. Jesus said everyone was to come to Him with child-like faith. God is joyful when I am growing to be more like Jesus. Who I am is revealed in His Word and by His Holy Spirit. God lovingly disciplines me and guides me by His Spirit so I may become more like Jesus. I also need spiritually mature people in my life to guide me in the ways of God. Every child has been specially created by God for a special purpose. I am His creation and He has a plan for my life. People are to love and respect children just as they love and respect adults. I am to respect other children in my life, as well as myself. Jesus loves children and I come to Him in child-like faith for the rest of my life.

DAILY STUDY: CHILDREN

DAY 1: God Values Children –

Matthew 19:14 (page 962);

Psalms 127:3-5 (page 605)

DAY 2: Teach Children God's Word when They are Young –

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (page 1200);

Psalms 145:1-4 (page 612);

Psalms 78:5-6 (page 573)

DAY 3: Children Need to Know the Gospel – Acts 16:29-34 (page 1090);

Psalms 34:11 (page 548); Psalms 78:4

(page 573); Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (page 182)

DAY 4: Encourage Children to Grow – 3 John 4 (page 1248);

1 Thessalonians 2:10-12 (page 1182); Proverbs 22:6

(page 635)

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Baby Talk

Do you know the first words you spoke as a baby? Did you know babies spend a lot of time and energy listening? Talking to babies helps them learn words and make sentences. At 7 months, some babies are saying words like "Ma-ma" and "Da-da." If there is a baby in your family, talk to them and watch how he or she responds.

DAY 5: Children Need Prayer – Ephesians 1:16-18

(page 1162); Numbers 6:24-26 (page 140)

DAY 6: Children Need Loving Discipline –

Hebrews 12:5-11 (page 1219); Proverbs 13:24 (page 627);

Proverbs 19:18 (page 632); Proverbs 22:15 (page 635)

DAY 7: Don't Make Children Angry – Colossians 3:20-21

(page 1178); Ephesians 6:4 (page 1166); Proverbs 3:11-12

(page 619); Proverbs 4:23 (page 620)

**Take time to learn the memory verse
and have fun doing the activity.**

ACTIVITY: How God Sees You

Children are very important to God. The Bible warns people who harm children that they will suffer great consequences. God loves children. What does God love about you? He made you the way you are and delights in you.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Paper
- Crayons, marker or paints

STEPS:

1. Draw the outline of a body. Take a minute to ask God what it is He enjoys about you. Listen. Then write words inside the body that describe you as a person – like the way God made you. Look at all the wonderful things God sees in you and thank Him.
2. Outside the body write or draw ways God cares for you, protects you and provides for you.

MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 19:14

"But Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children.'"

Matthew 19:14

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