

## KIDS

*Matthew 18:1-5 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. "And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.*

**Little Children** Before they are taught to be otherwise.

### HOW KIDS LIVE

Dress does not matter. Race does not matter.

Handicaps do not matter. Gender does not matter.

They do it all with all their might. Kids are On or OFF.

Everything about them is total and absolute:

Love	Total and complete
Joy	With utter abandon
Sadness	Completely broken hearted
Hunger	They don't sit around and worry
Sleepiness	Anywhere they fall
Anger	Perfect sense of right and wrong
Play	This is what they do.
Work	When given a job to do they will work with all their might find a way to get out of it.

### HOW KIDS SING

They always sing

With all that is in them

Unselfconsciousness

Clapping and dancing are mandatory

They don't use four part harmony to sing

*Invented in the Sixteenth century*

*Why do we use man made tools to sing?*

*Are we different than those who use instruments?*

They sing what they are taught

The horrible words of nursery rhymes

The wonderful words of praise

### HOW KIDS LOVE AND FORGIVE

They always love. And when they forgive it is completely.

They always forgive. And when they forgive it is utterly.

### Therefore, why do we live like the Gentiles?

*Matthew 6:25-34 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

### Therefore, why do we worship like grownups?

*Ephesians 5:8-21 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord.*

— *Be very careful, then, how you live —not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.*

— *Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

### Therefore, why do we forgive like grownups?

*Collosians 3:8-17 But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*