

**Valley Bible Church  
Sermon Notes for March 15, 1987**

**Jesus' Love for Children  
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Introduction: Parents want the best for their children.

Jesus is not indifferent to children but the thrust of His ministry is to adults.

We don't see a lot about children from Christ's ministry.

We see here how the disciples react when children were brought to Jesus. The children being brought are small children, infants and little kids.

The parents that bring their children are seeking the best for them. They wanted Jesus to lay hands on the children to bless them, pray for them and for God to favor their lives.

Jesus is taking time for the children because they are important. "For the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Why would Jesus say this? The little children are part of the Kingdom of Heaven. In the Kingdom of God they have the gift of eternal life.

**Mark 10** goes on to say that we need to become as little children to enter the kingdom. This is not an either or; Jesus was talking about both. Children have a special position with Jesus and we must become as children.

In **2 Samuel 17**, David says after his child dies that he can not bring the child to him but that one day he would be with the child.