

## Christian Reflections on Children

- **They are created and made in image of God. (Genesis 2)**

While children may not function as adults, they are no less an image of God. God created them. David says in Psalm 139:13 that children are knit together by God.

- **They are a Gift. (Psalm 127:3-5)**

Children are referred to in scripture as a blessing, a gift, and a reward.

- **They are precious to God. (Matthew 10:42)**

God promises a reward to those who bless children.

- **They are an example to others. (Matthew 18)**

Jesus told his disciples that they must become like children to enter the kingdom of God.

- **They are used by God.**

Scripture is full of children used by God, from King Josiah reigning at 8 years old to Miriam, Moses' sister, following her baby brother down the Nile to ultimately get him back to his real family.

- **They take God at face value.**

Many have heard the story of the little boy found standing on his Bible praying to God. When asked why he was doing this, he responded, "My teacher told me I could ask anything of God as long as I was standing on God's Word." A child doesn't over analyze God's word, they are willing to just believe it.

- **They are born into sin. (Psalm 51:5)**

Children have an innocence about them, but make no mistake. God's Word makes it clear, they have a sin problem just like adults.

- **They are no less valued than an adult.**

As stated above, there is no Biblical evidence that adults are valued above children.

- **They are most open to the Gospel at an early age.**

Statistics make it clear that most Christians are saved as a child. George Barna of The Barna Research Group says 9 out of 10 Christians were saved before the age of 18. This means the time to make an impact is when they are young.