
The Blessing: Stewarding the Next Generation

The practice of presenting children to God as a community act of faith and stewardship.

1. In the Beginning: Lessons from the Creator

The first family blessing:

- With God's _____ ... (Genesis 1:28)
- Comes RESPONSIBILITY... (Genesis 2:8-16)
- And ACCOUNTABILITY... (Genesis 3:8-9)
- And _____. (reward or consequences) (Genesis 3:14, 23-24)

Stewardship: Honoring God by preparing the next generation
to _____. (Matt 25:14-30)

2. CHILDREN Are a Blessing from God

- 1 Samuel 1:27

_____ is stewardship. We are caretakers of what belongs to God.

3. Dedication is an Act of Worship and _____.

- 1 Samuel 1:28

"Dedication says, "God, _____ know best. Lead us as we lead them."

4. Jesus Welcomes Children—And Calls Us to Learn from Them

- Mark 10:13–16

We re-_____ ourselves to model and pass on real faith.

5. The Church Has a Role in Raising the Next Generation

- Proverbs 22:6

Let's be the kind of _____ that reflects Jesus to our children!

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to view parenting as stewardship rather than ownership?
 2. How do Hannah's actions inspire your prayers or surrender as a parent or guardian?
 3. Why do you think Jesus valued children so highly—and what can we learn from that?
 4. What is one way our Church family can better support parents and children spiritually?
 5. How can you personally model faith to the next generation?
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Join us in sending the gospel across the globe through Operation Christmas Child!

This month we are gathering these supplies to drop in the big green barrel in the lobby:

School supplies: pencil pouches, colored pencils, pencils, colored markers, crayons, pencil sharpeners, and small pocket notebook.

Thank you!

BAPTISM

Baptism is an opportunity to share with your community about the decision you've made to place your faith in Jesus.

AUGUST 24th



Child dedication is a time for parents to publicly commit to raising their child in the love and truth of Jesus Christ. Our church family joins in, pledging to support and pray for the child and their parents.

CHILD DEDICATION

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