

Children throughout Scripture

1. Before your second meeting, read the following Scriptures and note your observations. Pay attention to instructions given to children or the community regarding children, examples of how children were treated or incorporated into community, or times when children were used as a metaphor for Christian living.

	Scripture	Observations
Law	Deuteronomy 4:40	
	Deuteronomy 6:1-9	
	Deuteronomy 11:19	
History	Exodus 12:20	
	I Samuel 3	
Poetry & Wisdom	Psalms 8:2	
	Ps. 127:3	
	Proverbs 17:6	
	Proverbs 22:6	
	Isaiah 38:19	

Gospels	Matthew 18:2-6	
	Matthew 19:14	
	Mark 10:13-26	
	Luke 6:35	
	Luke 18:15-17	
	John 12:36	
Epistle	Romans 8:14-20	
	Ephesians 5-6	
	Colossians 3:20	
	2 Timothy 3:14-15	
	I Peter 2:2	
	1 John 2:12-14	

2. Look back over your observations regarding children. What themes or commonalities arise? Use the following themes to collect your thoughts:
 - Instructions regarding Children:

 - Place of Children in Community:

 - Positive Characteristics of Children:

 - Negative Characteristics of Children:

3. Meditate and pray over these Scriptures. Is the Holy Spirit bringing any of them to mind in particular? Are there ways you and your community can hear an affirming “well done” regarding the way children live in your community? Are there ways you sense the Holy Spirit guiding you already in regards to how to love the children in your congregation well?