

# Women and Children

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## Explanation

During his ministry Jesus interacted often with women and children, and in his teachings he often addressed them. Charts 9-12 and 9-13 show twenty-eight instances and many statements reflecting his concerns for women, widows, mothers, mothers-in-law, and friends who were dear to him. Charts 9-14 and 9-15 demonstrate eight episodes and many expressions of his love for and interest in the children of world who model humility and goodness. Modern readers should not overlook these unusually sensitive manifestations of the Savior's love.

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# Teachings and Prophecies of Jesus Involving Children

Peacemakers shall be called the children of God	Mt 5:9
This generation is like children in a marketplace	Mt 11:16; Lk 7:32
It is better to be thrown into the sea with a millstone around one's neck than to offend a little child	Mk 9:42; Lk 17:2
Those who love their enemies will be the children of God	Mt 5:44–45
God knows how to give good things to his children	Mt 7:9–11; Lk 11:13
Jesus calls his disciples the children of the bridechamber	Mt 9:15; Mk 2:19; Lk 5:34
Kings do not tax their own children	Mt 17:25–26
Jesus foretells a time when children shall rise up against their parents	Mt 10:21; Mk 13:12
Jesus sets son against father, daughter against mother, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law	Mt 10:35; Lk 12:53
Those who forsake their children for him shall inherit eternal life and gain their children in eternity	Mt 19:29; Mk 10:29–30; Lk 18:29–30
Jesus' followers must love him more than they love their children	Mt 10:37; Lk 14:26
Children should honor their mother and father	Mt 15:4–6; Mk 7:10–12
Jesus weeps over Jerusalem and prophesies that their children will be destroyed	Lk 19:44
Children are the deeds and works that justify wisdom	Mt 11:19; Lk 7:35
Jesus instructs the people to be children of light	Jn 12:36
Jesus refers to his disciples as "little children"	Jn 13:33
Jesus explains that the children of Abraham would do the works of Abraham	Jn 8:39

The daughters of Jerusalem should weep for their children rather than for Jesus	Lk 23:28
A man who gives a drink of cold water to a child in the name of a disciple will not lose his reward	Mt 10:42
The parable of the prodigal son	Lk 15:11–32
The parable of the two sons	Mt 21:28–32
The parable of the tares: the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the tares are the children of the wicked one	Mt 13:36–43
The parable of the wicked husbandmen who kill the householder's son	Mt 21:33–41; Lk 20:9–18
Children of the resurrection	Lk 20:36

Chart 9-14

## Jesus' Interactions with Children

Raising the widow's son at Nain	Lk 7:11–17
Healing Jairus's twelve-year-old daughter	Mt 9:18–19, 23–26; Mk 5:22–24, 35–43; Lk 8:41–42, 49–56
Using a lad's loaves and fishes to feed the five thousand	Jn 6:9
Children are among the thousands fed by a few loaves and fishes on two occasions	Mt 14:21; Mt 15:38
Healing the Syrophenician woman's daughter	Mt 15:21–28; Mk 7:24–30
Healing an epileptic child	Mt 17:14–21; Mk 9:14–29; Lk 9:37–42
Jesus calls a child out of the crowd to use as an example of humility and righteousness	Mt 18:1–6, 10, 14; Mk 9:36–37; Lk 9:46–48
Jesus suffers the little children to come to him and he blesses them	Mt 19:13–15; Mk 10:13–16; Lk 18:15–17