

# **TEACHING CHILDREN TO MEET WITH GOD**

# Meeting with God

## 1. Introduction -

**2.. Faith** – Hebrews 11:6 “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

**a. Purpose of life of Faith – to please God** – Faith seeks for God; it believes that He is; it keeps the heart open towards Him; it bows in humility and hope for Him to make Himself known.

**b. Faith is believing** – something to be true simply because God said it. “...for he who comes to God must believe that He is...”

**c. Rewarder of those who seek God** (1) “And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:13) - Seek with all of your heart.

**d. God created us for Himself – to fellowship with Him**

(Col.1:16 created for Him) (1 Cor.1:9 and I John 1:3) (Adam & Eve had fellowship with God)

**e. To know God – conscious of His presence**

**f. Read the word mixed with faith (Heb. 4:2)**

## 3. Thinking differently – The Bible is a Spiritual book

**a. God’s Word is alive (Hebrews 4:12)**

1. This is God’s message –

2. This is God speaking –

3. Claims to be alive –

**b. From childhood unable to speak –**

**c. Meeting with God –**

#### 4. Have a two-way conversation with God

a. Respond –

b. Personally –

c. Correctly –

#### 5. How does this work -

In John 21:1-11, Jesus issued His gracious invitation, “Come and eat...” Yes, it is God Himself, Jesus our Lord and Savior, who has meticulously prepared each daily meal for us. It is food for our faith; it is the Word of God; it is the Bible.

Revelation 3:20 states, Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”

## LET’S MEET WITH GOD

1. Start each time of fellowship by praying together that the Holy Spirit would be our Teacher.
2. In unison read aloud the selected Scripture passage.
3. Then return to the beginning of that Scripture passage and together read aloud again the first verse.
4. Before proceeding to the next verse, have a short period of silence. During this time of silence, each person should prayerfully meditate upon the verse just read to determine if any of the questions which are listed could be answered from this verse.(next page)
5. Following the period of silent and prayer, each person is free to share how the Holy Spirit applied that verse to his or her heart.
6. Follow with a prayer of response, either by the person who shared, or by someone else.

God will incline our heart to something He wants us to understand, as we read, ready to hear from Him. God may want to make that verse living to my heart in a new and special way.

## 6. Using Questions to Respond to God

Is there in this verse a:

Promise to claim?

Sin to avoid?

Warning to heed?

Command to obey?

Good example to follow?

Bad example to shun?

New thought about God the Father?

New thought about God the Son?

New thought about God the Holy Spirit?

Fresh insight into the person of Satan?

Fresh insight into Satan's cruel goals?

Fresh insight into Satan's subtle devices?

## 7. Where to meet with God

1.

2.

3.

4.

### **Psalms 111:1-4**

PRAISE the LORD!

I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart,  
In the assembly of the upright and *in* the  
congregation.

The works of the LORD *are* great,  
Studied by all who have pleasure in them.

His work *is* honorable and glorious,  
And His righteousness endures forever.

He has made His wonderful works to be  
remembered;  
The LORD *is* gracious and full of  
compassion.

### **Matthew 11:28-30**

"Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are  
heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

"Take My yoke upon you and learn from  
Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and  
you will find rest for your souls.

"For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is  
light."

### **Luke 9:23-26**

Then He said to *them* all, "If anyone desires  
to come after Me, let him deny himself,  
and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

"For whoever desires to save his life will lose  
it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will  
save it.

"For what profit is it to a man if he gains the  
whole world, and is himself destroyed or  
lost?

"For whoever is ashamed of Me and My  
words, of him the Son of Man will be  
ashamed when He comes in His *own* glory,  
and *in His* Father's, and of the holy angels.

"But I tell you truly, there are some standing  
here who shall not taste death till they see  
the kingdom of God."

### **Mark 10:13-16**

Then they brought little children to Him,  
that He might touch them; but the disciples  
rebuked those who brought *them*.

But when Jesus saw *it*, He was greatly  
displeased and said to them, "Let the little  
children come to Me, and do not forbid  
them; for of such is the kingdom of God.

"Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not  
receive the kingdom of God as a little child  
will by no means enter it."

And He took them up in His arms, laid *His*  
hands on them, and blessed them.

### **Luke 11:2**

Then He said to them, "The harvest truly *is*  
great, but the laborers *are* few; therefore  
pray the Lord of the harvest to send out  
laborers into His harvest.

### **Matthew 6:19-24**

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on  
earth, where moth and rust destroy and  
where thieves break in and steal;

"but lay up for yourselves treasures in  
heaven, where neither moth nor rust  
destroys and where thieves do not break in  
and steal."

"For where your treasure is, there your  
heart will be also."

"The lamp of the body is the eye. If  
therefore your eye is good, your whole  
body will be full of light."

"But if your eye is bad, your whole body will  
be full of darkness. If therefore the light that  
is in you is darkness, how great is that  
darkness!"

"No one can serve two masters; for either  
he will hate the one and love the other, or  
else he will be loyal to the one and despise  
the other. You cannot serve God and  
mammon."

# HOW CAN WE TEACH THE CHILDREN TO MEET WITH GOD?

1. Learn to simply read from the Bible verse by verse.
2. Teach the children the idea behind communicating to someone.
3. Apply all of this to communicating with God.
4. Apply this to reading the Bible verse by verse as you would talk with someone
5. This will take time to develop.
6. One verse at a time.
7. After your study time in class, ask the question:
8. There are "little" things that can be done each week to help in creating a new mind-set about meeting with God. Such as:
  - a. Write on the white board in front of the classroom: "Do you talk to God when you read your Bible?"
  - b. Use vocabulary such as:
  - c. Use questions such as:

## Teaching 5 Year Old Kindergarten Class to Respond to God

Taught to respond in 5 year old kindergarten class.

Story of 10 lepers Jesus healed.

We don't want to be like those 9 men that didn't thank Jesus, but we want to be like the one who thanked Jesus.

We want to remember to thank Him for His blessings and when He answers our prayers.

So right now I want you to think of something you can thank the Lord for.

I'll choose 2 people to pray but first I want you to tell me what you want to thank God for.

(So they tell me) and I say "Great, go ahead and thank the Lord now."

And then they pray for what they had just verbalized (2 by 2).

Sometimes they verbalized what they wanted to thank the Lord for but when they said they needed help to pray, I helped them. 😊

Sometimes they also need help in explaining what they are thankful for.

This is an age we tell them how to do something, how to think.