

Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there. **Matthew 19:13–15 (NIV)**

If a man marries a woman who becomes displeasing to him because he finds something indecent about her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house, **Deuteronomy 24:1 (NIV)**

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## HOW TO ACT LIKE A KID

### 1. CHILDREN AREN'T AFRAID TO ASK FOR WHAT THEY WANT

You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. **James 4:2 (NLT)**

Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him. **Matthew 7:7–11 (NLT)**

### 2. CHILDREN SEE LIFE AS AN ADVENTURE

And David danced before the LORD with all his might, wearing a priestly garment. **2 Samuel 6:14 (NLT)**

### 3. CHILDREN LET OTHERS KNOW WHEN THEY ARE HURTING

Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” **Luke 5:29–32 (NIV)**

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. **James 5:13–16 (NIV)**

**THIS WEEK'S READING:**

**MAR 26:** MATT. 22:1-22; NUM. 21; SONG 1:1-2:7

**MAR 27:** MATT. 22:23-46; NUM. 22:1-40; SONG 2:8-3:5

**MAR 28:** MATT. 23:1-12; NUM. 22:41-23:26; SONG 3:6-5:1

**MAR 29:** MATT. 23:13-39; NUM. 23:27-24:25; SONG 5:2-6:3

**MAR 30:** MATT. 24:1-31; NUM. 25-27; SONG 6:4-8:4

**MAR 31:** MATT. 24:32-51; NUM. 28-29; SONG 8:5-14

**APR 1:** MATT. 25:1-30; NUM. 30-31; JOB 1

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