



Week 2 – *Polar Express, Believe like a Child*
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A quick summary of the Polar Express is simply On Christmas Eve a young boy is hoping to find the true Spirit of Christmas.

- How did we lose our childlike ability to believe in something we cannot see?

Matthew 19:14, But Jesus said, “Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children.”

- Jesus was teaching his disciples that people who have faith like a child are going to inherit the Kingdom of God.
- To believe in the Christmas Story one must have childlike faith.

Mark 9:14-29 – Speaks to the power of believing!

How do we lose our Childlike Faith?

1. We focus on the Religion and not the Relationship.
 - Don’t allow a religious spirit to keep the wonder of Christmas from you.
2. We take steps of faith but we don’t see results
 - Failure is an event NOT a person
3. We make a request and it was refused without reason.

Developing Childlike Faith during the Christmas Season

“Seeing is believing, but sometimes the most real things in the world are the things we can't see.” Conductor – Polar Express

1. Childlike faith believes God has the power to do anything.

- A faith that is childlike recognizes that accomplishing the impossible is not about OUR ability or OUR strength... it's about GOD'S ability and HIS strength!

2. Childlike faith admits their unbelief and asks for help.

- God doesn't expect perfection but He does expect honesty and transparency

3. Childlike faith connects to God regularly.

- Maybe you are expecting God to do great things in your life but if you were honest you'd have to admit that in your order of priorities; God is pretty low on your list. You don't spend the time necessary to develop your faith.

Don't allow your past to rob you of what God wants to accomplish in your present and in your future!

Powerful Prayer, Ephesians 1:18-23, I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.