

# 10 THINGS EVERY CHILD DESERVES TO KNOW

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- 1.) **God is real, alive, and personal** (1 Thessalonians 1:9)  
He knows our names. He knows our likes and dislikes.  
He understands us. He enjoys our friendship.
- 2.) **We have been specially handmade by God** (Psalm 139:13)  
God found pleasure in creating each child. He assigned specific traits to ensure he or she would best accomplish a God-given purpose.
- 3.) **What love looks like in action** (1 Corinthians 13; Ephesians 5:22-33)  
Children need to see love that gives without expecting anything in return, that never gives up, that allows others to proceed at their own pace, that rejoices when others succeed and cries when they lose, that always believes the best. They need to learn love is a mental decision, a physical expression, and a spiritual commitment.
- 4.) **In the world there are hard times, but Jesus has overcome the world** (John 16:33)  
We have get through problems and challenges. Jesus is with us. With His help we can find a way to survive, endure, and even conquer.
- 5.) **The Bible is completely reliable** (2 Timothy 3:16; Matthew 24:35)  
While kids grow and change, the world around them is in transition. Rapid changes everywhere. Hairstyles. Clothes. Classes. Friendships. Family life. Then, there's science theory updates and accepted public morals—even they change. Few constants in the shifting landscape. But the Bible remains a sure foundation.
- 6.) **Life with Jesus is exciting and full of adventure** (John 10:10)  
The apostles who traveled close to Jesus were, at times, threatened, starved, scared, startled, high on joy, or astonished. But they were never bored. If your life is boring, get close to Jesus. With Jesus, anything is possible.
- 7.) **Obeying God is the secret to a fulfilled life** (John 6:35; 8:31-32; 15:10)  
Being friends with God means always growing, gaining insights, finding joy in living no matter the circumstances. Obey God's instructions and He will help you achieve what you desire. Obey God and know freedom. And it pleases your loving heavenly Father.
- 8.) **God forgives completely** (1 John 2:12)  
When the Lord forgives, He doesn't bring the matter up again. He doesn't bring it to others too. He doesn't sit around thinking about what we did. He treats us as though we never did it in the first place, even when there's consequences.
- 9.) **Life is a prep school for eternity with God** (John 14:2-3)  
From the first encounter with death, they should understand life goes on beyond the grave. Someday things get better. Someday everything makes sense. Someday evil is punished and the righteous are rewarded. Meanwhile, we're in school. We're learning about ourselves, others, and God and how to trust Him.
- 10.) **God hears every prayer** (1 Thessalonians 5:17)  
We can talk to him about anything. Kids can never pray too much. God speaks their language. He understands their hearts. He cares about what they care about. He will act with their best interests in mind.