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God is very interested in children. Talks a lot about them in the Bible. Recorded the deeds of some. Wants to be imp. to them too!

Lesson: Children in the O. T. and in the N. T.

I. Famous Men of the Past Have Spoken about Children & Their Importance.
   A. Charles Dickens: "I love these little people, and it is not a slight thing, when they—who are so fresh from God—love us."
   B. Cicero: "What gift has Providence (God) bestowed on man that is so dear to him as his children?"
   C. Carlyle: "Good Christian people, here lies for you an inestimable loan;—take all heed thereof, in all carefulness employ it. With high recompense, or else with heavy penalty, will it one day be required back."
   D. Henry Ward Beecher: "You cannot teach a child to take care of himself unless you will let him try to take care of himself. He will make mistakes; and out of these mistakes will come his wisdom."
   E. Dwight: "Let all children remember, if ever they are weary of laboring for their parents, that Christ labored for His; if impatient of their commands, that Christ cheerfully obeyed; if reluctant to provide for their aged parents, that Christ forgot Himself and provided for His mother amid the agonies of the crucifixion. The affectionate language of this divine example to EVERY CHILD is, "Go thou and do likewise."

II. O. T. Quotations.
   Children are special treasures of God, given to parents to enrich their lives and give them REAL purpose for living.
   AND God expects children to obey their parents and make the home a happy place in which to live.

III. Children in the O. T.
   Obedient) A. Noah's sons. Gen. 6. Defied the whole world to remain faithful to their great father. You do as well? Could?
   Gr. faith) C. Joseph. Mistreated repeatedly—in God's plan. Prime Minister. 37-45
   Trusting) D. Miriam. Ex. 2. Baby brother entrusted to her sole care at river.
   Love) G. Israelite maid (little!) and captor, Naaman. II Kings 5.
   Disrespect) H. Prophet, Elisha, passes by Bethel (Center of idolatry. Home of one of Jeroboam's golden calves. Adults mocked the man of God. Children just copy their parents.) 42 children torn by 2 female bears. (killed). Teach parents respect for God!

IV. Children in the N. T.
B. ISRAELITE LAD. John 6:9. 5 loaves, 2 fishes. Fed 5,000. UNSELFISHNESS.


D. TIMOTHY. Sterling example. II Tim. 1:4-6, 3:14-17. Phil. 2:7. God needs lots of Timothys and little Israelite maids. Hope you want to be one!

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