

SGP COME AND SEE: PURELY PRE-SCHOOLERS:

*Let the little children come to me*

DISCUSS:

Imagine a church where the bible is faithfully taught well across all the youth and children's groups, except for the pre-school age. They don't really look at the bible and certainly don't teach it. A newcomer joins the church and asks why is it they are teaching the bible in all the other groups except with the little ones?"

⇒ *Is she right to be concerned? Why/why not?*

LUKE 18:15-17

<sup>15</sup>PEOPLE WERE ALSO BRINGING BABIES TO JESUS TO HAVE HIM TOUCH THEM. WHEN THE DISCIPLES SAW THIS, THEY REBUKED THEM. <sup>16</sup>BUT JESUS CALLED THE CHILDREN TO HIM AND SAID, "LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME, AND DO NOT HINDER THEM, FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE. <sup>17</sup>I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, ANYONE WHO WILL NOT RECEIVE THE KINGDOM OF GOD LIKE A LITTLE CHILD WILL NEVER ENTER IT."

1. JESUS WANTS LITTLE CHILDREN

⇒ *Because they are made in God's image*

**GENESIS 1:27**

<sup>27</sup> SO GOD CREATED MANKIND IN HIS OWN IMAGE,  
IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE CREATED THEM;  
MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM.

**PSALM 139:13-16**

<sup>13</sup> FOR YOU CREATED MY INMOST BEING;  
YOU KNIT ME TOGETHER IN MY MOTHER'S WOMB.  
<sup>14</sup> I PRAISE YOU BECAUSE I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE;  
YOUR WORKS ARE WONDERFUL,  
I KNOW THAT FULL WELL.  
<sup>15</sup> MY FRAME WAS NOT HIDDEN FROM YOU  
WHEN I WAS MADE IN THE SECRET PLACE,  
WHEN I WAS WOVEN TOGETHER IN THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH.  
<sup>16</sup> YOUR EYES SAW MY UNFORMED BODY;  
ALL THE DAYS ORDAINED FOR ME WERE WRITTEN IN YOUR BOOK  
BEFORE ONE OF THEM CAME TO BE.

⇒ *Because they belong in the kingdom*

**LUKE 1:41**

<sup>41</sup> WHEN ELIZABETH HEARD MARY'S GREETING, THE BABY LEAPED IN HER WOMB

⇒ *Because they belong in the church*

### DEUTERONOMY 29:9-12

<sup>9</sup> CAREFULLY FOLLOW THE TERMS OF THIS COVENANT, SO THAT YOU MAY PROSPER IN EVERYTHING YOU DO. <sup>10</sup> ALL OF YOU ARE STANDING TODAY IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD YOUR GOD—YOUR LEADERS AND CHIEF MEN, YOUR ELDERS AND OFFICIALS, AND ALL THE OTHER MEN OF ISRAEL, <sup>11</sup> TOGETHER WITH YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUR WIVES, AND THE FOREIGNERS LIVING IN YOUR CAMPS WHO CHOP YOUR WOOD AND CARRY YOUR WATER. <sup>12</sup> YOU ARE STANDING HERE IN ORDER TO ENTER INTO A COVENANT WITH THE LORD YOUR GOD.

### JOSHUA 8:34-35

<sup>34</sup> AFTERWARD, JOSHUA READ ALL THE WORDS OF THE LAW—THE BLESSINGS AND THE CURSES—JUST AS IT IS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW. <sup>35</sup> THERE WAS NOT A WORD OF ALL THAT MOSES HAD COMMANDED THAT JOSHUA DID NOT READ TO THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY OF ISRAEL, INCLUDING THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN, AND THE FOREIGNERS WHO LIVED AMONG THEM.

### EPHESIANS 6:1

CHILDREN, OBEY YOUR PARENTS IN THE LORD, FOR THIS IS RIGHT.

### COLOSSIANS 3:20

<sup>20</sup> CHILDREN, OBEY YOUR PARENTS IN EVERYTHING, FOR THIS PLEASES THE LORD.

## 2. JESUS WANTS US TO TEACH LITTLE CHILDREN

⇒ *Because they are sinful*

### PSALM 51:5

<sup>5</sup> SURELY I WAS SINFUL AT BIRTH,  
SINFUL FROM THE TIME MY MOTHER CONCEIVED ME.

### ROMANS 3:10

<sup>10</sup> AS IT IS WRITTEN:

“THERE IS NO ONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;

<sup>11</sup> THERE IS NO ONE WHO UNDERSTANDS;  
THERE IS NO ONE WHO SEEKS GOD.

⇒ *Because they are helpless*

**1 COR 13:11**

<sup>11</sup> WHEN I WAS A CHILD, I TALKED LIKE A CHILD, I THOUGHT LIKE A CHILD, I REASONED LIKE A CHILD. WHEN I BECAME A MAN, I PUT THE WAYS OF CHILDHOOD BEHIND ME.

**EPHESIANS 4:14**

<sup>14</sup> THEN WE WILL NO LONGER BE INFANTS, TOSSED BACK AND FORTH BY THE WAVES, AND BLOWN HERE AND THERE BY EVERY WIND OF TEACHING AND BY THE CUNNING AND CRAFTINESS OF PEOPLE IN THEIR DECEITFUL SCHEMING.

⇒ *Jesus wants us to teach little children while being like little children*

**CONCLUSION**

The right thing to be doing with our pre-schoolers must be to teach them the bible