

REACHING CHILDREN With the Gospel of Christ

1 SAMUEL 2-3

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- Samuel was one of the greatest men of God in the Bible. When did it all start? It was when he was a child that God began working in his life. 2:18
- If CrossRoads is to continue for years to come, continue to impact this world, and continue to be spiritually healthy, we must reach children with the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Let's look in our text and see three powerful reasons why.

First, because children can be greatly _____ by God – 2:18, 3:15

- Did you know children and teens make wonderful workers for God?
- Children make great workers because _____ is beneath them.
- Children also make great workers for God because they tend to be much more _____ than adults. 3:16-18

Second, because children are very _____ to God – 2:26

- *"And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them."* **Mark 10:13-16**

**Third, because children are more apt to _____
to God – 3:1-10**

- Children, for the most part, are so much more _____ towards God. They haven't had years of being hardened by _____.
- Every _____ that goes by, and a child is not reached, it becomes more difficult.
- *"Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish."* **Matthew 18:14**

- What are you doing to help reach children with the gospel?
- You couldn't do anything nearer and dearer to the _____ of God!