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# JESUS' CHILDLIKE KINGDOM

MARK 10:13-16

## I. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ anyone who wants to be with Him.

*And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. v. 13*

## II. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ everyone regardless of anyone's perceived value.

*But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them,  
"Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." v. 14*

### ■ VALUABLE SCRIPTURES THAT VALIDATE PERSONAL VALUE ■

1. God is the Creator of life. (Ps 139:13-16)
2. God creates each person in His image. (Gen 1:26-27)
3. God has a purpose for each person. (Jer 1:5)

## III. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ everyone to receive His kingdom like a child.

*"Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."  
And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them. vv. 15-16*

### ■ LIVE LIKE A CHILD OF GOD

\_\_\_\_\_ dependent on God for His acceptance, provision and direction.

*For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" Romans 8:14-15*

\_\_\_\_\_ the darkness and walk as a child of the light.

*... for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ... Ephesians 5:8*

\_\_\_\_\_ your heavenly Father, growing up to look like Him.

*Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. Ephesians 5:1*





### ForLife Initiatives

Explore how ForLife is helping our church family value and care for life at every stage.

## HOME GROUP

# Lesson + Devotional

*Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.*

1. What have children in your life taught you about following God?
2. In what ways do children think differently than adults?
3. Read Mark 10:13-16, Luke 18:15-17 and Mark 9:35-37. What do Jesus' actions tell us about His attitude toward children?
4. In Jesus' day, having children was a blessing. How does that compare with our culture's view of today?
5. In the sermon, the pastor remarked that childlike faith is about dependence, not innocence. What exactly does that mean?
6. How can we have the same attitude toward God that children had about Jesus?
7. What steps can you take this week to imitate Christ's love and compassion toward children?
8. In what concrete way can you cultivate a childlike dependence on God in your day-to-day affairs?

## HELPFUL Quotes

In what ways are children a pattern? In their humble dependence on others, their receptivity, their acceptance of themselves and their position in life. Of course, Jesus was speaking about an unspoiled child, not one who was trying to act like an adult. A child enjoys much but can explain very little. Children live by faith. By faith they accept their lot, trusting others to care for them and see them through. We enter God's kingdom by faith, like little children: helpless, unable to save ourselves, totally dependent on the mercy and grace of God. We enjoy God's kingdom by faith, believing that the Father loves us and will care for our daily needs. What does a child do when he or she has a hurt or a problem? Take it to father and mother! What an example for us to follow in our relationship with our heavenly Father! Yes, God wants us to be childlike, but not childish! - Warren Wiersbe

## YOUR NEXT STEP AT Christ Chapel



### Connect and Belong

New or returning, fill out a Connect Card and experience life together at Christ Chapel.

### Together in Prayer

We want to pray with and for you this week as we go to God together.



### Partner with Us by Giving

Be a part of what God is doing near and far by giving to local and global ministry partners.

### Upcoming Events

Join in to grow your faith, make disciples, and reach those who do not know or walk with Jesus.



## A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.  
*(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)*
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good.  
*(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)*
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead.  
*(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)*
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.  
*(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)*

You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!