

Let The Little Children Come To Me!

Luke 18:15-17

Luke 18:15: Then **they** also brought **infants** to Him that He might **touch** them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them.

Matthew 19:13-15: Then **little children** were brought to Him that He might **put His hands on them** and **pray**, but the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." And He **laid His hands on them** and departed from there.

Mark 10:16: And **He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them**, and **blessed** (fervently) **them**.

It's **biblical** to **offer, dedicate, pray, bless,** and **give** our children to the Lord.

Hannah **dedicated** (gave) Samuel to the Lord, **all the days of his life**. (1 Samuel 1:28)

It is **not biblical** to **baptize infants!**

Mark 16:15-16: Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who **believes** and is **baptized** will be **saved**; but he who does **not believe** will be **condemned**.

Acts 2:38: Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

Acts 8:37: If you believe with all your heart.

If you were baptized as an infant?

What about baptizing small children?

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Matthew 19:13, 15: Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray. And He laid His hands on them and departed from there.

Mark 10:16: And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.

Luke 4:40: When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.

Mark 8:22-25: Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes (**John 9**) and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything. And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking." Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly.

Mark 16:18: They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.

Luke 13:13: He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

Acts 8:14-17: Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 9:17: Ananias laid hands on Saul (Paul)

Acts 19:6: And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

Acts 6:6: The Apostles laid hands on deacons...

Acts 13:3: ...they laid hands on Saul and Barnabas...

1 Timothy 4:14: Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

2 Timothy 1:6: Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

Luke 18:15: Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. (strong disapproval)

Luke 18:16: But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them (speak seriously); for of such is the kingdom of God."

- Totally **dependent**
- **Unable to provide** for themselves.
- No **achievements**
- No **accomplishments**
- **Willing** and **happy** to **receive** help and gifts
- **Eager, expectant, hopeful, drawn** to relationship
- **Tender, teachable** and **lead-able**

Luke 18:17: Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.