

# 5 Day Devotional Guide

*Childlike Faith - M|Kids Takeover*

## **Day 1: The Simplicity of Trust** | Scripture: Matthew 18:1-5

Devotional: Jesus points to a child as the model for kingdom living. Children possess an uncomplicated trust that adults often lose through life's disappointments. When a child believes their parent will return, they wait without anxiety. This isn't naivety—it's pure faith. Today, examine where you've replaced simple trust with complicated reasoning. What would it look like to believe God's promises without demanding to see the entire blueprint first? Childlike faith doesn't mean ignoring reality; it means choosing to trust God's character above circumstances. Take one worry you're carrying and consciously place it in God's hands, resisting the urge to take it back through anxious thoughts.

## **Day 2: Faith That Carries Others** | Scripture: Mark 2:1-12

Devotional: Four friends literally tore through a roof to bring their paralyzed companion to Jesus. Their faith moved when his couldn't. Notice that Jesus saw "their faith"—the collective belief of the community. You may be in a season where your own faith feels weak, or you might be the friend cutting through obstacles for someone else. Both positions are sacred. The paralyzed man couldn't walk to Jesus, but he could accept being carried. Sometimes faith means allowing others to believe for you when you're too exhausted. Other times, it means persevering on behalf of someone who's lost hope. Who needs you to carry faith for them today? Who might you allow to carry yours?

## **Day 3: Trusting Without Understanding** | Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-8

Devotional: "Lean not on your own understanding" challenges our adult insistence on having everything figured out. We accumulate knowledge, experience, and "street smarts" that can actually hinder simple obedience. God doesn't ask you to abandon wisdom, but to submit it to His greater perspective. The path becomes straight not when we understand every turn, but when we trust the Guide. Consider the areas where you've been paralyzed by trying to understand before you obey. What decision are you delaying because you can't see the outcome? Childlike faith takes the next step because Father said so, not because the entire staircase is visible. Today, take one faith-step without demanding to see where it leads.

## **Day 4: When Faith Is Tested** | Scripture: James 1:2-8

Devotional: Trials don't destroy childlike faith, rather they reveal whether we truly possess it. The story of repeated illness could have bred cynicism, but instead became a testimony of sustained trust. James tells us to consider trials as opportunities for joy because they produce perseverance. A child who falls while learning to walk doesn't question their parent's goodness; they get up and try again. Your current struggle isn't evidence of God's absence but an invitation to deeper dependence. The testing of faith produces something precious: unwavering trust that circumstances cannot shake. What trial is currently testing your faith? Can you see it as an opportunity to develop unshakeable trust rather than as abandonment?

## **Day 5: The Faith Community** | Scripture: Hebrews 10:23-25

Devotional: No one maintains childlike faith in isolation. The healing stories we've explored involved communities of faith—a praying mother, persistent friends, a gathered church. We need others to remind us of God's faithfulness when our memories grow short. We need to be reminded to remind others. The body of Christ functions as a collective memory of God's goodness, each person contributing their testimony to strengthen the whole. Your faith story isn't just for you; it's fuel for someone else's journey. Whose faith story has strengthened yours? Whose faith might your story strengthen today? Reach out to someone who needs to hear that God is still faithful, still healing, still answering prayer. Let your testimony carry faith to someone who needs it.

# Keep Moving Forward: Your Fresh Wind Commitment

*As you complete this devotional journey, consider these practical steps to position yourself for God's fresh wind:*

## Weekly Commitments:

- *Attend Sunday worship consistently (aim for 3+ services monthly)*
- *Join Wednesday prayer gatherings to seek God corporately*
- *Participate in monthly Fresh Wind evening services*
- *Be part of a Discipleship Group*

## Daily Practices:

- *Designate specific time for prayer and Scripture reading*
- *Remove one distraction that crowds out time with God*
- *Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you afresh each morning*
- *Invite someone to join you in pursuing God's presence*

**Remember:** Pray over our Kids and the Next Generation as we empower them and disciple them into their God given calling. Childlike faith doesn't just benefit us, but it benefits others through us!