



Kids Who Teach

A few weeks ago I was teaching Bible Class for the 4th – 6th grade on Wednesday night. As usual, we go through the material, memory work, and review the timeline. That week's lesson was based out of 2nd Samuel 5. In this section David has just been anointed King of all of Israel and the Philistines wanted to confront David in his new role. David wisely asked God for guidance during this time, v19 (ESV) "*Shall I go up against the Philistines?*" God told David to go up and he defeated them. Then the Philistines came up yet again to fight and David once again asked God for help. God then told David- v23-24 (ESV) "*You shall not go up, go around to their rear, and come against them opposite the balsam trees. And when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, then rouse yourself, for the Lord has gone out before you to strike down the army of the Philistines.*" David did as God commanded and struck down the Philistines from Geba to Gezer.

In most lessons, I try to challenge the group no matter what age. This time I asked them this question:

If God could just wipe out the Philistines with His Power, why would David have to fight at all?

There were several great answers. Here are three of them.

1. God doesn't want a lazy faith
2. It wouldn't be real love if we were robots or if God did everything for us
3. We are not God's butler, our service comes from faith

So here I am, 43 years old being taught by 10 and 11 year olds. I couldn't have come up with better answers myself.

To watch God's word work within children has always been encouraging to me. To see children understand things on a simple yet deep level is awesome and uplifting. Jesus himself said in Mark 10:15 (ESV) *"Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."*

I've always heard that it was the humility that children show that Christ was referring to. But after teaching kids for approximately 15 years I will say I believe it is much more than that. Their minds are so open to how truly awesome God works. Children love to be challenged in faith and learn more about God. They also bring an innocent perspective to the scriptures and often remind us of how simple and yet powerful God's Word is.

Another great blessing is while kids learn about God, they can definitely teach us. I'd like to commend and encourage those that have helped in teaching before, it means a lot. I'd also like to encourage others to get involved in teaching children in some way, you will surely be blessed.

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