

Treasure Hunt

- What is the meaning of the action requested of the Lord in 19:13?
- Who else uses this action in the Bible?
- With which facet of 1 John 2:16 does the episode with the little children deal?
- Give some specific examples of how believers should be like little children.
- What is the duty of older believers, in view of the instruction to be like little children?

Life in the Kingdom

17:22-20:16 Life in the Kingdom

17:22-18:35 Final Lessons in Galilee

17:22 while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said ...

Private instruction to the disciples

Common theme: **offense to others**

17:22-23 Second passion prediction

17:24-27 The disciple and the Temple

18:1-35 Relations with other disciples

19:1-20:16 Teaching by the way

19:1 Jesus ... departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Judaea beyond Jordan

Public instruction, involving the multitudes (v.2)

Common theme: **ruling ourselves**

19:3-12 Divorce: Lust of the Flesh

19:13-15 Little Children: Pride of Life

19:16-20:15 Riches: Lust of the Eyes

Prayer and Laying On of Hands

Gen 48:14 And Israel stretched out his right hand, and **laid** it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn. 15 And he **blessed** Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, 16 The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

Luk 2:25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name *was* Simeon; and the same man *was* just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost *was* upon him. 26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, 28 Then **took he him up in his arms**, and **blessed** God, and said, 29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: 30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, 31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; 32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

Act 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. 3 And when they had fasted and **prayed**, and **laid** their hands on them, they sent them away.

Act 14:25 And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down into Attalia: 26 And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been **recommended to the grace of God** for the work which they fulfilled.

Annoyed Disciples

Mat 15:21 Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, *thou* Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. 23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

Matt 19:14 and 18:3

18:3 Except ye **be converted**, and **become as little children**, ye shall not enter into the **kingdom of heaven**.

19:13 Then **were there brought** unto him little children ... 19:14 Suffer **little children**, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for **of such** is the **kingdom of heaven**.

The Disciples' Struggle with the Pride of Life

Mat 16:21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. 22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

Mat 17:22 ... Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men: 23 And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry. ... 18:1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

Mat 20:17 And Jesus ... said unto them, 18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, 19 And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify *him*: and the third day he shall rise again. 20 Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping *him*, and desiring a certain thing of him. 21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.

Luk 22:19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake *it*, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. 20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup *is* the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you. ... 24 And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

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Childlike Humility in the Believer

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Hungry for food (teaching) from others:

1Pe 2:1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

Looking to more mature people for help, guidance, and security.

1Th 5:12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; 13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. *And* be at peace among yourselves.

Heb 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you.

1Pe 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

Parental Responsibility

Gal 4:19 **My little children**, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

1Th 2:7 But we were gentle among you, **even as a nurse cherisheth her children**: 8 So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. 9 For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. 10 Ye *are* witnesses, and God *also*, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe: 11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, **as a father doth his children**, 12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

1Co 4:14 I write not these things to shame you, but as **my beloved sons** I warn *you*. 15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *have* ye not many **fathers**: for **in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel**.

1Jo 2:1 **My little children**, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. (also 3:18)

Peter's Synthesis

1Pe 5:1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: 2 **Feed** the flock of God which is among you, taking the **oversight thereof**, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; 3 Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

5a Likewise, ye younger, **submit** yourselves unto the elder.

5b Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with **humility**: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the **humble**. 6 **Humble** yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: 7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

How to Become like a Little Child

19:13 Then **were** there **brought** unto him little children ...

18:3 Except ye **be converted**, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Ecc 11:5 As **thou knowest not** what **is the way [path]** of **the spirit**, *nor* how the bones *do grow* in the womb of **her that is with child**: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.

Joh 3:7 ... ye must be **born** again. 8 **The wind** bloweth where it listeth, and **thou** hearest the sound thereof, but **canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth**: so is every one that is **born** of **the Spirit**.