

This isn't the first time adults have had something to learn from children. When Jesus came to Jerusalem and performed healings in the temple, it was the children who were quick to recognize who He was and to shout, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" (Matthew 21:15).

The chief priests and scribes, though, weren't willing to listen and learn from the children. They refused to take Jesus seriously. Instead, they took Him to task by asking, "Do you hear what these are saying?" "Yes!" Jesus replied. Then, quoting from Psalm 8:2, He said, "Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise?'" (Matthew 21:16).

Attention, parents, teachers, neighbours, and all other grownups! We need to remind ourselves that we don't know it all. Let's be humble enough to listen and learn something God wants to teach us through the faith of a child. —JEY

*There's so much wisdom to be learned,
So many ways for me to grow;
Lord, I would listen like a child
And learn what You would have me know. —K. De Haan*

Big lessons can be learned from little children.

The Monday before the crucifixion

(Mark 11) {12} **"Now the next day, (Matthew 21:18 .. in the morning, as He returned to the city)** when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. {13} And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. {14} In response Jesus said to it, **"Let no one eat fruit from you ever again."** And His disciples heard it. (Matthew 21:19 Immediately the fig tree withered away)

{15} So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. {16} And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple. {17} Then He taught, saying to them, **"Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"**

(Matthew 21) {14} Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. {15} But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant (Mark 11:18 and sought how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching) {16} and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, **"Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise?'"**

(Luke 19) {48} and [the chief priests and scribes] were unable to do anything; for all the people were very attentive to hear Him."

(Mark 11) {19} **When evening had come, He went out of the city."**

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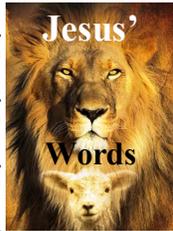
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Young Teachers

Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise. —Matthew 21:16

Children seem to be more comfortable using computers than their parents are. Because of this, a manufacturer trying to increase sales to adults advertised a certain computer with the slogan: "So easy, even an adult can operate it!" (And if they still have problems, they can ask their children.)





Monday

2 Corinthians 2:15-16 For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. 16 To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things?

Isaiah 55:11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Romans 9:15 ... "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion."

2 Corinthians 3:5 ...our sufficiency is from God,



On the last Monday of Jesus life there was five activities recorded:

1. the stubborn, Mark 11:12-14

Luke 19:41-44 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

Isaiah 5:1-4 Now let me sing to my Well-beloved A song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard: My Well-beloved has a vineyard On a very fruitful hill. 2 He dug it up and cleared out its stones, And planted it with the choicest vine. He built a tower in its midst, And also made a winepress in it; So He expected it to bring forth good grapes, But it brought forth

wild grapes. 3 "And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, Judge, please, between Me and My vineyard. 4 What more could have been done to My vineyard That I have not done in it? Why then, when I expected it to bring forth good grapes, Did it bring forth wild grapes?"

Matthew 21:19 ... Immediately the fig tree withered away. **Jeremiah 20:9** Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him, Nor speak anymore in His name." But His word was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, And I could not.



2. the worship, Mark 11:15-17

John 2:12-15 After this He went down to Capernaum, ... 13 Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. 15 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured

out the changers' money and overturned the tables.

1 Corinthians 11:20-21 Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper. 21 For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and another is drunk.

3 John 9 ... Diotrefes, .. loves to have the preeminence among them, ...

Matthew 6:2 Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do .., that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

Matthew 23:14 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you .. for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation.



3. the needy, Matthew 21:14,

Luke 4:18-19 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Matthew 9:35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Acts 10:38 ..God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Galatians 6:9-10 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

4. their praise, Matthew 21:15-16

Revelation 22:8-9 Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And .., I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. 9 Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.



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5. His enemies,

Luke 19:47-48 And He was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people sought to destroy Him, 48 and were unable to do anything; for all the people were very attentive to hear Him.

Mark 11:19 When evening had come, He went out of the city.

John 18:4-8 Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?" 5 They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. 6 Now when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. 7 Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." 8 Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way,"

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

Ephesians 1:11— .. works all things according to the counsel of His will,