

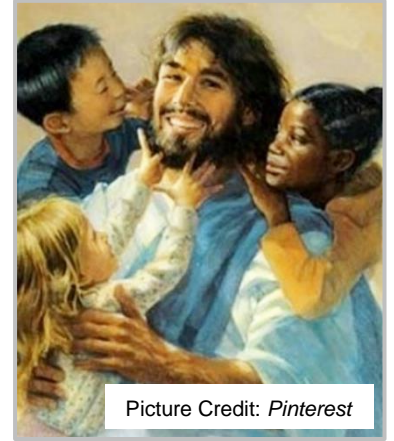
Adventure Club

A weekly lesson for children and young people, from the GCI Watford Church.
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Jesus Blesses Children

'Some people brought their children to Jesus so that he could bless them by placing his hands on them. But his disciples told the people to stop bothering him.

When Jesus saw this, he became angry and said, "Let the children come to me! Don't try to stop them. People who are like these little children belong to the kingdom of God. I promise you that you cannot get into God's kingdom, unless you accept it the way a child does."

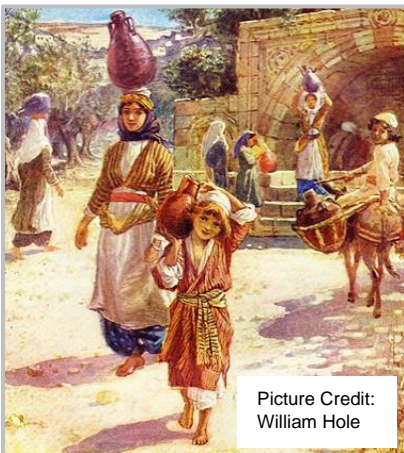


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Then Jesus took the children in his arms and blessed them by placing his hands on them.'

Mark 10:13-16

Contemporary English Version



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William Hole

This Verse Describes Jesus as a Young Child

'The child grew up and became strong and full of wisdom. And God's blessing was upon him.'

Luke 2:40

Phillips

This Verse Describes Jesus when He was 12

'Jesus continued to grow in body and mind, he grew also in the love of God and of those who knew him.'

Luke 2:52

Phillips

'The second chapter of Luke shows us that although Jesus was unique, he had a normal childhood and adolescence. In terms of development, he went through the same progression we do. He grew physically and mentally, he related to other people and he was loved by God. It was important to Jesus, and it should be important to all believers, to develop fully and harmoniously in each of these key areas; physical, mental, social and spiritual.'

Life Application Bible

Note on Luke 2:52

Three children with 10 pence each go into a shop and buy a bar of chocolate for 30p and then depart. The shopkeeper then realises the chocolate cost 25 pence not 30 pence. Therefore, he runs after the children intending to give them 5 pence back.



Unfortunately, on the way he accidentally drops two pennies in a drain, so is only able to give each child one penny back. The three children have now paid 9 pence each and there are 2 pennies in a drain. $3 \times 9 = 27 + 2 = 29$. Where's the missing penny?

JESUS AND CHILDREN

(Mark 10:13-16)

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See if you can memorize some, or all, of these words:

'Let the children come to me! Don't try to stop them. People who are like these little children belong to the kingdom of God.'

Mark 10:14

Contemporary English Version

Joseph and Mary Can't Find Jesus!

'Every year at the Passover festival Jesus' parents used to go to Jerusalem.

When he was twelve years old they went up to the city as usual for the festival. When it was over they started back home, but the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem,

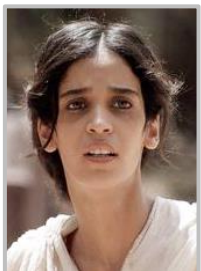


without his parents' knowledge. They went a day's journey assuming that he was somewhere in their company, and then they began to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. They failed to find him, however,



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and turned back to the city, looking for him as they went. Three days later, they found him — in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to



them and asking them questions. All those who heard him were astonished at his powers of comprehension and at the answers that he gave. When Joseph and Mary saw him, they could hardly believe their eyes, and his mother said to him, "Why have you treated us like this,



my son? Here have your father and I been very worried, looking for you everywhere!" And Jesus replied, "But why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand his reply.

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Then he went home with them to Nazareth and was obedient to them.'

Luke 2:41-51

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Did You Know



In 2019 the Adventure Camp children raised over £130 for the *Spurgeon Children's Charity* which helps thousands of children every year.



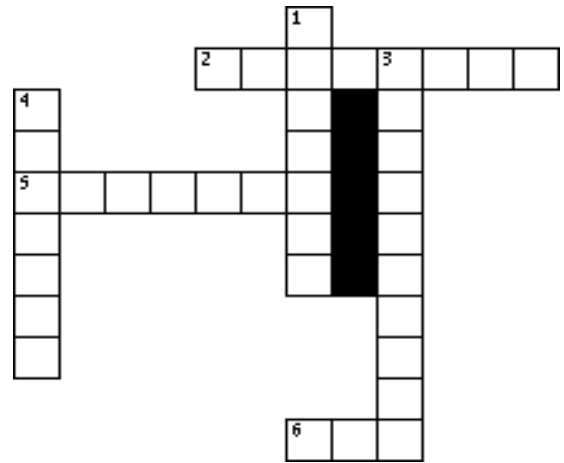
The charity is named after Charles Spurgeon (above left). He is called the 'Prince of preachers'. On one occasion, in London, he gave a sermon to a crowd of nearly 24,000 people – without a microphone! He lived from 1834-1892. He founded an orphanage for about 500 children.

When Charles was a child his grandfather James, who was a minister, showed him a large apple inside a glass jar with a narrow neck and asked Charles how the apple got inside? Do you know? (see picture). James explained that as the apple is safe within the jar, we are safe within the Church.



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2 ACROSS "Then they brought young _____ to Him, that He might touch them..." MARK 10:13

4 DOWN "...but the disciples _____ those who brought them." MARK 10:13

3 DOWN "But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly _____..." MARK 10:14

6 ACROSS "...for of such is the kingdom of _____." MARK 10:14

1 DOWN "Whoever does not receive the _____ of God as a little child." MARK 10:15

5 ACROSS "And He, took them up in His arms, put His hands on them and _____ them." MARK 10:16

Some Bible Children

This 17-year-old has two unusual dreams.

Older sister helps to save the life of her baby brother.

A youth chooses five smooth stones from a stream.

'Look your son is alive.'

This boy sneezes seven times.

This slave girl helps an army commander who has leprosy.

A boy hides for 6 years and then, aged 7, becomes King.

Jesus says to this 12-year-old girl: '*Talitha cumi*'.

This boy contributes food which feeds thousands.

Genesis 37:2-11

Exodus 2:1-10

1 Samuel 17:39-51

1 Kings 17:17-24

2 Kings 4:18-20, 32-35

2 Kings 5:1-3

2 Kings 11:1-3, 21

Mark 5:35-42

John 6:1-13

Children Write to God

Dear God, How do you get paint off?

Dear God, Are you mad when people use plastic flowers?

Dear God, Please make sure Tommy Burke goes to a different camp next year.

Dear God, I want to be a teacher so I can boss people about.

Dear God, Does mother nature belong to your family? Is there a Mrs God?

Dear God, Please wait till Saturday before you listen to my solo.

Dear God, Your Bible's got zip. Your ideas are real good, where do you get them from?

Dear God, They say you are invisible, is that true or just pretend?

Dear God, I love you, during class today a bird flew in.

Guess the World Record for Children Born to One Mother?

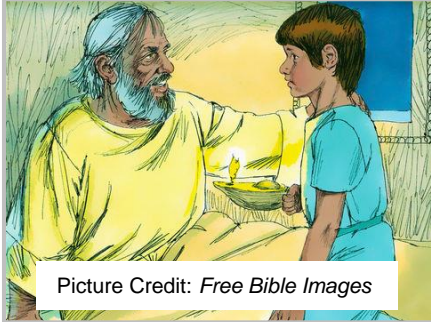
'The greatest officially recorded number of children born to one mother is 69, to the wife of Feodor Vassilyev (1707–1782), a peasant from Shuya, Russia. In 27 confinements she gave birth to 16 pairs of twins, 7 sets of triplets and 4 sets of quadruplets! (Feodor Vassilyev's second wife gave birth to 18 children!)

Guinness Book of Records

The Child Samuel

'The boy Samuel served the Lord under Eli. In those days the Lord did not speak directly to people very often. There were very few visions.

Eli's eyes were so weak he was almost blind. One night he was lying in bed. Samuel was also in bed in the Lord's Holy Tent. The Ark of the Covenant was in the Holy Tent. God's lamp was still burning. Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, "I am



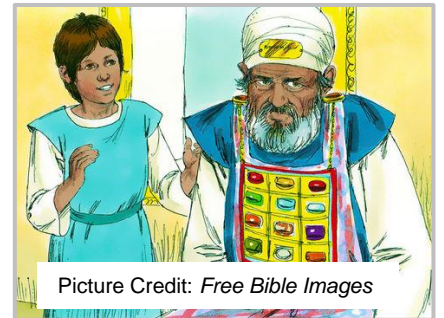
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here!" He ran to Eli and said, "I am here. You called me." But Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back to bed." So Samuel went back to bed. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel again went to Eli and said, "I am here. You called me." Again Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back to bed." Samuel did not yet know the Lord. The Lord had not spoken directly to him yet. The Lord called Samuel for the third time. Samuel got up and went to Eli. He said, "I am here. You called me." Then

Eli realized the Lord was calling the boy. So he told Samuel, "Go to bed. If he calls you again, say, "Speak, Lord. I am your servant, and I am listening." So Samuel went and lay down in bed.

The Lord came and stood there. He called as he had before. He said, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel said, "Speak, Lord. I am your servant, and I am listening." The Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am going to do something in Israel. It will shock those who hear about it. At that time I will do to Eli and his family everything I promised. I will not stop until I have finished. I told Eli I would punish his family forever. I will do it because Eli knew his sons were evil. They spoke against me, but he did not control them. So here is what I promised Eli's family: "Your guilt will never be removed by sacrifice or offering."

Samuel lay down until morning. Then he opened the doors of the Tent of the Lord. He was afraid to tell Eli about the vision. But Eli said to him, "Samuel, my son!" Samuel answered, "I am here." Eli asked, "What did the Lord say to you? Don't hide it from me. May God punish you terribly if you hide from me anything he said to you." So Samuel told Eli everything. He did not hide anything from him. Then Eli said, "He is the Lord. Let him do what he thinks is best."



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The Lord was with Samuel as he grew up. He did not let any of Samuel's messages fail to come true. Then all Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, knew Samuel was a prophet of the Lord.'

1 Samuel 3:1-20

International Children's Bible

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'Children, you belong to the Lord, and you do the right thing when you obey your parents. The first commandment with a promise says, "Obey your father and your mother, and you will have a long and happy life." '

Ephesians 6:1-3

Contemporary English Version

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