

Biblical Encouragement for Moms

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Children Who Worship God

God is pleased to hear our children love and adore the God of the Bible. Our children can be taught to love Him supremely. Hang scripture in your home about the worship of God. Talk about your love and praise for God. Most importantly, *teach* your children to worship God.

Let's look at some scriptures about worshipping and praising our God, then, *let's look at what the Lord has to say about children who have learned to worship Him.* These are beautiful scriptures that will encourage and challenge us as Moms.



John 4:23 “But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth (in opposition to hypocrisy, with true hearts) : for the Father seeketh such to worship Him.”

Psalms 95:1-6 “ O come let us sing unto the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving (expressing gratitude!) and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms for The Lord is a great God, and a great King above all Gods.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth, the strength of the hills is His also. The sea is His and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our maker.” (joyful, but not presumptuous, with reverence, as with bowing the knee and heart.)

Falling to the knees happened in joy (Matthew 2:11) or mourning. The kneeling and worship was not to be at the foot of a crucifix, or image or

picture. These are not our “Maker”. The true God is our Creator. Worship happens first in the heart. May our children see this in us.

How is worship defined? Worth-ship. Teach your children that God is worth more than everything put together! He is worthy!

We are to be people of praise to God. We praise Him in three ways.

1. By our *speaking* of Him, in highest praise

2. By *listening* to Him, with all our attention

3. By *doing* what He says in all obedience

These are all important, and any one of them alone is not enough.

We were called by God for the purpose of praising Him.

Let's read I Peter 2:9

“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; **that ye should show forth the praises of Him** who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

Notice the reason God saved you. He saved you to show forth the praises of God. Are you doing that? Is that how your children would describe you? He called you out of darkness. You have every reason to praise Him. Tell your children every day, another reason to praise God...every single day. This will engrave in their minds that God is marvelous, wonderful, worthy of praise, and worthy of a life lived for Him.

How are you directing the conversation in your home?

Speak praises to Him, live praises to Him. Share blessings with your children and stop to thank God for His great goodness. By this atmosphere, they will

begin to sense God's presence on their own, even at a very young age.

Now let's read Matthew 21:14-16.... " out of the mouth of babes and sucklings, Thou hast perfected praise."

I absolutely love this passage of scripture! Jesus corrected the scribes when they saw something wrong with the children being involved with the praise of God. We adults need to humble ourselves like children, and with loving and tender hearts, praise God lovingly and sincerely, without worrying what others will think. Are you free to speak of your love for God to a stranger?

Jesus said "out of the mouths of babes and suckling thou hast perfected praise." That should humble us all. Jesus often used children as examples of humility. **James 4:6 says "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble"**

Matthew 18:4 says "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven."

Children can be pushed and prodded and hurt in such a way as to take away all humility. May we never do this to the precious children in our home. May we train with love and much prayer. Each child is different. Each child has strengths and weaknesses, but each child can learn to love and adore the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus took the little children upon His knee and prayed over them. He had time for them. He loved them, and they loved Him.

Put away your pride, and learn to worship God in your home. Teach your children to do the same, and listen to their heartfelt prayers before Him. May every one of your children express their worship to God because you planned and prepared and prayed for this. We are called by God for this purpose. Children can and should worship the great God of the universe!



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