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**Children's World**

**Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me,**

**My father, thou art the guide of my youth?**

**(*Jeremiah 3:4)***

**Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children,**

**you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.**

***(St. Matthew 18:3)***

**Then they brought little children to Jesus,**

**that he might lay his hand on them and pray;**

**and his disciples rebuked them.**

**Let the children come to me, and do not stop them;**

**for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.**

**(*St. Matthew 19:13,14)***

**Become like newborn babes,**

**and long for the word as for pure and spiritual milk,**

**that you may grow to salvation by it.**

***(1 Peter 2:2)***

**Child abuse doesn’t just scar the psyche, says Science. It can actually alter the functioning of a child’s DNA, making him or her more vulnerable to stress and depression into adulthood. Scientists at McGill University in Montreal conducted autopsy studies of the brains of men who’d been abused as children, comparing them with the brains of those who had not been abused, and found a telling difference in the genes in the portion of the brain that responds to stress. In most people, these genes respond to stress by ordering the production of special proteins that shield the brain against the effects of the stress hormone cortisol. But in children who have been abused, the researchers found, the flood of stress hormones early in life prevents these genes from “turning on” properly, making life much more stressful and painful. It’s as if their nerves are exposed, with no defense against negative experiences. As a result, abused children have much higher incidence of anxiety, depression, substance abuse, and suicide. *(The Week magazine, March 13, 2009)***

**Political history is far too criminal and pathological to be a fit subject of study for the young. Children should acquire their heroes and villains from fiction. *(W. H. Auden)***

**Allow children to be happy in their own way, for what better way will they ever find? *(Dr. Samuel Johnson, writer) 423989***

**A Utah mom gave her 6-year-old daughter her Amazon password to order a single Barbie as a reward for doing extra chores. and was chagrined a few days later to see a delivery truck deposit a large pile of dozens of Barbies and other toys on her front steps. Catherine Lunt said she didn't realize that her daughter, Katelyn, had gone on a shopping spree with the password until it was too late. "The truck pulls up, and all these boxes are being pulled out of the truck," Catherine said. She is donating the toys to a local children's hospital. (*The Week magazine, August 31, 2018)***

**Children Are: Amazing, acknowledge them. Believable, trust them. Childlike, allow them. Divine, honor them. Energetic, nourish them. Fallible, embrace them. Gifts, treasure them. Here now, be with them. Innocent, delight with them. Joyful, appreciate them. Kindhearted, learn from them. Lovable, cherish them. Magical, fly with them. Noble, esteem them. Open-minded, respect them. Precious, value them. Questioners, encourage them. Resourceful, support them. Spontaneous, enjoy them. Talented, believe in them. Unique, affirm them. Vulnerable, protect them. Whole, recognize them. Xtraspecial, celebrate them. Yearning, notice them. Zany, laugh with them. (*Meiji Stewart)***

**The young are permanently in a state resembling intoxication; for youth is sweet and they are growing. (*Aristotle)***

**The Beauty of the Child:**

**C is for their Christ Lights, which shine from them so bright.**

**H is for their little hugs, that are so warm and tight.**

**I is for individuality, which they have no trouble showing.**

**L is for their Love inside, which is always freely flowing.**

**D is for their divine presence, that they so openly share. *(C. Jeffrey Cornell)***

**The children's book Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer was written by Robert L. May for the department store Montgomery Ward. The store gave away 2.4 million copies during the 1939 Christmas season. *(The Daily Chronicles)***

**Children always brighten up a home. They never turn off the lights. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**The young do not know enough to be prudent, and therefore they attempt the impossible, and achieve it, generation after generation. *(Pearl S. Buck)***

**Each child comes with a message that God is not yet discouraged with man. *(Sir Rabindranath Tagore, Indian Nobel Prize-winning poet)***

[**First-graders complete some well-known sayings: Better be safe than . . . punch a fifth-grader. Strike while the . . . bug is close. It’s always darkest before . . . daylight savings time. Don’t bite the hand . . . that looks dirty. No news is . . . impossible. A miss is as good as a . . . Mr. You can’t teach an old dog new . . . math. The pen is mightier than the . . . pigs. Where there’s smoke, there’s . . . pollution. Children should be seen and not . . . spanked or grounded. You get out of something what you . . . see pictured on the box. *(Rocky Mountain News)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Children are very adept at comprehending modern statistics. When they say, “Everyone else is allowed to,” it is usually based on a survey of one. *(Paul Sweeney, in The Quarterly)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

**We spend the first 12 months of our children’s lives teaching them to walk and talk and the next 12 months teaching then to sit down and shut up. *(Phyllis Diller)***

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[**Don't laugh at a youth for his affectations; he is only trying on one face after another to find a face of his own. *(Logan Pearsal Smith)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Children don't need toys to play. My one-year-old is never happier than when he is unraveling an audio tape, wearing underwear on his head or making music by clinking a crystal ornament against the glass coffee table. And his favorite part of birthdays and Christmas is the chance to taste so many kinds of colored wrapping paper while everyone else is distracted with whatever is inside. Even my older children don't need toys -- they are quite content reprogramming my computer, taking apart the lens of my camera or face-painting with the makeup in my bathroom. It is parents who need toys. We need toys to keep our children away from our things. *(Susan Lewis, in Philadelphia)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

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[**A young mother examined a toy rather dubiously, then asked the salesman, “Isn’t this rather complicated for a small child?” “It’s an educational toy,” replied the clerk. “It’s designed to adjust a child to live in the world today. Any way he puts it together, it’s wrong.” *(Bits & Pieces)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**The face of a child can say it all. Especially the mouth part of the face. *(Jack Handey)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**You may give them your love but not your thoughts, for they have their own thoughts. You may house their bodies but not their souls, for their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams. You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you. For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday. You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth. *(Kahlil Gibran, in The Prophet)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Of all the dear sights in the world, nothing is so beautiful as a child when it is giving something. Any small thing it gives. A child gives the world to you. It opens the world to you as if it were a book you’d never been able to read. But when a gift must be found, it is always some absurd little thing, pasted on crooked . . . an angel looking like a clown. A child has so little that it can give, because it never knows it has given you everything. *(Margaret Lee Runbeck) 920904***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

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[**When I was a child, God also became a child with me to be my playmate. *(Tagore)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**It is easy to find lots of reasons why God is something we cannot do without. But this much is certain: the grown-ups aren't bothering about Him, so we children must do it. *(Rainer Maria Rilke)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

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[**If children grew up according to early indications, we should have nothing but geniuses. *(Goethe)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence. (*Denis Waitley)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

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[**The highest frequency that adult humans can hear is about 20,000 cycles per second. Children can hear frequencies up to 40,000 cycles. *(Barbara Seuling, in You Can't Sneeze with Your Eyes Open, on page 42)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**A 7-year-old who reviews toys is the highest paid YouTube star, earning $22 million last year. Ryan, of Ryan Toys Review, has garnered 26 billion views and 17.3 billion followers since his parents set up his YouTube Channel in 2015. Nearly all the money is generated from ads shown before the videos, which he posts nearly every day. He bested YouTube star Jake Paul by $500,000. In third place was Dude Perfect, five guys performing silly, dexterous tricks, with $20 million. *(Forbes, as it appeared in The Week magazine, December 14, 2018)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

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[**Show us a home with young children and we’ll show you a home where every pack of cards counts out at between 37 and 51. *(Bill Vaughan) 29014***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn. If children live with hostility, they learn to fight. If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive. If children live with encouragement, they learn to be confident. If children live with fairness, they learn justice. If children live with tolerance, they learn to be patient. If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and in those around them. *(Dorothy Law Nolte, in Children Learn What They Live)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**A telemarketer called a home one day, and a small voice whispered, "Hello?" "Hello! What's your name?" Still whispering, the voice said, "Jimmy." "How old are you, Jimmy?" "I'm four." "Good. Is your mother home?" "Yes, but she's busy." "Okay, is your father home?" "He's busy too." "I see, who else is there?" "The police." "The police? May I speak with one of them?" "They're busy." "Any other grown-ups there?" "The firemen." "May I speak with a fireman, please?" "They're all busy." "Jimmy, all those people in your house, and I can't talk with any of them? What are they doing?" "Looking for me," whispered Jimmy. *(The Jokesmith)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Children are apt to live up to what you believe of them. *(Lady Bird Johnson)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Nothing you do for children is ever wasted. (*Garrison Keillor)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**The trick for grownups is to make the effort to recapture what we knew automatically as children. *(Carol Lawrence)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

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[**If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence.**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

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[**If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world. (*Dorothy Law Nolte)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**I believe that each newborn child arrives on earth with a message to deliver to mankind. Clenched in his little fist is some particle of yet unrevealed truth, some missing clue, which may solve the enigma of man's destiny. He has a limited amount of time to fulfill his mission and he will never get a second chance -- nor will we. He may be our last hope. He must be treated as top-sacred. *(Sam Levenson, in Everything But Money)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Children like to listen to scary stories before bedtime. Adults watch the late news. *(Doug Larson)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

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[**Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see. *(John W. Whitehead, in The Stealing of America)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Our children are the living messages we send to a future we will never see. *(Elijah Cummings)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

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[**Republican legislators have proposed loosening child labor laws in at least 10 states over the past two years. Laws have been proposed to allow 14-year-olds to work mining, logging, and meatpacking jobs, to work until 9 p.m. on school nights, and to serve alcohol in bars and restaurants. *(Associated Press, as it appeared in The Week magazine, June 9, 2023)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

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[**Children may tear up a house, but they never break up a home. *(Lufkin Industries ROUNDUP)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Our children may learn about heroes of the past. Our task is to make ourselves architects of the future. *(Jomo Kenyatta, former Kenyan President)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

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[**Childhood is measured out by sounds and smells and sights, before the dark hour of reason grows. *(John Betjeman, in Summoned by Bells)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Sir William Osler, visiting one of London’s leading children’s hospitals, noticed that in a convalescent ward all the children were clustered at one end of the room dressing their dolls, playing games and playing in the sandbox – all except for one little girl, who sat forlornly on the edge of her high, narrow bed, clutching a cheap doll. The great physician looked at the lonely little figure, then at the ward nurse. “We’ve tried to get Susan to play,” the nurse whispered, “but the other children just won’t have anything to do with her. You see, no one comes to see her. Her mother is dead, and her father has been here just once – he brought her that doll. The children have a strange code. Visitors mean so much. If you don’t get visitors, you are ignored. Sir William walked over to the child’s bed and asked her in a voice enough for the others to hear, “May I sit down, please?” The little girl’s eyes lit up. “I can’t stay very long this visit,” Osler went on, “but I have wanted to see you so badly.” For five minutes he sat talking to her, even inquiring about her doll’s health and solemnly pulling out his stethoscope to listen to the doll’s chest. And as he left, he turned to the youngster and said in a carrying voice, “You won’t forget our secret, will you? And mind, don’t tell anyone.” At the door he looked back. His new friend was now the center of a curious and admiring throng. *(Bits & Pieces)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Children are not things to be molded, but are people to be unfolded. *(Quoted by Jess Lair)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**A small child was permitted to sit on the stairs for a short time while her parents entertained at a rather noisy cocktail party. The next day, when asked what she thought of the party, the child replied, "Well, it kinda sounded like being on the school bus." *(United Mine Workers Journal)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**A child is a person who can't understand why someone would give away a perfectly good kitten. *(Doug Larson, United Feature Syndicate)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**All children are artists. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up. *(Pablo Picasso)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**The greatest natural poets are children, says A. M. Sullivan, a New Jersey poet. They see things in a wonderful, original and imaginative way. As proof, Sullivan offers these images from kids: The stream comes by my house and, when it turns, it stumbles. When you open the window at night you let the dark in and it gets all over everything. Yesterday I saw the wind. It was playing in my dog’s hair. Oil on the pavement looks like a dead rainbow*. (Bits & Pieces)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Society seems to want to constrict childhood more and more. Perhaps it has to do with not wanting to be caregivers anymore because we're too busy or fearful. Society wants kids to grow up more quickly. It offers them rewards for being more and more adult-like in their behavior rather than childlike. Children need someone to reassure them that play -- their own, unique, imaginative play -- is something to be valued. Children need to be valued for who they are, where they are, and not for something in the future. *(Fred Rogers, in TV Guide)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**A 2-year-old is kind of like a blender, but you don't have a top for it. *(Jerry Seinfeld)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Today is November 10, Sesame Street Day, remembering the date the children's show first aired in 1969. The show was almost called 123 Avenue B, and Oscar the Grouch was originally orange. He turned a trashy shade of green during season two. *(The Daily Chronicle)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Show us a home with young children and we’ll show you a home where every pack of cards counts out at between 37 and 51. *(Bill Vaughan)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**A child wants nothing but to upset the world. *(Bruce Springsteen)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**We see a child swinging on a gate and we say, "Go find something to do." We fail to realize that he is already doing something -- he's swinging on a gate. Inevitably, when we grow up, instead of swing on gates when we feel like it, we go out and "find something to do." *(James Lincoln Collier, in Reader's Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**I take my children everywhere, but they always find their way back home. *(Robert Orben)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Bitter are the tears of a child: Sweeten them. Deep are the thoughts of a child: Quiet them. Soft is the heart of a child: Do not harden it. *(Lady Pamela Windham Glenconner)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**A child on a farm sees a plane fly overhead and dreams of a faraway place. A traveler on the plane sees the farmhouse . . . and dreams of home. *(Carl Burns, in The Drug Shop)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**There's nothing that can help you understand your beliefs more than trying to explain them to an inquisitive child. *(Frank A. Clark)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Walk With a Child and realize how much you miss with adult eyes.**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Walk that much nearer to the ground and see the little star-like track of sparrow footprints in the sand, grass peeking through a sidewalk crack, lost pennies waiting to be found. Walk, or sometimes skip, instead. Blow off the top of a dandelion head. Step squarely in a puddle, unafraid. Bend low to see the hill the ants have made. Walk with a child and realize the renaissance of surprise. *(Ruth Manley Powers, in Praying Hands)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

**Children begin by loving their parents; as they grow older they judge them; sometimes they forgive them. (Oscar Wilde)**

[**When a child is born, he or she comes into this world without precognitions of what this world "should" be. Children just open their eyes in wonder and fascination and experience life as it presents itself to them. What a simple and wonderful formula this is. *(Susan Smith Jones)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**An ancient grandmother lived with her daughter and grandson. As she grew frail and feeble, instead of being a help around the house, she became a constant trial. Shebroke plates and cups, lost knives and spilled water. One day, exasperated because the old woman had broken another precious plate, the daughter sent the grandson to buy his grandmother a wooden plate. The boy hesitated because he knew a wooden plate would humiliate his grandmother. But his mother insisted, so off he went. He returned bringing not one, but two wooden plates. “I only asked you to buy one,” his mother said. “Didn’t you hear me?” “Yes,” said the boy. “But I bought the second one so there would be one for you when you get old.” *(A Palistani folktale)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**World Book editors wanted to know what's of specific interest to children, so recorded what was most frequently looked up in school libraries: Dog, snake, cat, fish, bird, president of the United States, horse, flag, dinosaur, baseball, whale, animal, Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, football, airplane, Earth, elephant, Florida and United States. *(L. M. Boyd)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

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