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Children In The Bible

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CHILDREN IN THE BIBLEINT:

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 to!
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." 6521

II. O. T. QUOTATIONS.

A. Psalms 127:3-5. Prov. 10:1, 13:1, 20:7. Isaiah 11:1-2,5-6.
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!
Blind faith) B. Isaac. Went to Mt. Moriah for the sacrifice. No protest. G. 22.
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.
Loyalty) E. Moses. Ex. 2. Prov. 22:6. Heb. 11:23-25.
Dedicat.) F. Samuel. I Sam. 1. Weaned. Taken to Shiloh. Great prophet, priest, and judge of Israel. Started at age of 12.
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.

Matt. 18:1-10. 19:13-15. I Cor. 13:11. Eph. 6:1-3.

A. JESUS: Obeyed as children should. Luke 2:40,52.

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B. ISRAELITE LAD. John 6:9. 5 loaves, 2 fishes. Fed 5,000.
UNSELFISHNESS.

C. PAUL'S NEPHEW. Acts 23:16-24. Courageous. Unafraid.

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!

Return to:

INV: Matt. 18:3-4. Part of gospel plan of Sal. Take on sincere
qualities so evident in little children:
LOVE, FORGIVENESS, SHARING, OBEDIENCE, FAITH, TRUST
and PENITENCE. Soft-hearted. Tender-conscience.

Those with child-like faith will: Mark 16:15-16.