

A hand is pointing to a colorful paper collage of a globe on a white background. The globe is made of various colored paper scraps (blue, green, yellow, orange, red) arranged in a circular pattern. The text "God's love for children" is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font.

God's love for *children*

God's love for children– Matthew 18:1-6

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As we have our child dedication service, we hear how Jesus loves children and how he calls us to be.

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- Jesus turned the disciples' understanding of 'greatness' completely on its head. How did it challenge your understanding?
- Pete spoke of the desire every Christian parent has to see their child come to faith in Jesus while also recognising our own weakness and failures in parenting. Why not take some time as a group to pray for the parents in your group and for those in the wider church.