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Family & Parenting

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR CHILDREN

AT A GLANCE

BIG IDEA

Children are not only a blessing but also a command from God to be fruitful and multiply. They hold a special place in God's kingdom, embodying praise and protection. Through biblical examples, we see how God uses children and the seemingly insignificant to fulfill His sovereign purposes.

PRIMARY PASSAGES

Genesis 1:26-28

Matthew 15:13

Matthew 19:14

Psalm 22:3

Revelation 4:11

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Children are a divine decree, not just a blessing.
- God's sovereignty allows Him to use anyone for His purpose.
- Children embody praise and are essential in God's kingdom.
- God can reverse the irreversible, as seen in Sarah's story.
- Hospitality can lead to receiving God's blessings.

INTRODUCTION

Children are a vital part of God's creation and His divine plan. They are not only a blessing but a command from God to be fruitful and multiply. This study explores the significance of children in God's kingdom and how they are used to fulfill His purposes.

SCRIPTURE READING

- **Genesis 1:26-28** — Highlights God's command for humanity to be fruitful and have dominion.
- **Matthew 15:13** — Affirms God's power to remove what He has not planted, ensuring fruitfulness.
- **Matthew 19:14** — Shows Jesus' love for children and their importance in God's kingdom.
- **Psalm 22:3** — Emphasizes God's presence in the praises of His people, especially children.
- **Revelation 4:11** — Explains that all creation exists for God's pleasure.

KEY POINTS

1. DIVINE DECREE OF FRUITFULNESS — God's command to be fruitful is a decree, not merely a suggestion. This highlights the importance of children in fulfilling God's plan for humanity. Children are a manifestation of God's creative power and a testament to His desire for life to flourish. The command to multiply is a call to participate in God's ongoing work of creation.

- Reflect on how you can support and nurture children in your community.
- Consider the ways you can contribute to the flourishing of life around you.
- Pray for families and children, asking God to bless them with fruitfulness.

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-28

2. CHILDREN IN GOD'S KINGDOM — Children hold a special place in God's kingdom, embodying praise and innocence. Jesus emphasized their importance, showing that they are integral to His plan. Their purity and faith are examples for all believers, reminding us of the qualities valued in God's eyes. Children are often the vessels through which God reveals His truths and blessings.

- Spend time with children, learning from their perspective and faith.
- Encourage children to express their faith and praise.
- Create environments where children feel valued and heard.

Scripture: Matthew 19:14 Psalm 22:3

3. GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY AND PURPOSE — God's sovereignty allows Him to use anyone, regardless of their status or birth order, to fulfill His divine purposes. This is evident in the stories of Isaac, Moses, and David. God's plans are not limited by human expectations or societal norms. He often chooses the least likely individuals to accomplish His will, demonstrating His power and wisdom.

- Trust in God's plan for your life, even when it seems unlikely.
- Look for ways God might be using unexpected people or situations around you.
- Celebrate the diversity of gifts and callings in the body of Christ.

Scripture: Psalm 115:3

KEY POINTS (CONT.)

4. REVERSING THE IRREVERSIBLE — God has the power to reverse seemingly irreversible situations, as demonstrated in the story of Sarah, whose barren womb was blessed with Isaac. This shows that no situation is beyond God's ability to transform. His timing and methods are perfect, often bringing about miraculous outcomes that defy human understanding.

- Have faith in God's ability to change difficult situations in your life.
- Share testimonies of God's miraculous interventions with others.
- Pray for those facing seemingly impossible circumstances.

Scripture: Genesis 21:1-7

5. HOSPITALITY AND BLESSINGS — Being hospitable can open doors to God's blessings, as seen in biblical narratives where hospitality led to divine favor. Welcoming others and showing kindness can be a channel through which God works. Hospitality reflects God's love and can lead to unexpected blessings and opportunities.

- Practice hospitality by inviting others into your home or community.
- Look for opportunities to serve and bless others through acts of kindness.
- Reflect on how hospitality has impacted your life and faith journey.

Scripture: Genesis 18:1-15

GROUP DISCUSSION

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

OBSERVATION

- What command did God give humanity in Genesis 1:26-28?
- How does Jesus view children according to Matthew 19:14?
- What role do children play in God's kingdom as seen in Psalm 22:3?

INTERPRETATION

- Why do you think God emphasizes fruitfulness in His command?
- How can children embody praise and innocence in a way that adults might struggle with?
- What does God's use of unexpected individuals tell us about His character?

APPLICATION

- In what ways can you support the growth and development of children in your community?
- How can you cultivate a child-like faith in your own spiritual journey?
- What steps can you take to practice hospitality and open your life to God's blessings?

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for families to recognize and embrace the divine blessing of children.
- Ask God to help us support and nurture children in our communities.
- Seek God's guidance in cultivating a child-like faith and innocence.

NEXT STEP

Reflect on how you can actively support and nurture the children in your community as part of God's divine plan.

CONCLUSION

Children are a vital part of God's plan, embodying His command to be fruitful and multiply. They hold a special place in His kingdom, serving as examples of faith and purity. Through their lives, God demonstrates His sovereignty and ability to use anyone for His purposes. By embracing children and practicing hospitality, we open ourselves to ...

CONCLUSION (CONT.)

God's blessings and become active participants in His divine plan.

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