



Blessed Are The Children

I find myself often doing this 'dad-thing' where I try and explain in a logical manner to the children why, for example, we need to go to the tip and then to B&Q before going to the park ... and then my wife informs me that they are not listening and don't really care about the explanation ... they just want to go the park.

William of Ockham once said, "All things being equal, the simplest explanation is usually the best one." The children don't need long-winded explanations. Their life doesn't need that level of complication. There is something about simplicity that I like. It's so ... uncomplicated!

The theme for this week is focuses on this. Our faith [and trust in God] should not be a complicated thing. It's really quite simple. The Scriptures teach us that we are all 'children of God'. In the same way that our children trust us, so we should trust Him. He loves us and we love Him. There is nothing complicated about that.

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Prayer:

Loving God, you valued children enough to tell your followers to be more like them. Guide me in growing a faith that is trustingly child-like (yet never mindlessly childish).

Amen.

Scripture:

Some people brought their small children to Jesus so he could bless them. But his followers told the people to stop bringing their children to him. When Jesus saw this, he was displeased. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me. Don't stop them. The kingdom of God belongs to people who are like these little children. I tell you the truth. You must accept the kingdom of God as a little child accepts things, or you will never enter it." Then Jesus took the children in his arms. He put his hands on them and blessed them.

Pope Francis:

'May we always care for our children, not counting the cost, so that they may never believe themselves to be mistakes, but always know their infinite worth.'

