



## 2.3 Each member is focused on the flourishing of their children as individuals.

**To begin, read Psalm 127:3-5 and Matthew 19:13-15.**

**Psalm 127:3-5** Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. (4) Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. (5) Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

**Matthew 19:13-15** Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, (14) but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." (15) And he laid his hands on them and went away.

Verses 3-5 of Psalm 127 tell us our children are a blessing; they are God's gift to us as husband and wife. They are part of God's original command given in Genesis 1:28 to "be fruitful and multiply."

**Q. Think about your children. How might you tell each one about the unique blessing they are to you?**

Now reconsider what Jesus says in Matthew 19:13-15. *Jesus' command to "let the little children come to me" reveals several truths: 1) Children need to be blessed by the Lord. 2) The Lord wants to bless children. 3) Parents should be encouraged to bring their children to Jesus at an early age and teach them His ways. 4) Jesus has regard for the weakest and most vulnerable among us. 5) No matter how compassionate Jesus' followers are, Jesus Himself is more compassionate still. 6) Those who come to Christ must do so in childlike humility, faith, and simplicity. . ([Got Questions.org](http://GotQuestions.org))*

We've already noted that children are a blessing **from** God. In Matthew 19:13-15 Jesus is telling us that our children are a blessing in Christ's eyes as well. He's telling us that they are a blessing **to** Him. When we bring our children to Him, teaching them Christ's ways, His truth, and His salvation, we are bringing Him people that He cherishes greatly. It is an act of love for us to bring our children to Jesus.

### **Q. How can you bring your children to Jesus regularly?**

No matter what the world wants to say, we know children are vulnerable and weak. Because they do not know what is going on in the world, parents need to provide guidance and protection for their children.

Each child is also uniquely made in God's image. Look at the following verses in Psalm 139 and think about each one or your children.

**Psalm 139:13-16** For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. (14) I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. (15) My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. (16) Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

God created each of your children and wrote out each of their days before they were born, including giving them to you to care for them. What a wonderful truth!

**PRAY FOR EACH CHILD INDIVIDUALLY. Write your prayers here.**

## SUMMARY

Our children are a gift from God and a gift to God. He has created them unique and has written each of their days Himself. Then He put them in our charge to care for them for a time. We have the privilege to share in this wonderful, awesome responsibility.

## LEADERSHIP CONNECTION QUESTION

**Q. As a leader in your home, called to bring each of your unique children to Jesus, what is one thing you can change in their lives to that end?**

## RESOURCES FOR NEXT STEPS

- **RightNow Media @WorkStudy**  
**The Spiritual Formation of Your Children**  
<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/interactive-content/528274/details>
- **Books for Younger Readers**  
**The Berenstain Bears' Caring and Sharing Treasury**  
<https://a.co/d/fMs5MIO>