

[Happy Mother’s Day](#) to everyone who is a mother, has or has had a mother | Children

What do we know about children? [Jesus loves the little children...](#)

[World where children are a burden and unborn children are not even given the rights as people...](#)

[Big Idea – Children and child-like faith matter to God](#)

[Question: How are we developing our children and our child-like faith](#)

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- People would bring their children to Rabbi’s for blessings – Ceremonial blessings ‘Physical touch’
[How great would it be if you could just bring your children to someone who blesses them?](#)

[We have two very different children...courageous and fearless in their own ways](#)

- Trenton is my ‘I’ll think about it to avoid catastrophe’
- Caden is my ‘If I think about it...I might miss the catastrophe’ – [Dead Horse](#)

[I love them both for different reasons...but Jesus doesn’t give reasons, or caveats...He just loves](#)

1. [We Should Accept Children the Way Jesus Does](#) (13-14)

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(10) They were still in the house...Jesus fame is at a fever pitch - People would bring Rabbi’s blessing
[Whose not having it? Disciples | Indignant – Anger unjust | Responsibility to get children to Jesus no](#)
‘They’ – Both mom and dad...could mean extended family and friends

- [Lead them to Jesus – Caught and Taught - ‘Bringing Children’](#)
- [Love them to Jesus – Law and Grace – ‘touch’ - Imagine the kids being brought to Jesus | 30%](#)
- [Leave them with Jesus – Trusting not Absent – Parable of the Parodical Son](#)

[James MacDonald – I will never stop...I will never quit...I will never give up](#)

[What happens to an unborn child, an infant, a child, or even a physically mature adult with the mental capacity of a child after he/she dies?](#)

[My heart grieves with any parent who loses a child, and that motivated me to search the Scripture on the subject, so I could offer biblically founded words of comfort and encouragement](#)

[John MacArthur – Larry King, ‘What about the two-year-old crushed by the rubble of the collapsing World Trade Center’ – ‘Instant Heaven’ | All sinners’ | ‘Instant Heaven’](#)

- **First – God’s Character:** Bible bell to bell | Merciful – God is Love – God is FATHER
 - [\(3x\) Let the children come to me | Do not hinder them | For such belong the kingdom of God](#)
 - [Psalm 139 - ‘Formed my inward parts...knitted in womb...fearfully and wonderfully made’](#)
 - [Psalm 22 - ‘From my mother’s womb You have been my God’](#)

• **Second – Biblical Example’s**

- [David and Bathsheba - ‘I shall go to him...he will not return to me’ \(2 Samuel 12:15-18\)](#)
- [Jeremiah – Appointed a Prophet before he was born \(Jeremiah 1:15\)](#)
- [John the Baptist – ‘Filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother’s womb’ \(Luke 1:15\)](#)

• **Third – Condition of Accountability | Not age...no specific age, but evidence for condition**

Condition – Child, or childlike mental capacity, who has the inability to reason issues of law and grace, sin and salvation. Therefore, are not held culpable for their inability to actualize faith

- [Jeremiah 19:4-7 – Sacrificed Children ‘Innocents’ | ‘Guiltless’](#)

[Though fallen creatures like all Adam’s offspring, infants are not culpable in the same sense as those whose sins are willful and premeditated.](#)

- God does not use the term ‘innocent’ unless He means it

- [Ezekiel 16:20-22 – Sacrificed Children - ‘Born to Me’ | ‘My Children’](#)
- [Isaiah 7:16 – ‘Before the child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good’](#)

[God alone determines when we are accountable – Not age, but condition](#)

[Every infant or child \(mentally challenged\) who dies before reaching a condition of moral culpability goes instantly to heaven at death...not because they earned it...because of God’s grace through Christ](#)

[Charles Spurgeon – I rejoice to know that the souls of all infants, as soon as they die, speed their way to paradise. Think what a multitude there is of them.](#)

[Heaven – Never have selfish desire | Utter useless word | Perform unkind deed | Think sinful thought
No Suffering | Sorrow | Pain](#)

[Free from Persecution | Division | Disunity | Hate | Disagreements | Disappointments](#)

[Save in the arms of God – John MacArthur](#)

[We should accept children the way Jesus does](#)

[Do whatever we can to get kids to Jesus as fast as we can | Lead...Love...Leave](#)

2. [We Should Accept Jesus the Way Children Do](#) (15-16)

(14) [For such belong the kingdom of God](#) – Only place where we see who the kingdom ‘belongs’ to

- For who would you think, ‘Belongs’ – Rich and powerful | Religious Elite | Got it all together

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[What does that mean? Guys not growing up...YES! Jesus LOVES this! | Three – My Kids](#)

a. [Helpless and Hopeful](#)

- [Helpless - Our lives are in the hands of another | Powerless to save ourselves](#)
- [Hopeful – Everything will work out](#) | Have an untarnished expectation of the world

[Trenton – ‘I told you I’d be in trouble’](#)

[If the Father isn’t there to catch you...there would be nothing but pain](#)

b. [Trusting and Teachable](#)

- [Trusting – You said this is going to be okay...I believe You](#)
- [Teachable – I don’t know how to do this...I’ll do as You say](#)

[Skiing – I know it’s scary...I’ve got you...do as I do](#)

[If the Father isn’t there to teach you...there would be nothing but pain](#)

c. [Wonder](#)

- [Wonder – It’s going to be better than I can imagine...more comprehend...beyond comparison](#)
[Caden - Cows](#)

[The Father is there to teach and catch you...believe in Jesus...one day there will be no pain](#)

[We have to accept Jesus the way children do](#)

- [Jesus saw children as the model of dependence and trust, the mind of innocence and humility.](#)
- [He saw a person eager to please and give thanks, quick to express love](#)
- [He saw quick to receive and obey what was commanded and taught.](#)

¹⁶ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

[Trenton was a baby and I fell...I hit everything on the way down...but I made sure he was safe](#)

[That’s how Jesus treats anyone who comes to Him as a child...taken in His arms...given blessing](#)

[What do we know about children? Jesus loves the little children | Children Matter to God](#)

[What do we know about people who accept Jesus as a child | Childlike Faith Matters to God](#)

[Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but he is strong.](#)

[Yes, Jesus loves me...The Bible tells me so](#)

[How are we developing children and child-like faith](#)