

The Holy Spirit in the Life of Children

Acts 2:17-18 "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and **your sons and your daughters** shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

Instill in them a sense of God's purpose

Jer 1:5 ESV "**Before I formed you in the womb** I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; **I appointed you** a prophet to the nations."

Create opportunities where children can hear God speak to them

1Sa 3:9-10 ESVSo Samuel went and lay
down in his place. 10 And the LORD came
and stood, calling as at other times,
"Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said,
"Speak, for your servant hears."

Help them become acquainted with the word of God

2Ti 3:15-17 ESV and how **from childhood** you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable **for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,** 17 that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

Lead your children to respond in repentance to the word of God

- Josiah - King at age 8
- Age 16 began to seek the Lord
- Age 26 repaired the temple, found a copy of scripture
- **Read and Repented**
- Brought about national revival

Remind them of testimonies - to help them face the giants of today

1Sa 17:37 ESV And David said, "**The LORD who delivered me** from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear **will deliver me** from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"

The power to TRUST, stand alone and effect change

Dan 3:17-30 ESV ... our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known to you, O king, that **we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image** that you have set up."

Be an Example

2Ti 1:4-5 ESV As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, **a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.**

Capture their heart

Mal 4:6 ESV And he will **turn the hearts of fathers** to their children and **the hearts of children** to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."