

## Generation Lost?

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**Jesus was and is interested in the next generation.**

"People" brought the children (next gen) to Jesus.

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. Mark 10:13

When Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me. Don't stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Mark 10:14

Jesus wanted to give them life and abundant life.

A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance. John 10:10

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control  
Galatians 5:22

**What if we don't introduce the next generation to Jesus?**

I will declare wise sayings; I will speak mysteries from the past—things we have heard and known and that our ancestors have passed down to us.

Psalm 78:2-3

<p>We will not hide them from their children, but will tell a future generation the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, his might, and the wondrous works he has performed. Psalm 78:4</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>He established a testimony in Jacob and set up a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children. Psalm 78:5</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p><b>How can we avoid losing a generation from faith?</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Teach Them</li> </ul>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:5</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 6:7</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take their questions! gotquestions.org</li> </ul>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pay attention to their influencers. Balance grace and truth.</li> </ul>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Fathers, don't stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surround them with a faith community</li> </ul>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In our church <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Support them financially.</li> <li>○ Volunteer.</li> <li>○ Pray.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>That whole generation also died, and the next generation forgot the LORD and what he had done for Israel. Then the people of Israel sinned against the LORD and began to serve the Baals. Judges 2:10-12</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>