



Our Children are not our Own

Scripture and Reflection

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Scripture can help us focus our prayers. It helps us to meditate on God's word because it is true. Each time you pray, look at one of these verses and consider the prayer prompt. Ask God to reveal to you what he wants you to know, learn, change, be comforted by or reminded of in regard to you and your children.

Jeremiah 1:5

*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born, I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.*

God has always known you, cared for you, and had plans for you. It is the same for your children. How does this affirm your child's life?

1 Samuel 1:27-28

I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." Then they worshiped there before the LORD.

The story of Hannah (1 Samuel 1:1-2:21) is a testimony to love and faithfulness. This verse reminds us that children are a gift from God. Thank God for your children, remembering that they are a gift. Then, consider the ways in which you can teach your child to be dedicated to the Lord.

Isaiah 64:7

Yet, LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you our potter: we are all the work of your hand.

Think about each of your children and list a few unique qualities you see in them. Thank God for those qualities. If you feel led, let your children know what you see and how God is working in them.

Joshua 1:9

*I command you: be strong and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed,
for the LORD, your God, is with you wherever you go.*

This verse is so reassuring. It is for you and your child in equal measure. What are your fears or concerns? List them and then give them to God to take care of as he knows best.

Luke 18:16

Jesus, however, called the children to himself and said, "Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

A verse to hold onto – Jesus wants your children close to him. They belong to the Kingdom of God. Consider blessing your children each day to remind them of that. A simple sign of the cross on their forehead works. Commit to a small ritual each day to remind them and you that God is present and with them.

