

Concord Community Church

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY (31/05/2026)

Main Scripture: “But Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.’” — Matthew 19:14 (NKJV)

INTRODUCTION

Today we celebrate Children's Sunday — a beautiful reminder that children are precious in the sight of God. Children are not merely the “future church”; they are part of the church today. Throughout the Bible, God used children, spoke through children, protected children, and blessed families through children. Jesus loved children deeply and welcomed them into His presence.

In a world filled with confusion, danger, and distractions, the church must raise children who know God, love Jesus, obey His Word, and walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

1. CHILDREN ARE A GIFT FROM GOD

“Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward.”
— Psalm 127:3, Children are not accidents. They are gifts from God.

Every child:

- is created by God, * loved by God, * known by God,
- and has a purpose from God.

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.” — Jeremiah 1:5

God has already placed dreams, gifts, and talents inside every child.

Parents, teachers, and churches must never underestimate the value of children.

2. JESUS LOVES CHILDREN: “Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray...” — Matthew 19:13. The disciples tried to stop the children, but Jesus corrected them.

“Let the little children come to Me...” — Matthew 19:14

Jesus: * welcomed children, * blessed children, * prayed for children,

- and used children as examples of faith.

A church that loves Jesus must also love children. Children matter to heaven.

3. GOD CAN USE CHILDREN IN POWERFUL WAYS

The Bible is full of children whom God used mightily.

Samuel: “Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.” — 1 Samuel 3:10. Samuel heard God’s voice while still a child.

David: David was a shepherd boy when God chose him. “Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” — 1 Samuel 16:7

David defeated Goliath because he trusted God.

The Little Boy with Five Loaves and Two Fish

John 6:9 -- A small boy gave what he had to Jesus, and Jesus fed thousands.

God can use: a praying child, a worshipping child, an obedient child, a faithful child.

Never say, “I am too young.” “Let no one despise your youth...” — 1 Timothy 4:12

4. CHILDREN MUST BE TAUGHT THE WORD OF GOD

“Train up a child in the way he should go...” — Proverbs 22:6

Teaching children is a holy responsibility, **Parents must teach:**

- prayer, * honesty, * Obedience, * kindness, * worship,
- and the Word of God.

“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children...” — **Deuteronomy 6:6–7**

The world teaches many wrong things, but God’s Word brings truth and life.

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” — Psalm 119:105

5. JESUS WANTS CHILDLIKE FAITH

“Unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.” — Matthew 18:3. **Children often:** * trust easily, * forgive quickly, * believe sincerely, and love openly.

Adults can learn from children. God wants us to have:

- humble hearts, * simple faith, and complete trust in Him.

6. THE CHURCH MUST PROTECT AND ENCOURAGE CHILDREN:

Children today face many challenges:

- confusion, * temptation, * peer pressure, * violence,
- harmful media, and spiritual attacks.

The church must: * pray for children, * encourage them, * protect them,

- and guide them toward Christ.

Jesus gave a serious warning: “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck...” Matthew 18:6

We must help children grow safely in God.

7. GOD HAS A GREAT FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN

God sees future: * pastors, * missionaries, * worship leaders, * teachers, * evangelists,
* doctors, * leaders, and godly parents sitting among our children today.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD, “plans for peace and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” — Jeremiah 29:11

Never underestimate what God can do through one child fully surrendered to Him.

CONCLUSION:

Children are precious to Jesus. The church must:

- welcome them, * teach them, * pray for them, *encourage them, * and lead them to Christ. Today let us dedicate our children to God once again. Let every child here know:
- Jesus loves you, * Jesus died for you, * Jesus has a plan for you,
- and Jesus wants you to follow Him.

PRAYER: Dear Jesus, Thank You for loving all children. Thank You for creating each child with purpose and value. Help our children grow in wisdom, faith, and obedience to You. Protect them from evil. Fill them with the Holy Spirit. May they become strong followers of Christ and lights in this world. We dedicate our children to You. In Jesus’ mighty name, Amen.

KEY SCRIPTURES FOR CHILDREN’S SUNDAY

- Matthew 19:14, *Psalm 127:3, * Proverbs 22:6, *1-Timothy 4:12
- Matthew 18:3, *Psalm 119:105, *Jeremiah 29:11, *Deuteronomy 6:6–7