

## **Message Title:** Responding to God as a Little Child

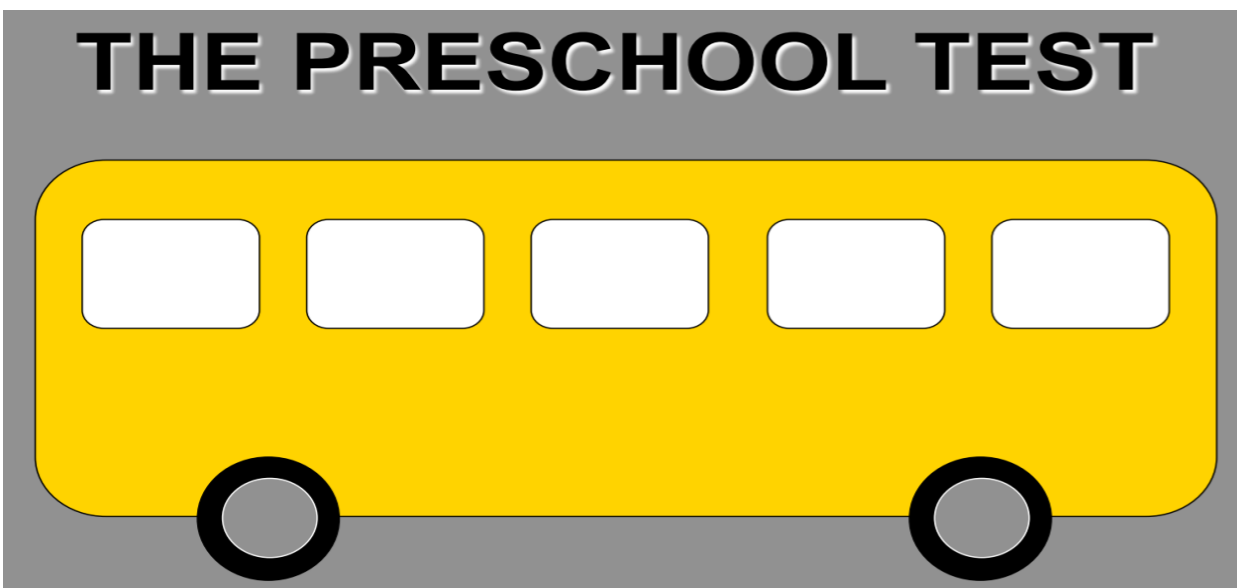
**Theme:** This Sunday night message is an explanation of what Jesus was saying when He told his disciples in Matthew chapter eight, “become as little children”. What did that mean? Most take it for granted that Jesus was referring to the second birth but in the context Jesus continues with humbling yourselves. This connects back into the disciple’s question of who would be the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

People have a natural desire to feel good about themselves to feel a sense of accomplishment or a sense of value from all they have done. They want to believe they have earned a higher position on the social ladder because of their talents and accomplishments. This is a matter of pride and this is why Jesus responded with, “Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven”, but there is more to becoming like a little child than trying to humble yourself. First there is the problem of a clear path to humility, and second is how to attain humility without being proud of your accomplishment.

The statement of becoming like a little child is about a quality that little children possess naturally, so it is not about what they have, but about what we have gained that they haven’t.

**Salient Points:** Responses to God, Doing things for God, Proving your own works, Context or pretext, Back to little children, Trusting, Easily taught, Humility, No revival, Just doing your duty, The simple bus test, Guile, Lost innocence, Enamored by God, Misunderstanding scripture, An epiphany, By their fruit, Desiring to accomplish, Leprosy and sin, A believing heart, Doing what we are told, When Jesus honored disobedience, A permanent change, Trouble from God, Eat and drink to God’s glory, Desiring to please God.

**The following is explained in the message:**



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**Scripture:** Lk. 17:1-19, Heb. 11:6, Mt. 26:6-13

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The speaker would like you to know that all of these messages are in the chronological progression that God revealed them, and even though many may stand alone, they progress through several subjects that build on the previous lessons. This series of messages titled "Our Timeless Creator" (OTC), shift the focus from salvation and service, to understanding God. How He who needs nothing, benefits from creating the human race. It started in 2007 when God brought the speaker to Psalm 50:15 three times following the miraculous healing of his dying wife. It reads, *“And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me”*. Following this he prayed fervently. "LORD, show me how to glorify you and I will do the best I can". The speaker had become a new creature, (2 Corinthians 5:17) on May 20 1973. At that moment the reality of GOD's existence and the direct connection to the Bible became miraculously clear. Overwhelmed with excitement he began telling everyone who had a few moments to listen, what he had found, like a man who had found a cure for a terminal illness, which everyone had. His excitement and enthusiasm continued for well over a year, even when many said, “you’ll get over it.” Slowly his efforts began to focus on responsibility and all the how-tos of service. As the excitement faded it was replaced with frustration. He had said many times “the most frustrating thing in life is, knowing what GOD could do and watch him not do it”. In 2005 GOD began a work as described in Job 5:17-18, that changed everything. He says,” it was much like when I first became a child of God all over again”. He describes it like application of (2 Corinthians 3:18), “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord”. Truly a life changing experience as God increases and we automatically decrease.