

# Teaching Children

Teaching for God can take many forms including teaching our own children. However, there are 2 main types of teaching in the church: teaching children and teaching adults. Many of the skills and techniques are applicable to both. Most people understand the importance of teaching adults in order to equip them for the work of ministry. Sometimes, unfortunately, children are sometimes considered as an afterthought.

The teaching of children is very important to God. Look at what scripture says concerning children.

Matthew 19:12-15

**13 Then *some* children were brought to Him so that He might lay His hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But Jesus said, "Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." 15 After laying His hands on them, He departed from there.**

Mark 10:13-16

**13 And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, "Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it *at all*." 16 And He took them in His arms and *began* blessing them, laying His hands on them.**

Luke 18:15-17

**15 And they were bringing even their babies to Him so that He would touch them, but when the disciples saw it, they *began* rebuking them. 16 But Jesus called for them, saying, "Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 17 Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it *at all*."**

Matthew 18:1-6

**1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 And He called a child to Himself and set him before them, 3 and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me; 6 but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.**

Matthew 18:10-11

**10 "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of My Father who is in heaven. 11 [For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.]**