

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

People: Lord Jesus, we are too often childish and not childlike. We find ourselves rooted in selfishness. We are often impatient. We are too often demanding and lack wisdom. And so we are childish. But you call us to be child-like. Forgive our childishness and renew in us a sense of wonder at your works. Give us passion and a willingness to act without measuring every angle. But most of all, give us a faith which is completely dependent upon your love and grace. Forgive us, Lord Jesus, that we may walk in your ways. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Readings

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Psalm 8

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

From the lips of children and infants

you have ordained praise because of your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

What is man that you are mindful of him,
the son of man that you care for him?

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.

You made him ruler over the works of your hands;
you put everything under his feet:

All flocks and herds,
and the beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Romans 8:12-17

Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Luke 18:15-17

The Little Children and Jesus

People were also bringing babies to Jesus to have him touch them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

"Like a Little Child"
Luke 18:15-17

Introduction: Ah, traveling with children...

Learning from children ~

1. You can't start _____.

"People were also bringing babies to Jesus to have him touch them." v. 15

2. We are in the business of _____.

"People were also bringing babies to Jesus to have him touch them." v. 15

3. Obstacles should be _____.

But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." v. 16

4. Two "rebukes." Why?

When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them..." v. 15-16

5. "_____..."

"I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." v. 17

Answers to Sermon Outline: too young; bringing people to Jesus;
removed, not built; like a little child

THE BENEDICTION

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: **And the people took the blessing and held it in their hearts.**

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!