

# Children

**1. Children belong first to God and are his gift to us.**

**Ps. 127:3–5. Ps. 127:3.** Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward.

**2. Children of believers belong to God and are in his covenant. Gen. 17:7.** “And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.” **Acts 2:39.** “For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

**3. God delights in the praise and worship of children. Ps. 8:2.** Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

**4. Jesus accepted the praise of children. Matt. 21:15–16.** But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant and said to Him,

“Do You hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes. Have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise’?”

**5. Jesus loves little children; of such is God’s kingdom. Matt. 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.

**6. David was comforted by the knowledge that his infant son went to heaven when he died, and that he would see him there. 2 Sam. 12:18–23. 2 Sam. 12:23.** “But now he is dead; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.”