

What the Bible Says

... About Children

The ancient Proverb “Raise up a child in the way they should go and they will not depart from it” seems like a distant ideal in today’s world. Seventy percent of children raised in the church leave before they’re young adults, and few ever return. Sunday’s are no longer sacrosanct and the church finds itself in competition with soccer practice and little league, let alone video games such as Fortnite Battle Royale. Did the Bible get it wrong? Or is there something else going on? This week’s Conversation asks the question “What does the Bible say about Children?”

Mark 10:13–16

1. Children had a special place in _____.
2. The responsibility for spiritual training isn’t with the _____
... it’s with the _____.
3. The key to discipling children is _____ and
_____.

My Count Me In! Commitments

- I’ll be here next Sunday
- I’ll invite a friend
- I’d like to learn more about foster parenting
- I’d like information about how to get involved RCC Kids and Youth
- As a parent, grandparent, uncle, or aunt, I will model and talk about my faith in non-icky ways

Additional Notes

Digging Deeper, Going Further

Monday

Read: Ezekiel 34

1. How had Israel's leaders (kings, governors, etc.) failed the people?
2. What had the "flock" done to deserve God's wrath?

Reflect: How will the good shepherd judge the flock?

Tuesday

Read: Ezekiel 35

1. What had Edom (typified as Mt. Seir) done to deserve God's wrath?
2. When Babylon invaded Judah, Edom plotted to take over Jerusalem and the Israelite nation (v. 10). What punishment did God lay upon them for their plans?

Reflect: Why do you think God protected Israel so fiercely?

Wednesday

Read: Ezekiel 36

1. How do you think the people of Israel received the words in vs 1–15?
2. What reason did God give for restoring the people of Israel to their land?

Reflect: How is this passage a fitting reflection of God's grace on God's people?

Thursday

Read: Ezekiel 37

1. How are the soldiers like zombies (the animated dead)?
2. What was the symbolism of the two sticks?

Reflect: How did God turn Israel from a consortium of tribes into a single nation?

Friday

Read: Ezekiel 38

NOTE: Most scholars see chapters 38–39 as a prophesy of the messiah's triumphant coming, what Christians often call "the second coming of Christ."

1. Where does the nation or people of Gog come from? (v 15)
2. What will God do when Gog invades Israel?

Reflect: Do you think these prophesies and these promises made to Israel are valid still today? Why or why not?

Saturday: *Who will you invite to worship with you tomorrow?*