

LET THE LITTLE
CHILDREN
COME

Matthew 18:1-4

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13 April 2025

INTRODUCTION

- **Contending for our families**
- **God is calling us to actively build our family relationships with tools in one hand and to fight for our families with spiritual weapons in the other.**

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- **Setting an example for my children.**
- **Family relationships are important and we should discipline ourselves to build intentionally.**

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- A big shout out to Wei Quan's cell:
Best Cell Award



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- **We must watch and pray because God will work on our behalf when we pray.**

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- **Let us come together as a church to build the protective walls over our people especially for our children who are weak and vulnerable.**

A young boy with a joyful expression is sitting on a wooden bench outdoors. He is wearing a red baseball cap and a blue and white plaid shirt. He is holding an open book in his lap and laughing heartily with his mouth wide open. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape with warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is happy and carefree.

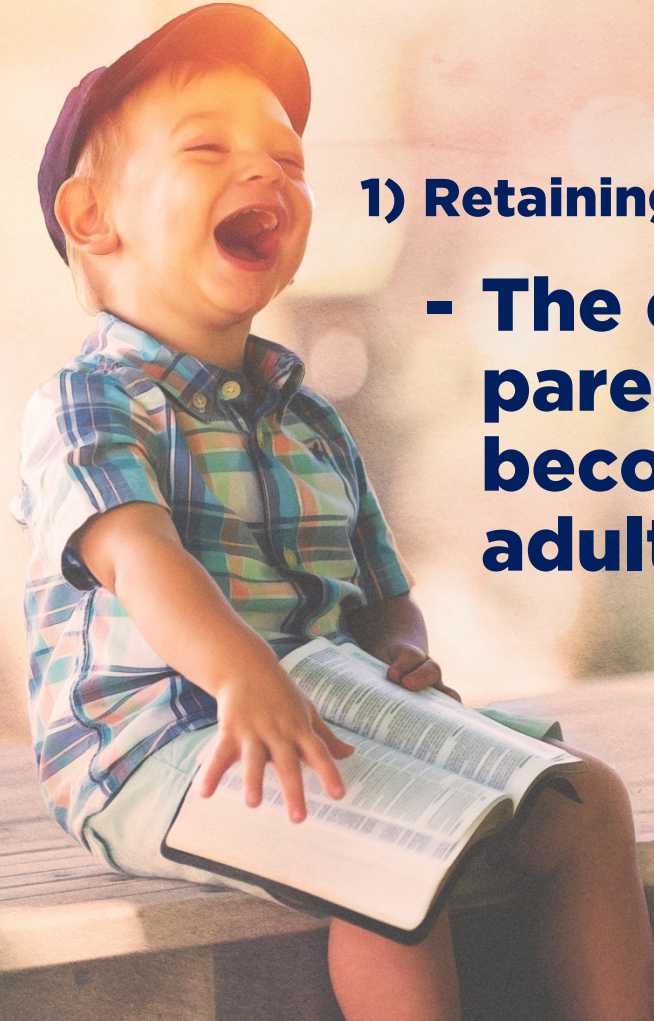
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Screen Video Clip

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- The end goal of parenting is for kids to become responsible adults.**

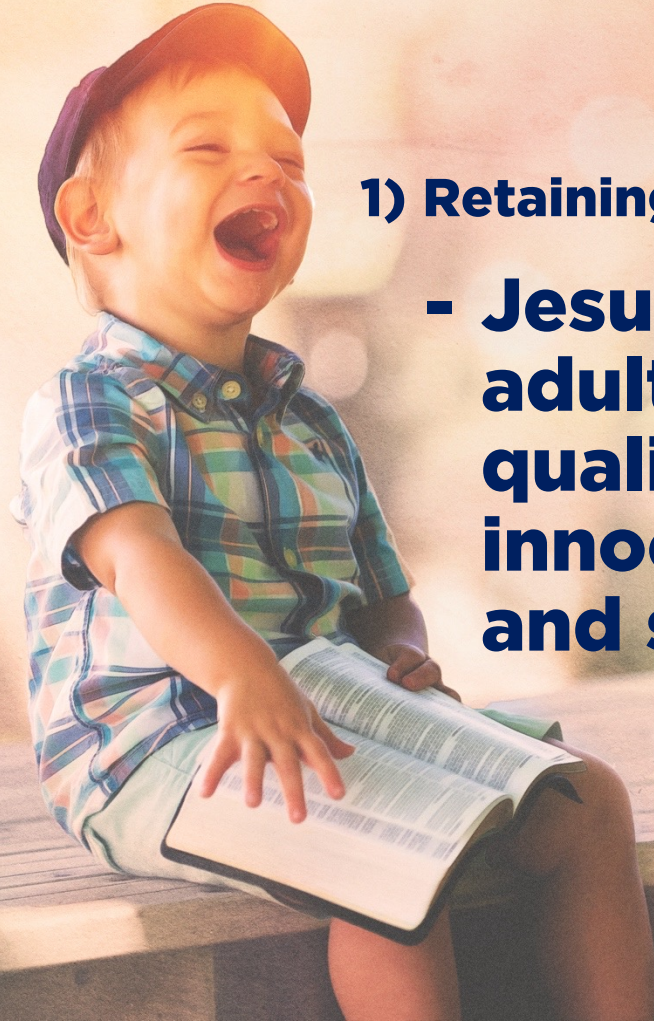
MATTHEW 18:1-4 (ESV)

¹ At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ² And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³ and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.



1) Retaining Childlike Qualities

- Jesus saw some important virtues in children that could qualify them for the Kingdom of Heaven.**



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- Jesus was implying that adults have lost childlike qualities such as innocence, trustfulness and simplicity.**



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- Saving faith required for entering salvation must be childlike - trusting and totally dependent on God.**



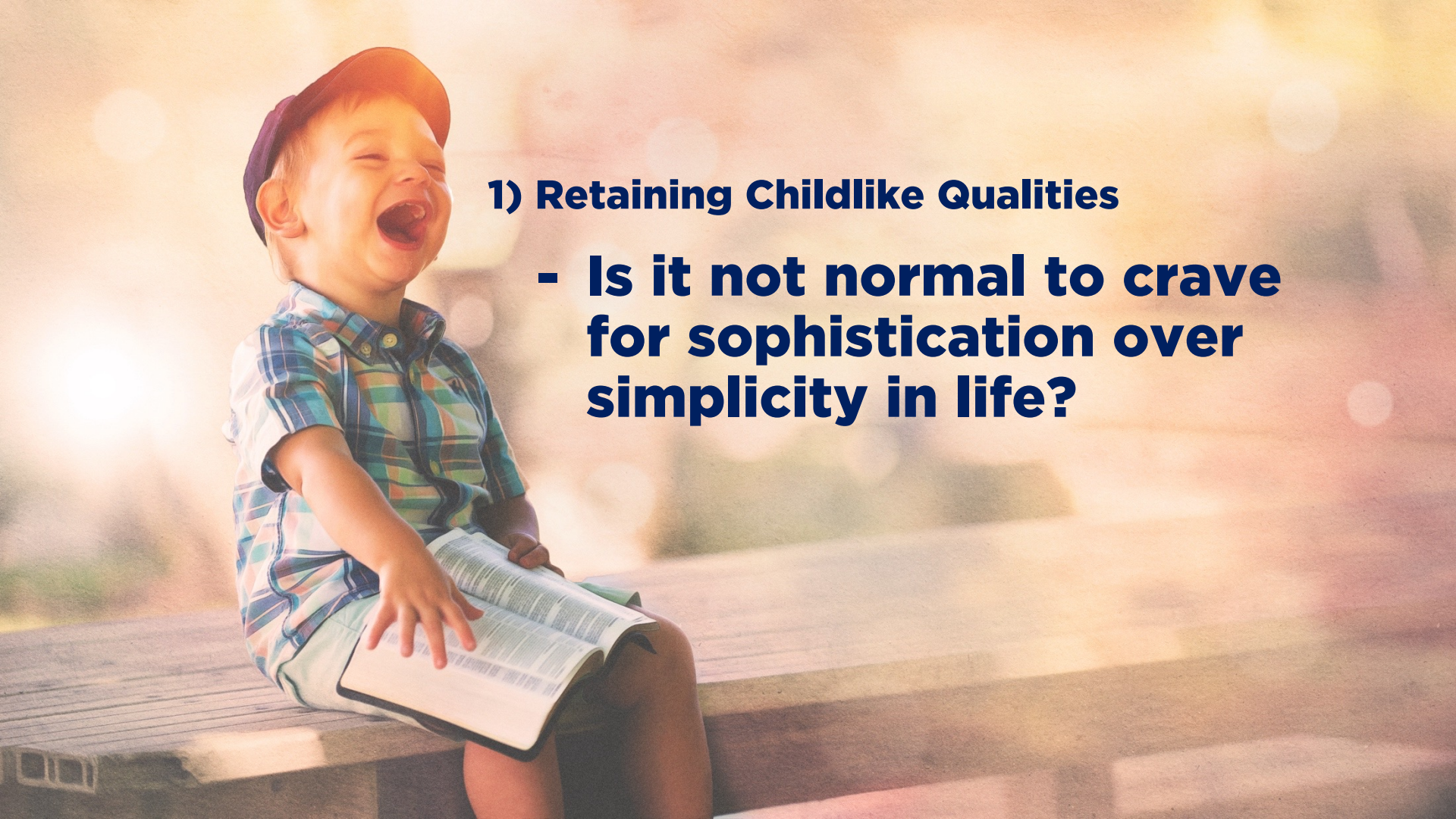
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- Retaining and growing in those childlike qualities are not easy because they are contrary to the pattern of the world.**



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- Instead of an innocent or pure outlook on life, is it not true that as we grow, we tend to be more cynical about the existence of goodness in the world?**



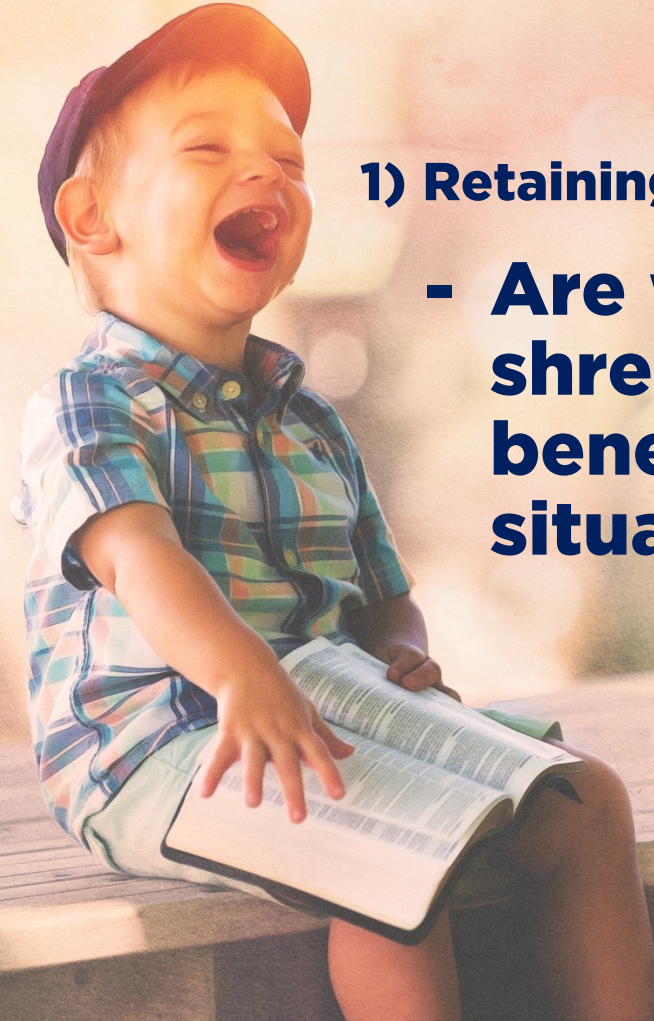
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- Is it not normal to crave for sophistication over simplicity in life?**



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- Instead of being trusting, are we not taught since young not to be too trusting towards people?**



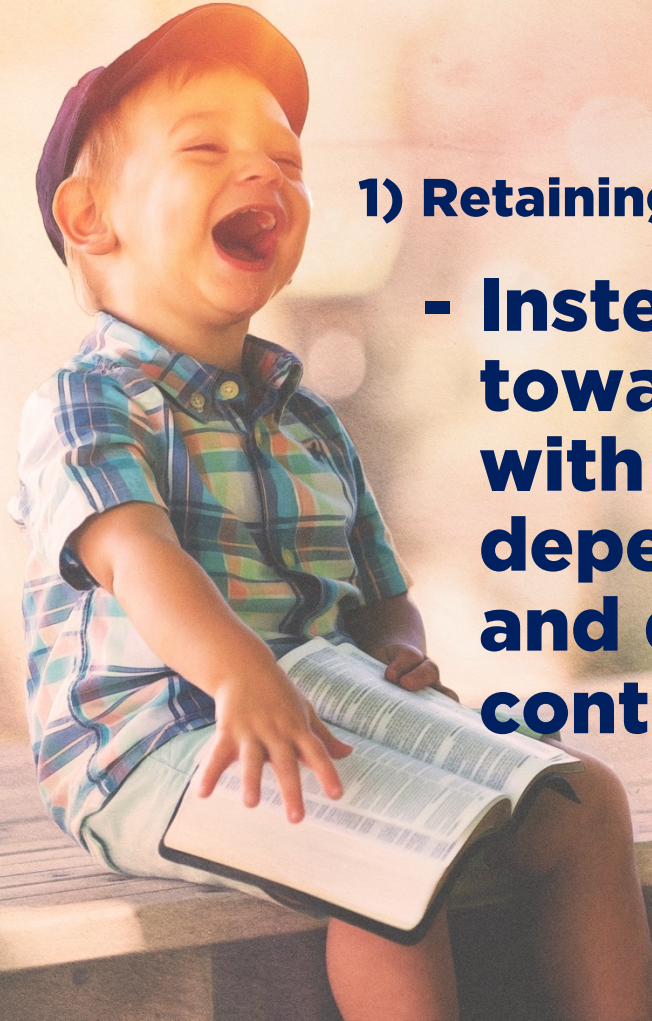
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- Are we not taught to be shrewd and to see how to benefit from every situation?**



1) Retaining Childlike Qualities

- People who display childlike qualities may be branded negatively as being gullible and naïve.**



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- Instead of being childlike towards our relationship with God, we may end up depending on ourselves and desiring to be in control.**



1) Retaining Childlike Qualities

- We would want to be on the driving seat with our hands firmly on the steering wheel.**
- Where is God in your car?**



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- We just cannot relinquish control because we do not trust that God knows best.**

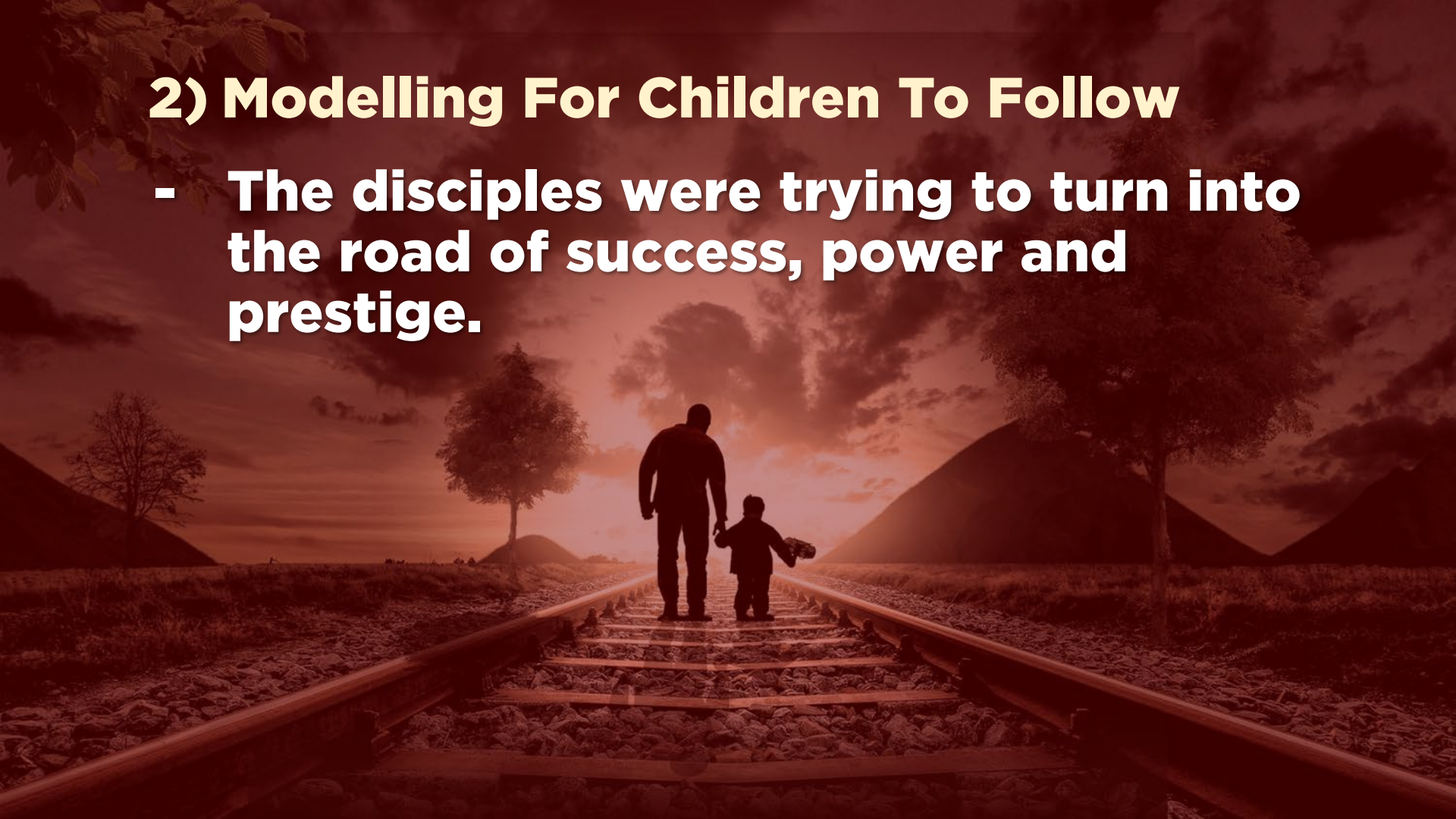


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- Father God wants us to trust Him and be dependent on Him like a child.**

2) Modelling For Children To Follow

- The disciples were trying to turn into the road of success, power and prestige.**



2) Modelling For Children To Follow

- They wanted to be up there but Jesus pointed down to the bottom.**



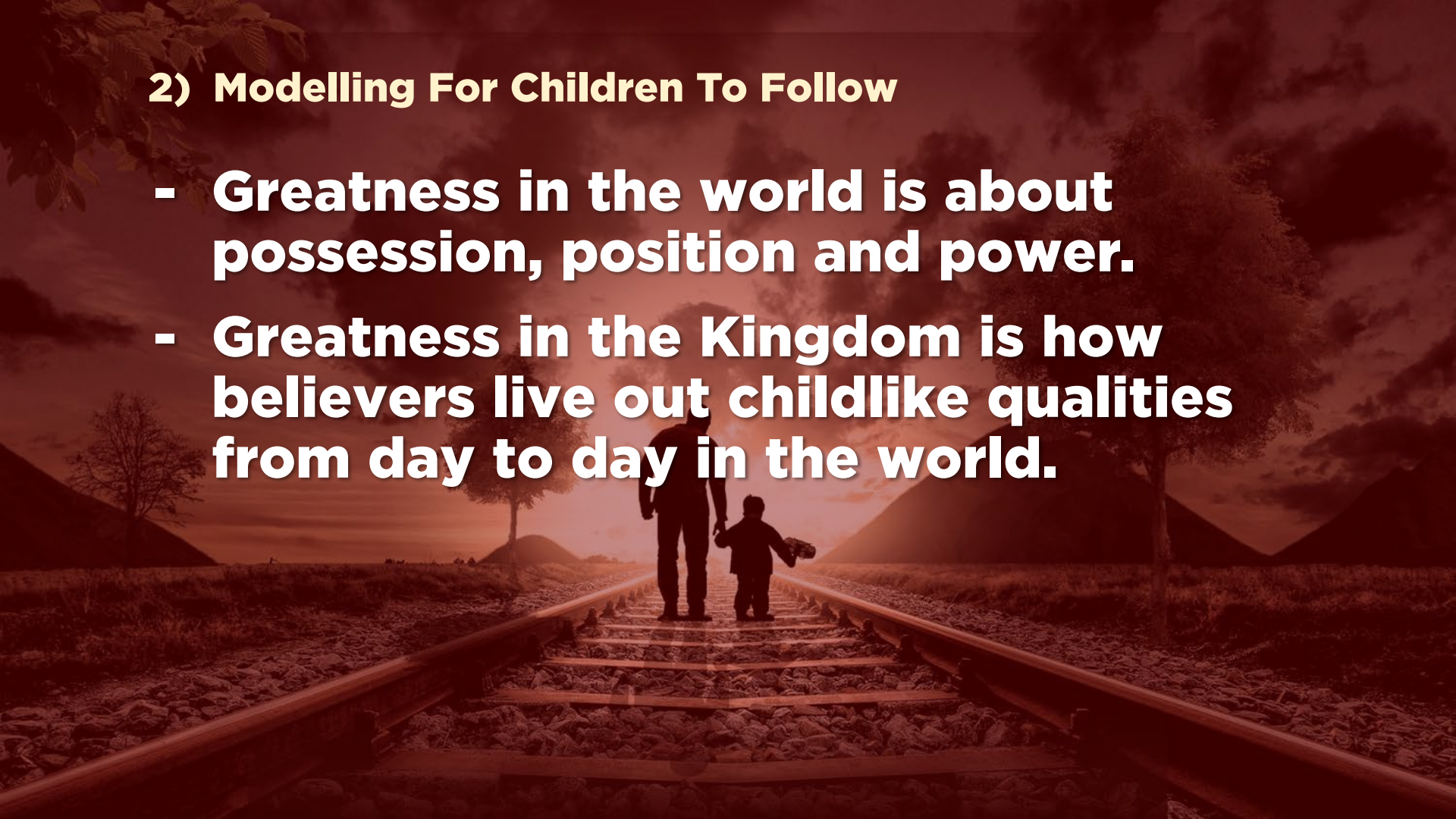
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- As believers, Jesus wants us to adopt the position of a child: no status.**



2) Modelling For Children To Follow

- Greatness in the world is about possession, position and power.**
- Greatness in the Kingdom is how believers live out childlike qualities from day to day in the world.**



2) Modelling For Children To Follow

- Our kids, our nieces and nephews, and our young ones in church are in the car observing our every move, and listening to every conversation.**



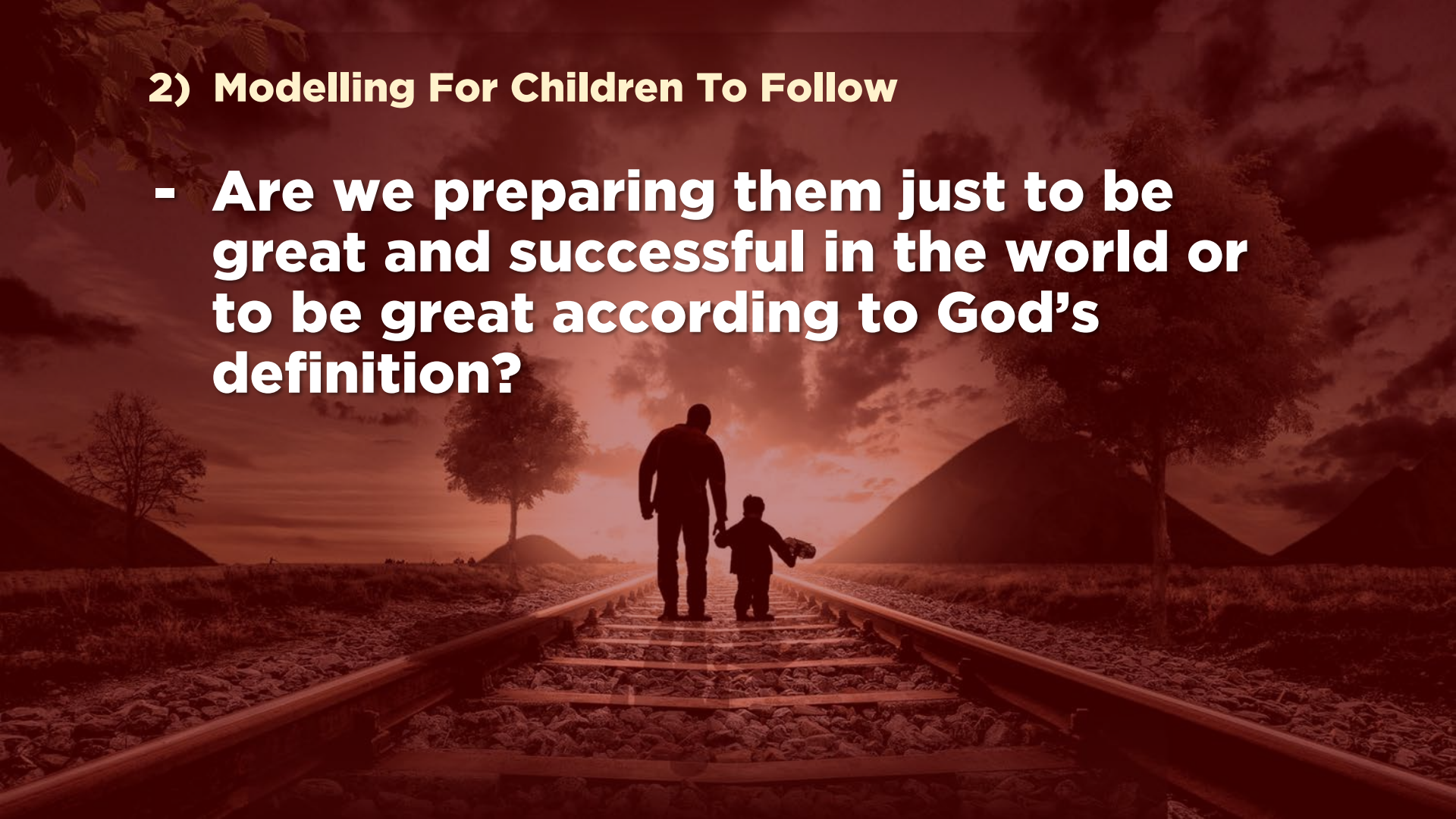
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- You are modelling for the next generation.**



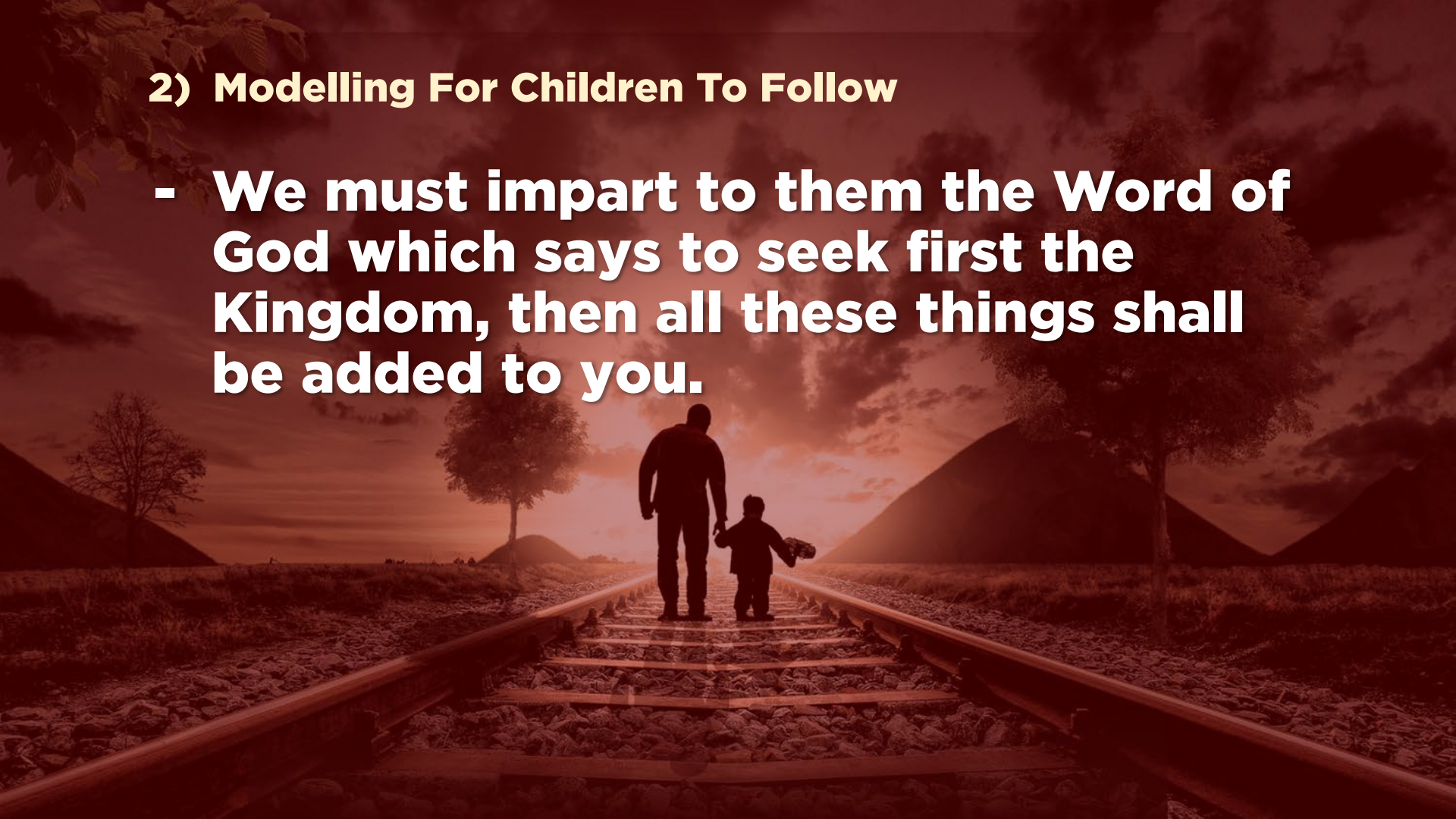
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- Are we preparing them just to be great and successful in the world or to be great according to God's definition?**



2) Modelling For Children To Follow

- We must impart to them the Word of God which says to seek first the Kingdom, then all these things shall be added to you.**



2) Modelling For Children To Follow

- The younger generation around us are following our footsteps.**
- Are we leading them to draw closer towards Jesus or closer towards the world?**





**Sharing by
Pastor Maryanne Tan**

Engaging Children's Church programmes each Sunday :) 11:15am – 12:45pm



1 - 12 mths old



1 - 2 years old



2 - 3 years old





**Children's
Church
(4 – 11 yrs old)**

WEEKLY – GAMES



Mass Games



team games - Relay style



WEEKLY – WORSHIP & TEACHING



Worship through songs



Group teaching for
N - P2 children

WEEKLY – TEACHING



Shadow Play



Object Lesson



Flannel Board



Modern day
drama



Bible Era Drama

WEEKLY – TEACHING (CREATIVE IDEAS)



Wisdom Series
adapted from
"Inside Out" Movie

WEEKLY – CLASS TIME



P3-P5 are trained to flip their bibles to the bible passage they're studying each week

Children's Church (13 April 2025)
Young Arrows (P1 to P2)

God Uses Ordinary People To Be His Mouthpiece

Name: _____ Class: _____

Let's recap Matthew 3:1-6 together!

1) Who was John the Baptist? Circle the correct answer!

A) A King
B) A Tax Collector
C) A Messenger

2) Tick the boxes that are true!

A) The message John told the people was "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near!" ☐

B) He wore fancy clothes and ate meat for his food. ☐

C) He preached in the wilderness. ☐

3) Draw a "X" in the box to indicate whether the following sentence is true or false:
John the Baptist was the only person God could use to share His message.

True ☐ False ☐

Classroom time to recap lesson & do worksheets & arts and craft



WEEKLY – CLASS TIME CREATIVE IDEAS



Picture Sequence cards to tell bible stories

JET classes (P3-P5)

object lesson with rice
and ping pong balls
-to show prioritising
seeking God's kingdom
and His righteousness



WEEKLY – CLASS TIME CREATIVE IDEAS



Board game to teach about prayer

Game to teach the story about Moses striking the rock and God providing water



Game to teach about importance of the body of Christ

EASTER SERVICE (2 APR)



Easter = 299pax
Held in 2 locations
@ Omega L2 MPH &
@ Alpha L4 Audi



object lesson + Altar call



"Press Restart" Video
Game style drama

SEPT HARVEST EVENT (14 SEP)

Minion themed
drama for Sept
Harvest



Mr V
- the bad master



167 pax :)



Minions in search
of a good master



SEPT HARVEST EVENT (14 SEP)

testimony!!!



one of the new friends from Sept harvest came the next day for CC and then 2 weeks later again! :)

CHRISTAMAS (6 OCT)



- Attendance - 192 kids
- Salvations - 73 kids
- Rededications - 55 kids
- We had a musical! Eg: Rewriting the lyrics to "For the first time in forever" from the movie Frozen



PRAYER FOUNDATION 2024



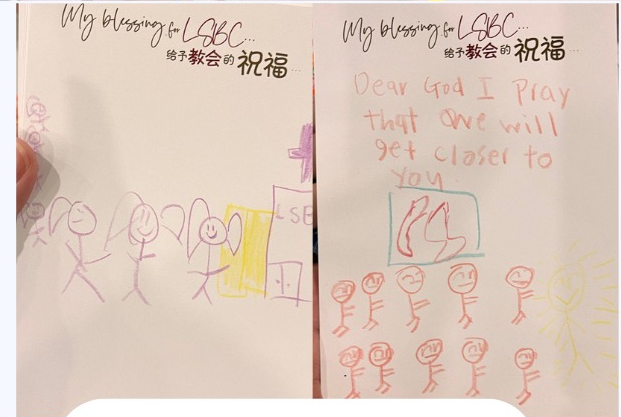
Responding to Altar Calls



time of repentance

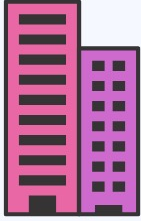


prayer for Hougang,
Sengkang, and Punggol



Drawing prophetic cards
of prayers for LSBC

JET (P3-P5) BLOCK BLESSING



P1-P2 ENCOUNTER CAMP 2024 (9 MAR)

33 kids attended



Responding to Altar Calls



Feet washing experience



P3-P5 ENCOUNTER CAMP 2024 (25-26 MAY)



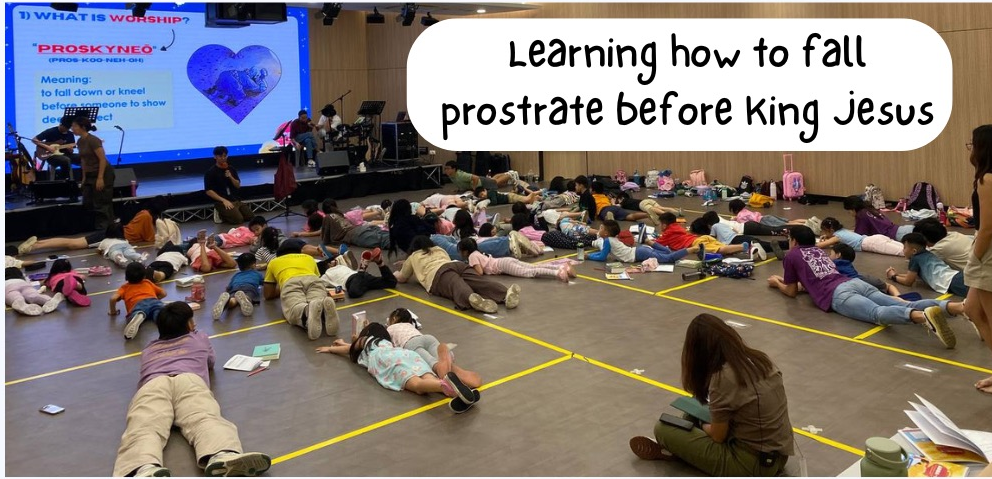
Worshipping God through
silence and reflection and
responding in heart



P1-P2 ENCOUNTER CAMP 2025 (15 MAR)



P1-P2 ENCOUNTER CAMP 2025 (15 MAR)



Learning how to fall
prostrate before King Jesus

"God told me don't give
up being kind to others
even if they are rude. Be
compassionate." - P2 Boy

"God told me God
will heal my rashes"
- P1 Girl

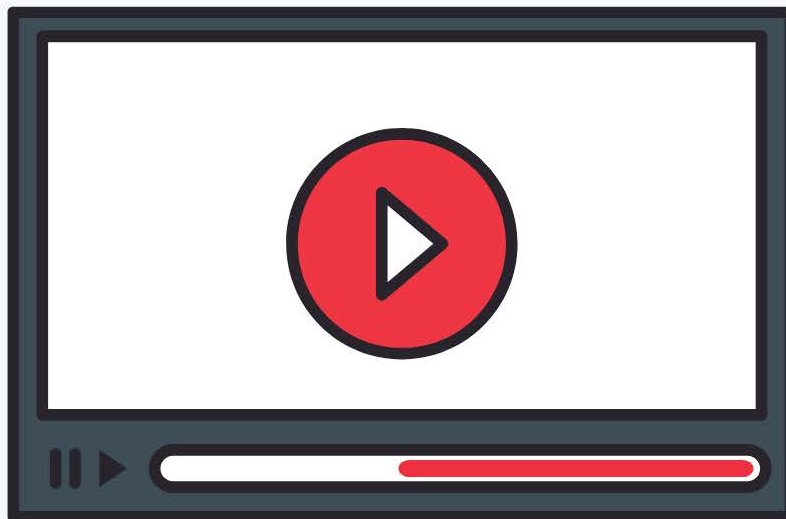
P1-P2 ENCOUNTER CAMP 2025 (15 MAR)

"God told me do not think about things you are scared of. For you have been prayed for at Healing Rooms, and I have heard you, and I am healing you." - P2 Girl

"God told me that I worshipped God properly and well"
- P1 Boy

"God told me before I am born, God knows me and loves me"
- P1 Boy

**NEXT UP, IS TO SHARE WITH YOU AN AMAZING
EVENT THAT OUR CHILDREN LOOK FORWARD TO**



GIFT SHOP DAY 1 (21 APR)



Gift Redemption Booth



Space theme
Art & Craft



230 pax :)



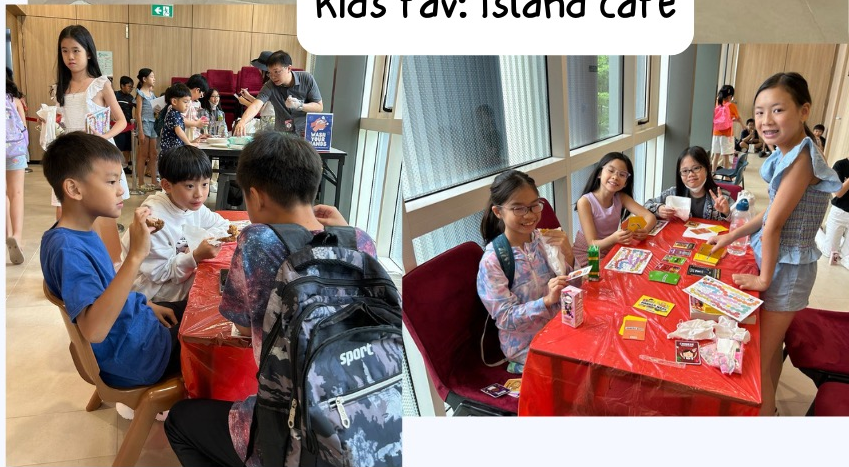
GIFT SHOP DAY 2 (4 AUG)



282 pax! :o



GIFT SHOP DAY 2 (4 AUG)



Why am I sharing all these?



We need YOU to partner us :)



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**2024: SG population
= about 6 million**

0-14 yrs old = 677,425!



**The children in your
families + friends +
neighbourhood need
YOU :)**



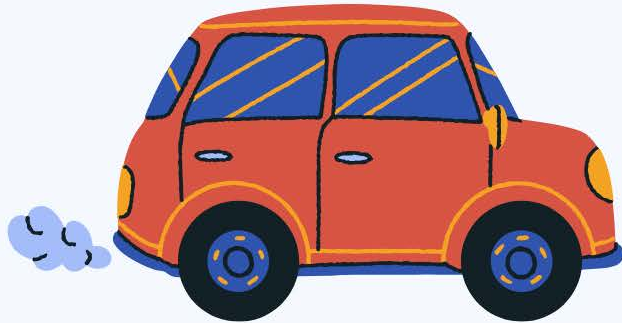
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YOU :)

**To invite, To bring, To host,
To lead them to Christ :)**



How I came to church :)



Will we contain a piece of God's heart for the lost?





The children in your
families + friends +
neighbourhood need
YOU :)

take a flyer and invite a child to our
Gift Shop Day event 4 May :)

SADDLE UP FOR A FUN-FILLED CARNIVAL AT
CHILDREN'S CHURCH GIFT SHOP 1!

WILD WILD WEST

4 MAY 2025 (SUN)
11.15AM–12.45PM

FREE ENTRY!

(FOR 4–11 YEARS OLD)

EACH NEW FRIEND GETS
2 FREE
GIFT SHOP CARDS
FOR GAMES, CRAFTS
& TOYS!

★ **PLAY FUN GAMES!**

🎩 **GET CRAFTY!**

🎁 **REDEEM NEW TOYS!**

LIVING SANCTUARY BRETHREN CHURCH
2 HOUGANG STREET 22 S(538728)
OMEGA WING LEVEL 2 MPH

INVITED BY: _____

4) Let The Little Children Come



MATTHEW 19:13-14 (ESV)

13 Then children were brought to Him that He might lay His hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, 14 but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

4) Let The Little Children Come

- Jesus loves the little children
and He wants children to come
to Him.**



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- Children's Church is doing the right thing for teaching children about Jesus, and creating opportunities to let them encounter God and the Holy Spirit.**



4) Let The Little Children Come

- We have one of the best Children's Church programme in Singapore.**



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- We have some of the most dedicated Children's Church workers, both full-time and volunteers.**



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- They are not just child minding but they are preparing children for the Kingdom of God.**



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- **How can children come to Jesus unless the adults bring them?**
- **Reach out to every child within your influence.**



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- For many young families, what they need is a supportive community that can help them with their parenting journey.**



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- Usher them into the Kingdom of God through ministering to their children.**



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- The harvest is ready but the Children's Church workers are few.**



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**- If you wish to be involved,
please Email:**

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CONCLUSION