

Thy Kingdom Come: Kingdom Kids

Reflect

1. Do you think kids are viewed as valuable? Or are they seen as 'less than'?
2. Do you generally view children as understanding more or less than adults about matters of faith?
3. How should we best set faithful examples for our children?

Read Your Bible

- Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- Matthew 19:13-15

Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. We are told to impress the Lord's commandments on our children in everything we do. What are some ways that you set this example?
2. What are some ways you were made to feel valuable when you were a child?
3. Are you most often like the disciples or like Jesus in the Matthew passage?
4. Have there been times when you have brushed kids off when they were trying to learn about Jesus?
5. What are some ways we can show children they are valuable to God?
6. What are some ways we can give our children more of a voice so that we might learn from them?

Conclusion

Jesus teaches us that we should have faith like a child. As we get older, it gets more challenging to have innocent and childlike faith. Jesus tells us that not only are we to have a childlike faith, but we are also to instruct and lead our children in our love for God and others. Sometimes, as adults, we have a tendency to brush off the concerns and questions of children because they seem too frivolous or naive. We dismiss the wonder and questions as childish when we should be allowing kids to question and wonder about God and faith with us. When we allow question, conversation, and prayer with kids we are not only living out the command to teach kids about God's love, but we also have the opportunity to see God freshly through their eyes. Jesus made it clear that children are valuable and worthy in the eyes of God. We should encourage them to grow in their faith and wonder, and not hinder them.

Pray

Heavenly Father, thank You for entrusting Your children to our care. Lord, let us not become stumbling blocks on their way to You, but help us to lead them to love You and obey Your commands. We know You value children. Help us not to diminish their questions when they are seeking You. Help us to see them the way that You see them and love them the way that You love them. In Jesus' name. Amen.