**THEME: MY FUTURE STARTS NOW**

Our Bible Verse is taken from the book of Jeremiah 29:11 that says ***“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Isn’t that amazing? God has incredible plans for each and every one of you!***

**Opening:**

Today, as we celebrate Children’s Day, I want to talk to you about something very special: your future and my future. Have you ever thought about what you want to be when you grow up? Well, guess what? Your future starts right now and my future starts right now!

Our Future refers to the period of time that comes after the present moment. It’s the time ahead of us that hasn’t happened yet. It’s filled with possibilities, opportunities, and unknowns, and it is shaped by the choices and actions we make in the present

**Message:**

God has already set in motion a wonderful plan for your life. Just like a seed planted in the ground that grows into a beautiful flower or a tall tree, your future is starting to take shape right now. But just like a plant needs water, sunlight, and care to grow, you need to take action to fulfil God’s plan for your life.

**What can you do to start shaping your future today?**

1. **DREAM BIG!**

Think about what you love to do and what makes you happy. Whether it’s drawing, playing sports, helping others, or even inventing new things, God has given you unique gifts and talents to make a difference in the world.

1. **WORK HARD!**

Like a farmer who tends to his crops, you need to put effort into developing your skills and talents. Whether it’s studying hard in school, practicing your hobbies, or being kind to others, every small step you take today will help you grow into the amazing person God created you to be.

1. **SET A SMART GOALS**

A smart goal is a goal-setting framework that helps individual create objectives that are

* Specific: Clearly define what you want to accomplish. Be precise and specific about your goal.
* Measurable: Establish criteria to measure your progress and determine when you’ve achieved your goal.
* Achievable: Set goals that are realistic and attainable given your resources, skills ad circumstances
* Relevant: Ensure that your goal aligns with your overall objectives and is meaningful and relevant to you
* Time-bound: Set a deadline or timeframe for achieving your goal to create a sense of urgency and focus.

1. **TRUST GOD’S PLAN!**

Even when things don’t go the way you expect, remember that God’s plan for you is always good. Just like a gardener patiently waits for seeds to grow into plants, trust that God is always working behind the scenes, guiding you towards a bright and beautiful future.

**CLOSING:**

My dearly people of God as we celebrate Children’s Day today, remember that our future is filled with endless possibilities. With God by our side, there’s no limit to what we can achieve. Let us Dream big, work hard, be smart and trust in God’s plan for our lives, because our future starts right now!