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I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.

Mark 10:15

When the boys were much younger, my husband's paternal grandmother moved in with his parents. One day, Grandmother was trying to talk with our youngest son Jacob. I believe the conversation went something like this...

Grandmother: Well, Jacob, what do you want to be when you grow up?

Jacob: I don't know. I'm only 5, Grandmother. (pause...) But I do want a limousine when I'm 21.

Grandmother: That's nice. Will you take me for a ride in your limousine?

Jacob: Grandmother, when I'm 21, you'll be dead.

We all were a bit mortified as Grandmother could be a bit sensitive. We are well trained to be politically correct or overly polite, especially with those we esteem. Jacob, on the other hand, balked at Grandmother's blindness to the obvious. She seemed very old to him and she was. He knew that 21 was a long ways off and he didn't see her sticking around.

I think that it is with that same freshness and honesty, God wants us to believe him. We do not need to complicate salvation. God loves us and made us (Gen 1:26—31). We sinned against God and were cursed to death (Gen 3:14). But, because He loved us, He sent His only son to be the perfect sacrifice for us so that all who believe in Jesus will be redeemed (John 3:16).

We don't need to augment His plan with "if I do this" or "if I go to this Bible study" or "if I give this amount of my money." The doing and giving and seeking Christian knowledge will all come as we accept God's gift of Christ Jesus. As we grow in our love for Him we will want to serve Him and others and give back to Him all that He has given to us.

With joy,  
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### News Flash

- ◆ Sunday School Food Drive—Please drop off canned food and dry goods in the orange boxes in the Parish Hall, Narthex and Sunday School wing. Donations will be accepted until November 23rd.
- ◆ Christmas Pageant Bible study and preparations for 3rd—5th graders will begin on November 16th. If you did not receive information regarding this year's Christmas Pageant, please contact Virginia Witmer at 282-1250.
- ◆ Christmas Babysitting Extravaganza—Mark your calendars for December 6th, 3:00—6:00. Three whole hours of FREE babysitting! Drop off your kids for an afternoon of play, crafts and dinner.

## Nursery, Toddler, Preschool Rooms Update

	Date	Nursery	Toddler	Preschool
Thank you to all from the congregation, as well as all the parents who have selflessly offered their time to care for our younger parishioners.	November 2	Lynda Jenkins Katheryn Lee	Carol Barbee Trish O'Brion	Danny Cox Kaki Vint
	November 9	Kate Garitz Shawn Garitz	Elizabeth Spadea John Spadea	Susanna Payne Ned Payne
If you would like to be included on the schedule, call Jill at 288-1911.	November 16	Gretchen DeFrancesca Todd DeFrancesca	Linda Wilson Wendell Wilson	Lynn Watts Josh Watts
	November 23	Anne Brown Boyd Brown	Laura Allin Betty Helms	Megan Lloyd Chris Lloyd
	November 30	Lyric Hassler Jeff Hassler	Kate Musick Bert Musick	Sarah Pemberton Lee Pemberton