

LIFE NOTES

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Series: NextGen

“Jesus’ Heart for Children”

Psalms 71:18 “Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the **next generation**, your mighty acts to all who are to come.” (NIV)

JESUS’ HEART FOR CHILDREN

Mark 10:13-16 ¹³ People were bringing little children to for Him to place His hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And He took the children in His arms, put His hands on them and blessed them.” (NIV)

Psalms 127:3-5 ³ Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from Him. ⁴ Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one’s youth. ⁵ Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.” (NIV)

Proverbs 6:20-22 ²⁰ My son, keep your father’s commands and do not forsake your mother’s teaching. ²¹ Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck. ²² When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you wake, they will speak to you.” (NIV)

Exodus 20:12 “Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.” (NIV)

Mark 10:14 “When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” (NIV)

1. Jesus becomes _____ when people keep children away from Him.
2. Jesus believes children are a _____ on how we should approach God.

KINGDOM LIKE QUALITIES OF CHILDREN

Mark 10:15 “Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God **like a little child** will never enter it.” (NIV)

1. _____

Romans 16:19 “Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I rejoice because of you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil.” (NIV)

2. Sense of _____.

Psalms 40:5 “Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.” (NIV)

3. Short _____.

Colossians 3:13 “Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” (NIV)

4. _____.

Psalms 62:7 “My salvation and my honor depend on God; He is my mighty rock, my fortress.” (NIV)

HOW TO LEAD CHILDREN TO JESUS

“Do not hinder them!”

1. Learn to be good _____.
2. Learn to be good _____ for kids in our church.
3. _____ for our children.
4. _____ Kids in our community.
5. _____ the kingdom of Jesus like kids—complete dependence of God!

BOTTOM LINE

Mark 10:16 “And He took the children in His arms, put His hands on them and blessed them.” (NIV)