

You call me 'Teacher'.... and you are right, because that's what I am. (John 13:13, New Living Translation)

Jesus Loves Teachers because He cares about children!

¹About that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?'

²Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them. ³Then he said, ¹I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven. ⁴So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. (Matthew 18:1-4, NLT)

1. <u>Embrace</u> your calling to <u>influence</u> children.

Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me. (Matthew 18:5, NLT)

Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children.

(Luke 18:16, NLT)

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.

(Colossians 3:23, New International Version)

2. Speak up for the innocent.

If you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea.

(Matthew 18:6, NLT)

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed. (Psalm 34:18, NLT)

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Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. (Proverbs 31:8, NLT)

3. Don't give up on children.

Beware that you don't look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of my heavenly Father. (Matthew 18:10, NLT)

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

(Galatians 6:9, NLT)

This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

(1 John 4:10, NLT)

God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us. (1 John 4:12, NLT)