

# Children of God

## I. Introduction

A. The Holy Spirit through John expresses what a blessing it is to be called God's children. Consider some things Scripture teaches related to this theme. **1 John 3:1**

## II. Forgiven Children

A. The opportunity to be God's children shows the greatness of God's *love* and willingness to *forgive*. God is eager to welcome each of us with open arms into His family. **Luke 15:20**

## III. Adopted Children

A. God's love is further shown by the fact that His children have been *adopted* into His family. **Ephesians 1:5**

## IV. Fellow Children

A. One who is adopted into God's family is blessed with *fellow brothers and sisters* who have also been rescued by the Father and provide support to one another. **Ephesians 2:19**

## V. Born Again Children

A. Scripture also speaks of God's children being *born again*. This alludes to the transformation process that must take place upon becoming His child. **1 Peter 1:23**

## VI. Humble Children

A. This transformation process includes *humbling* oneself as a child, subjecting ourselves to God's rule. **Matthew 18:1-4**

## VII. Trusting Children

A. Humbling ourselves under the Father's hand also involves unwavering *trust*. Instead of questioning Him as though the children know more than the perfect Father, we should simply trust that He knows best. **Hebrews 11:8; 1 Corinthians 10:13**

## VIII. Innocent Children

A. God's children must also develop the *innocence* of little children. **1 Corinthians 14:20**

## IX. Growing Children

A. Just as children need physical nourishment that supports growth, God's children need *spiritual growth* and the *spiritual nourishment* that prompts it. **2 Peter 3:18**

## X. Guided Children

A. Just as children depend on their parents for guidance, God's children must humbly acknowledge *our* need for *guidance*. Our Father perfectly provides this. **Matthew 4:4**

## XI. Disciplined Children

A. God's children also need *discipline* from our Father, just as children need discipline from their earthly parents. God disciplines us through His Word, but He can also discipline us through His "providence." When He does, it is always out of love and for our good. **Hebrews 12:5-11**

## XII. Secure Children

A. Our perfect Father also provides the greatest *security* a Father ever has. As long as we choose to be trusting, obedient children, we know things will be OK because of our Father's strength. **John 10:29**

## XIII. Blessed Children

A. God's children are also promised an eternal inheritance that only our perfect Father can give. **Colossians 1:12**

## XIV. Conclusion

A. May we appreciate both the *blessings* and *responsibilities* associated with being God's children. **John 1:12**