

KCA BEACON

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Loving Our Children Like

Jesus Loves Us

It is February and love is in the air, but how do we show our children the love of Jesus? It isn't through stuffed animals, chocolate hearts, or a bouquet of flowers. The best way we can teach our children to share the love of Jesus and to be a light is to help them to understand just how much Jesus loves them. Perhaps, that's why one of the first songs we teach our children is the song *Jesus Loves Me*. The song, written in 1860 by Anna Warner begins like this:

*Jesus loves me, this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong*

They are weak but He is strong.

Children and adults alike feel great joy and comfort in the simple truth conveyed by this song. Once these words settle in our souls, we then carry this message in our hearts. We can learn much about loving children from Jesus, the author of our faith.

These Bible verses offer insight into why Jesus' relationship with children was so special and guide us in helping our children experience God's love.

Jesus made children a priority.

Even in the midst of his busy ministry, Jesus acknowledged and valued children as individuals and recognized the important role he played in their lives. No one had more to accomplish in life than Jesus; yet, he always made time to care for children.

"And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them unto him, and said, suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God" – Luke 18:15-17

Jesus blessed the little children.

Jesus received them. He publically praised them. He never let others diminish their worth.

"And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them and blessed them" – Mark 10:16

Jesus prayed for children.

Jesus was personally involved in the lives of children. He surveyed their spiritual needs, placed His hands upon them, and prayed for them.

But Jesus said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven" Matthew 19:14

Jesus reached out to children in all types of situations.

As we teach our children how to positively relate to others we are sharing the love of Jesus. Our care of others is a measure of greatness. We are called to embrace those who may not be able to return our care and concern; the needy, the helpless, the poor. We can reach out to children in need and help them feel loved and accepted. Jesus teaches us this.

Luke 9:47-48: "And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him, and said unto them, whoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he this is least among you all, the same shall be great"

Planting the seeds of God's love in our children's hearts is a great calling. As we share the love of Jesus with the children that God has placed in our lives, let us reflect on the timeless wisdom in Anna Warner's song and remember that we love because he first loved us.

Carrie Ballinger

FOR THE KIDS

NEW Retreat for 2020!!!

May 1 - 3, KCA will host a Spring Retreat for Middle School and High School aged kids! This Retreat falls at a special time, as it will be ending at the annual MAYFEST gathering of all the churches! Make plans now to attend this fun weekend!

God's Power on Display!!!

Have you really thought about a bird's migration? See if you can recognize God in these things:

- *Number of miles they fly*
- *Finding their way*
- *Bad Weather they face*

OUR journey through seasons have challenges like the birds'. God's Power can be seen in our lives when we trust his guidance.

Memorize Psalm 119:105

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."

PRAYERS FOR THE CAMP

THE CHILDREN

- Leadership
- Need for teachers
- Need for volunteers
- Facilities & Grounds needs
- Dream of Ministry Team
- Building Fund

KCA Board Meeting:

*March 9, 7pm at
Brodhead Christian*

CAMP DATES for 2020

<u>Middle & High Retreat:</u>	May 1-3
<u>MayFest:</u>	May 3
<u>Day Camp:</u>	May 30
<u>1st Chance:</u>	June 4-6
<u>High School/College:</u>	June 7-12
<u>Middle School:</u>	June 14-19
<u>Junior Week:</u>	June 21-26
<u>Helping Hands:</u>	July 1

(Dates are subject to change)

KID'S DEVOTION

Read: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-10; 13

Everything amounts to nothing if we do not have God's love. In fact, everything we do and say should come from a heart of love, and our *response* to what others do and say to us, should be one of love.

If others are angry, mean or abusive towards us, *should we respond the same way to them?*

To show God's love in situations like this can be hard as it really does hurt, but it's important to learn not to let what others say or do affect us — after all, it's only their opinion and not the truth. We need to remember this, because they know not what they do (or say).

We need to become love. The more we respond in love, the more we will become love.

Reacting by shouting, saying mean things or hitting does nothing to promote love — it only makes the situation worse.

We all need help in this area, so will you pray this prayer with me:

Lord Jesus, I need your help to respond in love. Lord, you know how much it hurts when others say mean things or do mean things to me, please show me how I can respond with your love. Help me, Lord, to become love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Josh Haines



KCA Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters to form words you would commonly hear at KCA each summer

X B O K H C Y O E _____

S E N E S G I _____

L E S G P O S _____

S G R I S L M R O D _____

E A N C T E N _____

S S O N M I S I _____

S S U E J T H I R S C _____

R M A F C P I E _____

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