

Session 10: Vision Casting

*You did not choose Me, but I chose you
and appointed you to go and bear fruit;
fruit that will last. Mark 15:15-16a*

God's Heart for Children

As we have seen throughout these sessions, there is a special place in God's heart for children. How do we allow ministry leaders to not only experience what this must have been like, but to actually feel it themselves? And not only feel it, but want to do something about changing the culture and establish a ministry that greatly endorses reaching and discipling children.

**Click Here to Watch a Video on
The Story of Jesus Blessing the Children**



The interactive lesson of Jesus Blesses the Children is a very impactful way for people to experience God's heart for children. The Bible Story illustrates Jesus' emotions of anger and love in regards to children, and [a full lesson outline can be found here](#).

4-14 Strategy

Most people make a commitment to be a follower of Jesus between the ages of 4 to 14. They are probably the largest unreached people group in the world as there are over 2 **BILLION** children comprising over 25% of the world's population. It is a critical time of life as they are the most open and receptive to the Gospel:

- Age 5 – Greatest time of learning
- Age 6 – Moral values are set for life
- Age 9 – Worldview is made for life
- Age 12 – Celebrate entrance into adulthood in many places around the world
- Age 13 – Religion is established for life

If you are to make a good, sound investment, wouldn't it be wise to lay a strong foundation on which to build in these early years of life? Satan is after our children because he knows that if the foundation is weak to start, anything built on top of it will be unstable and unreliable.



Parable of the Talents

Read the parable of the talents found in Matthew 25:14-28. In regards to investing in children, where you will get the greatest return? How are you doing in stewarding space, money, time and volunteers and equipping them?

KIDStory Equipping Process

It is important to let the ministry leaders know what you will be providing if they choose to go forward with training for their ministry. We recommend the following but it is something you can decide what is best for them and you.

- Encourage the ministry leader to determine who the lead person is for this partnership to move forward. Many ministry leaders are too busy to take the lead. Who will they designate to be this person / people. They could invite all the leaders who will be ministering with the children but emphasize how critical it is to have people who will be their trainers and to ensure they are invited.
- Determine location and time (Will it be a virtual workshop or in-person?)
- Emphasize that the workshop is very interactive and hands-on for maximum retention. There will be many opportunities to practice, create and demonstrate.
- Inform them of the many available resources
- On-going follow-up to see where there are some life changing stories as well as challenges the ministry is experiencing.



Ask Yourself

1. In what ways does God want you to be a better steward to reach and disciple the children in your community?
2. What is the first step God is wanting you to take?

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along with any questions you may have.**

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