

## Study Guide - Kid's Take Over - from 8-5-2018

### Key Scriptures:

**Proverbs 22:6 NKJV**-“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”

**Psalms 127:3 MSG**-“Don't you see that children are God's best gift? the fruit of the womb of his generous legacy? Like a warrior's fistful of arrows are the children of a vigorous youth.”

**Mark 10:13-16 NIV**,”People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. 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. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it. And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on their heads, and blessed them.”

**Matthew 18:3 AMP**,” I assure you and most solemnly say to you, unless you repent (that is, change your inner self—your old way of thinking. live changed lives) and become like little children (trusting, humble, and forgiving), you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

### Start Talking:

- Half of American Christians make a decision to accept Christ before the age of 13, and every 2 out of 3 Christians accept Jesus before the age of 18. Share your story; how old were you when you received Christ?
- What do you think contributes to so many becoming believers at an earlier age?
- How important is a great children's ministry to today's parents, and what is the difference from so many years ago?
- If you were a parent of younger children, what would be the top five things you would look for in a church, and why?

## Start Thinking:

- The teaching of children at Life Church is based soundly on the Bible. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV, “All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” The world wants us to call the events in the Bible “stories.” Why would we not do that?
- Other than in church, where else are children today being taught that the Bible is truthful and reliable? How well are we doing offering a biblical view of today’s world with our children, and how can we do better?

## Start Sharing:

- When Jesus said we are to come to Him as a little child, what do you think He meant?
- If we are to bring our children to Jesus, what does that mean? How can we bring our children to Jesus today?
- When it comes to the subject of believing, what do you see as the biggest difference between children and adults, and how does that figure into our approach to reaching people for Jesus?

**Start Praying:** “Lord, you love children just as you love adults. You gave Your life for them. Help us to understand the importance of reaching children while they are still young and full of faith. Give us a bigger desire to do all we can to help parents understand the importance of bringing their children to Jesus.”

## Start Doing:

- What can you do to help us reach and teach our children?
- How can you encourage and empower those who already work with our children?

