

# WOW! JESUS LOVES YOU!

TRUST IN GOD  
AT ALL TIMES,  
YOU PEOPLE;  
POUR OUT YOUR HEARTS  
TO HIM,  
FOR GOD IS OUR REFUGE.

PSALM 62:8







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IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.  
MATTHEW 18:4





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*Long ago the Lord said to Israel: "I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love, I have drawn you to myself." Jeremiah 31:3 (NLT)*

## BE DEPENDENT UPON YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Let's read *Matthew 18:1-4*.

*At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked,  
"Who then is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"*

*He called a little child and placed the child among them.  
And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children,  
you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

*Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

In these verses, Jesus tells us how to be great in the kingdom of heaven. We're told we must change and become like little children.

## CHILDREN ARE HUMBLE

Humility is described as lowly reverence. Humility involves complete submission to God. Please read and write out each of these verses.

1. Read *Proverbs 22:4, Page 585*.

2. *Proverbs 29:23, Page 592*.

3. *Luke 14:8-10, Page 935*.

4. ***Luke 22:24-26, Page 944.***

### LITTLE CHILDREN TRUST THEIR PARENTS

5. ***Psalm 56:3-4, Page 512.***

When a little child is afraid, he cries out for his mommy and daddy. He'll run to his parents and want to be picked up, protected, and comforted. And so must we be that way with our Heavenly Father. Part of trust is running to God when we're afraid.

1. ***Psalm 62:8, Page 515.***

Little children trust their daddies all the time. They totally depend on their daddies.

2. ***Proverbs 3:5-7, Page 567.***

Little children trust their parents with all their heart. They don't even think of trusting someone else. It's so awesome to watch the devotion, trust and respect small children have for their daddies. They want approval.

3. ***Nahum 1:7, Page 837.***

4. ***Romans 10:11, Page 1,014.***

## LITTLE CHILDREN LISTEN TO THEIR PARENTS

Teachable—learning and listening. The toddler stage of childhood is so amazing to watch. It's a time of learning, learning, learning. Children listen and watch their parents. They copy their parents' behavior.

God wants us to be willing learners. He wants us to be eager to learn from Him. If we'll be eager to please Him, He will favor us.



1. ***Psalm 32:8-9, Page 498.***

2. ***Psalm 119:33-37, Page 550.***

### **A SMALL CHILD EASILY FORGIVES, ADORES THEIR PARENTS, AND THEY POSSESS A SIMPLE JOY OF LIFE**

When we're dependent on God, we can try and do it in our strength, or we can do it in the new strength God gives us. When we do it in our strength, it becomes striving, and striving turns into legalism. When we let the Holy Spirit direct us, when we ask for the help of the Holy Spirit, when we yield to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, then we're depending on God. This dependence is done in childlike faith.

We're humble, knowing God knows best and knows more; we submit to His will.

We're always listening and learning from God. This means Bible study and prayer.

We trust God. We know He loves us. He is God Almighty and will work in our lives for our best and the best of others. And then we forgive others, because we know Christ has forgiven us.

We adore God for who He is and what He's chosen to do for us.

We find joy in the simple things of life.

It is so fun to hear kids laughing. They get great joy and excitement over seemingly the smallest of things. God wants us to enjoy him and to enjoy the life He has given us. He wants us to trust Him just like our kids trust us, and to enjoy life, just like our kids enjoy life. Have fun! Be excited for all that God has for you! Proverbs tells us that laughter is good like medicine. So, precious people, quit being so serious and quit worrying. Laugh, enjoy God, enjoy God's creation. Enjoy all that He has given you!

A quote from The Complete Works of E.M. Bounds on Prayer, chapter "Prayerless Christians." (Grand Rapids, MI, Baker Books, 2003)

"A father loves his children, supplies their needs, hears their cries, and answers their requests. A child believes his father, loves him, trusts in him, and asks him for what he needs, believing without doubting that his father will hear his requests. God has everything to do with answering the prayer of his children. Their troubles concern him, and their prayers awaken him. Their voice is sweet to him. He loves to hear them pray, and he is never happier than to answer their prayers".