

Anglican Foundation of Canada

Say Yes! to Kids Sunday—Liturgical Resource

June 22, 2025 (Second Sunday After Pentecost)

General Instructions

The Anglican Foundation of Canada invites you to join us in celebrating the presence and voices of children and youth in your parish and across the Anglican Church of Canada on a specially designated Sunday following Pentecost. If Sunday, June 22 does not work in your local context, feel free to participate on an alternate Sunday. The Liturgical Resource below provides suggested readings, hymns, collects and other resources and is intended to be a flexible guide that may be adapted to any context.

Parishes can participate in a number of ways:

1. Designate June 22, 2025—or another Sunday following Pentecost—as *Say Yes! to Kids* Sunday. Announce it in the lead-up and help build excitement across the church about our Anglican youth.
2. Invite the children and youth in your parish to participate in the service. Some suggestions are below.
3. Pray for the children and youth in your parish and across the country. Pray for the local youth leaders and volunteers. Pray for diocesan youth ministry staff and for the [National Youth Secretariat](#).
4. Take up a special collection or offering to support children and youth ministry. The offering may be used to support your own youth ministry. Alternatively, you may wish to direct the offering to the Anglican Foundation of Canada's [Say Yes! to Kids campaign](#), where the funds will be disbursed to exciting youth projects across the country.

Invite children and youth to participate in the service by:

- Greeting parishioners.
- Participating in a procession.
- Speaking or reciting one of the Suggested Readings.
- Offering a Litany or Prayers of the People.
- Sharing a short reflection or homily.
- Assisting in preparing the table/altar.
- Performing a musical number before, during, or after the service.
- Singing in a special choir for this Sunday.

If you have a designated area for children to gather, or a space for [Messy Church](#) or [Godly Play](#), consider moving it to the front of the church for this service, near the chancel or altar.

Proper

Proper 12 (BAS 363)

Alternative Sentence

Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. (1 Timothy 4:12)

Alternative Collects

O God, our ever-loving Father/Parent, who in stillness and quiet gave Elijah comfort, encouragement, and wisdom to seek, discern, and live out his vocation: bless the children and youth of [name ministry], and those who are called to serve them, with curious minds, joyful hearts, and willing hands, that together they may work for the good of your people and shine your light in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Friend and Brother. Amen.

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O Lord Jesus Christ, who took little children into your arms and blessed them: Bless, we pray, the children of this church/all children; grant that they may grow up to know and love you; give them each day your strength and guidance, that they may continue in your service the rest of their lives. Grant this, O blessed Saviour, for your name's sake. Amen.

Adapted from the Prayer for Children, BCP 733

God, our refuge and hope, when race, status or gender divide us, when despair afflicts us, and community lies shattered, comfort us with the stillness of your presence, so that we may confess all you have done; through Christ, to whom we belong and in whom we are one. Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for June 22, 2025

(full texts available at end of document)

1 Kings 19:1–4, (5–7), 8–15 (*Elijah Meets God at Horeb*)

Psalms 42, 43

Galatians 3:23–29

Luke 8:26–39

Alternative Suggested Readings

(full texts available at end of document)

Deuteronomy 6:1–9 (*The Shema*)

1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20) (*The Calling of Samuel*)

Psalms 23, Psalm 103:1–18, Psalm 127 (*note: for Psalm 127, the BAS 886 uses “children” rather than “sons”*), Psalm 139:1–5, 12–17

Philippians 4:4–9

Mark 10:13–16, Matthew 19:13–15 (*Jesus Blesses the Children*)

Matthew 18:1–5 (*“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name...”*)

Suggested Hymns

Common Praise (1998)

415/416 All Things Bright and Beautiful

418 Draw the Circle Wide

425 Joy, Joyful We Adore Thee

460 Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

458 Seek Ye First

519 The Lord's My Shepherd

532 What a Friend we Have in Jesus

541 As Longs the Hart for Flowing Streams

Sing a New Creation (2022)

10 Let Us Build a House

24 I Have Called You By Your Name

99 Listen Up!

The Hymn Book (1938)

694 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

719 Jesus Bids Us Shine

Other

This Little Light of Mine

As the Deer

Suggested Litanies

BAS Litany 5 (114)

BAS Litany 9 Morning (117)

BAS Litany 19 Thanksgiving (128) (*note: include references to children and youth in the 2nd and 8th intercessions*)

Suggested Prayers of the People

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In faith and thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord, responding to each petition of “Lord, in your mercy” with the words, “Hear our prayer.”

Almighty God, our ever-loving Father/Parent,

On this *Say Yes! to Kids* Sunday, we thank and praise you for the blessing of infants, children, youth, and young adults in our lives—for family, friends, and loved ones in every generation. Fill us with compassion and love for one another. Give us hope for the future you have planned for us. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In this time after Pentecost, we seek the presence of your Holy Spirit among us. We ask your blessing on the Anglican Church of Canada and on your church throughout the world. We pray for our Acting Primate Anne, for [name], our bishop, and for the bishops across this country: give them wisdom and grace to lead your church. We pray for those who minister to youth in our diocese, [name(s)], for the General Synod Animator for Youth Ministry, for the National Youth Secretariat, and for all those who work to build our capacity for youth ministry across the church. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We thank you for [name of church], and for your many blessings upon us. We pray for our clergy, [name(s)], for the church staff and wardens, and the lay leaders and volunteers who serve you here in our congregation. We pray for our youth leaders, [name(s)], and for the children’s and youth ministries in our church: [name ministries]. Help us to hear your voice calling us to new forms of service and outreach, especially among the children and youth in our community. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for our nation, for the government of Canada: for Charles our King, the Prime Minister, the Premier of [province/territory], the Mayor of [city/town], and elected officials at all levels of government. May they govern with wisdom and humility, seeking justice and prosperity for all people, and safeguarding our resources for future generations. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for peace in the world. Protect those who are under persecution and those who struggle for freedom and democracy. We think especially of the children and youth who have been displaced by conflict and are suffering—may violence cease and innocent lives be spared. We pray for those people in positions of political authority around the world. Stir in all hearts a desire for peace and reconciliation. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the poor and those who are unemployed. Help us to care for our neighbours and to be an open door to all in need. In our own community, we also pray for the sick, the lonely, and for all who suffer in body and mind. Ease their pain and restore their spirits. We pray for those we know with particular needs:

[...] Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We remember once again those who have gone before us in the faith, thinking especially of [...]. With them and in communion with all the saints, we give thanks to you for the hope and promise of the resurrection. Grant that we may share with them in the blessings of your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Alternative Prayers & Blessing

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Prayer over the Gifts

O God, you call us to your table and show us how much you love us.
May we always be aware of your presence in the busyness, in the silence and in the bread and wine.
We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

God of life and freedom, we give thanks for the holy things we have received today.
May it strengthen, heal, and fill us with joy as we continue to grow as disciples of your love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Blessing

May you hear God's voice in the stillness, may you hear God's voice in the rhythm of your heartbeat, and may you hear God's voice as you go forth, declaring the good works God has done in your life and in the world. The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Suggested Eucharistic Prayers

BAS Eucharistic Prayer 4 (201)

BAS Eucharistic Prayer 5 (204)

Alternate Eucharistic Prayers

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Eucharistic Prayer 6

Suitable for use when a significant number of children under 7 years is present.

The Lord be with you. *Or* The Lord is here.
And also with you. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thank you, Father,
for making us and our wonderful world.
Wherever we are in your world,
we should always thank you,
through Jesus, your Son.
[Jesus lived as one of us;

Jesus died on the cross for us;
Jesus is alive because you gave him life again;
Jesus is with us now.]
So, with the angels and everyone in heaven,
we say / sing together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Great and wonderful Father,
we remember when Jesus had supper with his friends
the night before he died,
he took the bread;
he thanked you, broke it, gave it to his friends and said:
Take this and eat it – this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine;
he thanked you, gave it to his friends and said:
All of you drink from this cup,
because this is my blood –
the new promise of God's love.
Do this every time you drink it
to remember me.

Together we remember that Jesus is always with us
and say / sing:
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come in glory.**

So loving Father,
remembering how dearly Jesus loves us,
we should love him too.
Send your Holy Spirit, gentle as a dove,
on us and on these gifts,
so that, with everyone who eats and drinks
this bread and wine,
the body and blood of Jesus,
we may be full of your life and goodness.
Help us all to walk hand in hand with Jesus
and live our lives for him.

All honour and glory belong to you, Father,
through Jesus, your Son,
with the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 7

Suitable for use when a significant number of 7–11 year-olds is present.

In place of the Proper Preface [Through him you made us ...], three or four children may each read out a brief sentence of thanksgiving for the love of God in Christ.

The Lord be with you. Or The Lord is here.
And also with you. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is always right,
wherever we are,
to thank you and to praise you,
God our Father and King for ever,
through Jesus Christ, your Son.
[Through him you made us and the whole universe.
When your Holy Spirit came to Mary,
Jesus was born as one of us.
He loved us so much that he died for us;
on the first Easter Day you raised him to life;
and death and evil were conquered for ever.
At Pentecost, you gave the Holy Spirit,
as Jesus promised,
to help us to live as your children.]
So here on earth,
with the angels and archangels
and with everyone in heaven
we praise your name and say / sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father in heaven,
listen to the prayer we make in Jesus' name;
through the Holy Spirit's power, gentle as a dove,
may this bread and this wine be for us
Jesus' body and blood.

Father, we remember
when Jesus had supper with his friends
the night before he died,
he took the bread;

he thanked you, broke it, gave it to his friends and said:
Take this and eat it – this is my body,
given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine;
he thanked you, gave it to his friends and said:
All of you drink from this cup,
because this is my blood –
the new promise of God’s love.
Do this every time you drink it
to remember me.

Together we remember that Jesus is always with us
and say / sing:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come in glory.

Father, as we remember your Son, Jesus Christ,
who died on the cross and rose again,
we offer you these and all the gifts
you freely give to us.
Send your Holy Spirit to be with us
and all who share this bread
and drink from this cup.
Help us to trust you,
bring us closer together and welcome us,
with all your people,
into Jesus’ glorious kingdom.
All honour and glory belong to you, Father,
through Jesus, your Son,
with the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for June 22, 2025

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

1 Kings 19:1–4 (5–7), 8–15a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.”

[Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.”]

He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

Psalm 42, 43

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.
When shall I come and behold
the face of God?
My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me continually,
'Where is your God?'
These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:
how I went with the throng,
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.
Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.
My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.
Deep calls to deep
at the thunder of your cataracts;
all your waves and your billows
have gone over me.
By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.
I say to God, my rock,
'Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I walk about mournfully
because the enemy oppresses me?'
As with a deadly wound in my body,

my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me continually,
‘Where is your God?’

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
against an ungodly people;
from those who are deceitful and unjust
deliver me!

For you are the God in whom I take refuge;
why have you cast me off?

Why must I walk about mournfully
because of the oppression of the enemy?

O send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;

let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling.

Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy;
and I will praise you with the harp,
O God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.

Galatians 3:23–29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Luke 8:26–39

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me” for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the

lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Alternative Suggested Readings

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

Deuteronomy 6:1–9

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

[Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.]

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Psalm 103:1–18

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.

As for mortals, their days are like grass;

they flourish like a flower of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.
But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

Psalm 127

(Note: for Psalm 127, the BAS Psalter, pg. 886 uses "children" rather than "sons")

Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labour in vain.
Unless the Lord guards the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain.
It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives sleep to his beloved.
Sons are indeed a heritage from the Lord,
the fruit of the womb a reward.
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the sons of one's youth.
Happy is the man who has
his quiver full of them.
He shall not be put to shame
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Psalm 139:1–5, 12–17

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.

Philippians 4:4–9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Mark 10:13–16

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Matthew 19:13–15

Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

Matthew 18:1–5

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.”

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