

Let the Children Come

Walking Children through the Fullness of Freedom that Christ Bought for Us

Hello Friends!

We all know that when Jesus died on the cross, He did more than just pay for sins. He also made it possible for us to live in the complete freedom that God originally meant for us. Many children understand that Jesus died for them, but it can be hard for them to grasp the fullness of what that means.

I would like to share with you a new curriculum for children that helps them better understand the work of our Savior by teaching them the freedom and power available through Christ.

This dynamic 12-week study teaches them that they are an important and valuable child of God, how to live a life of devotion to Him, and that they have a purpose in life that He wants them to fulfill.

Features:

- Simplified foundational Biblical truths into language that children can understand
- Real life examples that they can relate to
- Practical "how-to's" in every lesson help them live their life in the fullness of Jesus' freedom
- A step-by-step leader guide with crafts for every lesson

It is unique in that it equips children to receive and maintain freedom from areas that typically hinder a believer's relationship with God and others.

Written as both a devotional and small group curriculum, this powerful material can be tailored for almost any church's need. The step-by-step leader guide makes it easy for any teacher to incorporate it into their existing program. Craft ideas included in each lesson help reinforce the Biblical principles being discussed in a fun and memorable way.

We've included a brief description of each chapter and one full chapter along with its leader guide for you to review.

Contact us to find out how we can partner together to teach children the importance of living a life that reflects the high price paid for them and preparing them for the calling of God on their lives.

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BEST USES

Devotional: Ages 4-13 years
*Parent assisted for younger ages

Small Group Study: Ages 8-12

Let the Children Come Chapter Descriptions:

Ch1: Focus on My Love – This Chapter teaches children that they must choose between living their life focused on God's love for them or on themselves. They then learn how focusing on God's love helps us filter our lives through the lens of His love, allowing us to understand, relate to, and trust Him better.

Ch.2 Let My Love Fill You – Here children learn that it is only through a relationship with God that we can be changed to be like Him. They are then taught how they can do that through daily time with Him in prayer, worship, and the Word.

Ch 3: Understanding Jesus – This chapter not only explains why Jesus died for us but what it means for us beyond relationship with God. Two major benefits of His death, removal of shame and relationship with God, are addressed in depth.

Ch4: Identity in Christ – In this chapter children learn that God made them unique and with a purpose to fulfill. They discover how He sees them and how they can stand against the world's and enemy's plan to change their identity.

Ch5: Feeding Your Spirit – Chapter five teaches the children that they are made in the image of God and that they have a spirit which needs to be strengthened by time with God. They learn to recognize when their soul or body may be calling the shots and how that can be corrected.

Ch6: Let Me Lead – The focus of this chapter is trust. They learn that their trust in God hinges on how well they know Him through the relationship they have built.

Ch7: Forgiving Like Jesus – Here, forgiveness is thoroughly explained. They learn what it is, what it is not, how to forgive, and benefits or consequences in their decision to or not to forgive.

Ch8: Words are Powerful – Children are taught about the power of their words in this chapter. They learn that their words can hurt or heal people and how to get healing from negative things that may have been spoken to them.

Ch9: Guard your Heart – In this chapter, the importance of keeping our heart and mind pure by guarding what we watch, listen to, or read is explained. The children are also taught how to allow the Holy Spirit to begin bringing healing to areas where they have not guarded their purity in the past.

Ch10: Growing Your Friendship – This chapter looks at each aspect of growing in God through prayer, worship, and the Word. They learn the importance of each one and are challenged to make them a part of each and every day.

Ch11: Battle Plan – Chapter eleven teaches children about the weapons God has given us to help us stand against the enemy and fulfill His purpose for us. They are taught how to use the armor of God and authority of Jesus.

Ch12: Holy Spirit – The study ends with a chapter explaining the role and importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives. They learn the benefits of letting Him help them in their daily lives and how they can invite Him in more.

Let the Children Come Leader Guide Sample Lesson:

Chapter 9: Guard Your Heart

Open with: worship, prayer, journal sharing, and memory verse.

Review the Lesson: Ask one of the children to tell everyone what the lesson was about.

-main point: Everything we listen to, watch, read, think about, and say changes our hearts and the way we see and love others. We must be careful to avoid bad things so that our hearts will be ready for God to use us whenever He wants to.

-Will someone please share something new that you learned this week?

-Besides friendship with you, what does God want to do to you? Change your heart to be like His: full of love, forgiveness, and the fruit of the Spirit.

-Why does He want to do this? So that He can use you to help others.

-What two things must you do so that God can use you? 1) Be careful about what you allow in your heart 2) Allow God to clean out bad stuff that gets in.

-When the Holy Spirit shows you something that He wants to clean up, what should you do? Be truthful about it with God and yourself. Then, pray for forgiveness, and ask Him to clean it out of you.

-Why is it important that you read your Bible? God uses it to show you areas He wants to clean up and correct your thinking to His truth.

-From Day 2: Walk with Me - Daniel:

-What did God do when Daniel decided to stay away from the things God had told him to? He blessed Daniel and used him to serve many kings.

-From Day 3: Follow Me - Jesus:

-What helped Jesus say no to things that were not good for Him? His love and respect for God, His Father.

-Besides paying for our sins and setting us free from wrong thoughts and feelings, what else did God plan for us? To work with God in telling everyone the Good News about Jesus so they can be free and come to Him too.

-Ask them if they understood the point of the lesson.

Craft Time: See next page.

Chapter Questions: Discuss the questions with the children at the end of Ch 9, pg 78.

Group Prayer: Be sure to ask them for additional prayer requests that pertain to them and the lesson.

Reminders: Remind the children they should read Chapter 10 Days 1, 2, & 3 before the next meeting.

Ch. 9 Guard Your Heart Craft

Let's use playdough to better understand the importance of being careful about what we allow in our hearts.

Step 1: Give each child a golf ball sized amount of white playdough. ***This playdough can represent our hearts.***

Like this white playdough, God wants our hearts to be clean and pure, so we can share His love well with others.

Step 2: Ask the children to think about things that they should avoid in order to keep their heart pure. For each thing they think of, have them take a small amount of colored playdough and stick it to their white playdough.

Step 3: Tell them to work the different colors into their white ball of playdough.

Now ask them to try to get the colored pieces back out of their white playdough. *When we let things into our hearts that do not honor God or the things He loves, they become mixed in our hearts and changes them, so they are no longer like His. It is very hard to get them back out again. We must make the choice to guard our heart from such things. When we mess up, we must ask Jesus to forgive us for letting that bad stuff in, and then ask the Holy Spirit to clean it out of us.*

You'll need:

- Enough white playdough to give each child a golf ball sized amount
 - Several other colors of playdough
 - Plastic zip bags
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