



What Did Jesus Teach Us About the Youth

Mark 10:13-16; Matthew 18:1-6 (ESV)
(cross-reference: Matthew 19:13-15; Luke 18:15-17)

A. According to Jesus, the youth are a priority to him, and He wants everyone to realize it.

Mark 10:13–16

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Matthew 18:1–6

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. ⁵ “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

B. According to the Gospels, there are six important observations about Jesus’ interactions with the youth:

1. Jesus _____ the children to come to him.
2. Jesus _____ the children to be comforted by him.

3. Jesus _____ the children into the kingdom to be with him.
4. Jesus _____ at the disciples for rebuking the children.
5. Jesus _____ the disciples for hindering the children.
6. Jesus _____ the disciples with a parable for confusing the children.

C. According to the Bible, there are real concerns for the youth that everyone needs to understand in order to reach the next generation:

1. The youth need _____. (1 Samuel 17:33, 42)
2. The youth need _____.
Psalm 71:17-18
3. The youth need _____. (Psalm 78:5-7)
4. The youth need to _____.
Psalm 144:12
5. The youth need to _____. (Jeremiah 1:6-8)

D. According to God’s Word, parents and leaders must rise up and spiritually invest in the youth because they group up quickly:

1. The youth need _____. (Deuteronomy 6:7)
2. The youth need _____. (Proverbs 22:6)
3. The youth need _____.
(Ecclesiastes 12:1, 13)
4. The youth need _____. (Titus 2:7-8)

Your Assignment:

Jesus wants us to be more *welcoming, supportive, and invested* in the youth because the Kingdom of God belongs to them. Get involved and help serve in our MagKIDS, Magnolia Students, and Mag College ministries this summer and next school year.