

# Be Like A Child

Matthew 18:1-5



# Behavior In The Kingdom

“At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, ‘Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?’<sup>2</sup> And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them<sup>3</sup> and said, ‘Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.<sup>4</sup> Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.<sup>5</sup> Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me,<sup>6</sup> but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.’”

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# What Jesus Does NOT Mean

- Not Childish – Foolish – “Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.”  
– 1 Corinthians 14:20
- Not Childish – Fickle – “so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. – Ephesians 4:14
- Not Childish – Fun Seeking – “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,” – Matthew 11:16

# What Jesus DOES Mean

- Desire The Milk Of The Word – “Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation”  
– 1 Peter 2:2
- Desire The Provision Of God  
– Matthew 6:25-33
- Desire To Be Controllable As An Heir  
– Galatians 4:1-6