

## **Kids in the Kingdom**

Intro: On Being Mrs. Glasses

The Greatest in the Kingdom: Matthew 18:1-6

Kids in 1st Century Palestine

- High childhood mortality rates
- Father decides to keep baby (or not)
- Little to know present value

The Kingdom Value of Kids

- “become like little children...”
- “as humble as this little child...”
- “welcomes a little child like this on my behalf, welcomes me...”
- [paraphrase] “Don’t mess with my kids.”

Upside Down...or Right-side Up?

Next Steps

1. Take time to notice, welcome, and make space for children.
2. Consider a child (or their family) whose spiritual life you can invest in.
3. Pray consistently and specifically for the kids in your life.
4. Send notes, cards, or even devotional books to the children in your life.
5. Ask parents how you can be praying for their children.
6. Volunteer to serve in the children or youth ministries at your church.

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