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Series: The value of a Child.

*“Helping people experience the hope
found in a life-changing relationship with Jesus”.*

Three things that children are:

1. Children are a gift from God.

Psalms 127:3 NLT

³Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.

2. Children are a reward from God.

Psalms 127:3 NLT

³Children are ... a reward from him.

3. Children are a great example for us.

Matthew 18:1-5 NKJV

¹ At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

² Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, ³ and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵ Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.

Example of:

- Humbleness
- Innocence
- Forgiveness
- Compassion.

What is childhood abandonment?

Childhood abandonment is when a parent or caregiver does not provide a child with an environment that offers safety or adequate access to basic needs, care, attention, and support. Childhood abandonment can happen intentionally or unintentionally.

Childhood abandonment can happen in many ways, including physical abandonment, emotional neglect, and unintentional abandonment due to sickness or death.

What does every child need?

Matthew 3

¹⁷ And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

1. Affirmation

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Positive affirmation helps kids to gain confidence, contributes to a growth mindset, and helps kids to truly believe that they have a purpose in life.

2. Identity.

"This is

Having an identity can give you a sense of belonging, which is important for your wellbeing and self-confidence.

Our identity in Christ is a reflection of them

<u>Genesis 1:27</u> You are made in God's image	-	<u>Romans 15:7</u> You are accepted	-	<u>John 15:16</u> You are chosen
<u>Galatians 4:7</u> You are free	-	<u>1 John 1:9</u> You are forgiven	-	<u>2 Corinthians 5:17</u> You are a new person
<u>Peter 1:5</u> You are protected by God-		<u>1 Corinthians 12:27</u> You are part of something important		
<u>Psalms 139:13-16</u> You are God's special creation		<u>Isaiah 43:4</u> You are precious to God.		<u>Ephesians 1:3</u> You are blessed
<u>Romans 8:17</u> You are an heir of God		<u>Romans 10:13</u> You are saved		<u>1 Corinthians 6:19</u> The Holy Spirit lives in you.
<u>Exodus 19:5</u> You are treasured by God		<u>Colossians 2:10</u> You are complete in Christ		

Giving a child an identity will make a big difference in their life

3. Belonging.

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Belonging develops a child's ability to build trust and confidence in others...

<u>John 1:12</u> You are a child of God.	<u>Galatians 3:13</u> You are rescued.	<u>1 Corinthians 3:23</u> You belong to Jesus
<u>Ephesians 2:19</u> You are part of God's family	<u>Romans 8:38-39</u> God loves you no matter what.	<u>Zephaniah 3:17</u> God is with you
<u>Jeremiah 29:11</u> God has a plan for your life	<u>Psalms 23:1-3</u> God is taking care of you	
<u>John 15:11</u> Jesus gives you true joy	<u>Psalms 139:1</u> God understands you.	<u>Philippians 3:20</u> You are a citizen of Heaven
<u>1 John 5:14-15</u> God listens to you	<u>Philippians 4:13</u> God gives you strength	<u>Romans 6:4</u> Jesus offers you a new life

4. Love

beloved Son

It gives them someone to trust. When kids know they are loved, they know they have someone to trust.

1 John 4:9. *We love Him because He first loved us.*

5. They are special *in whom I am well pleased."*

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