God’s view of children

Why use this Bible study?
This Bible study can help us explore some of what the Bible teaches about the value and importance of children.

Made in the image of God
Read Genesis 1:26-27. God has made us, male and female, in his image. This means in some ways we are similar to him.

Read Deuteronomy 7:11-14. God promised his people that if they live according to his ways then he will bless them and multiply them and bless their children.

Read Psalm 127 and Psalm 128. Children are a blessing from the Lord. We also read that our children will grow up like olive shoots if we fear (respect and honour) the Lord.

Key points
- All people, everywhere, are made in God’s image.
- Children are a blessing from God.
- If we are faithful to God, we will pass on God’s blessings to our children.

Questions for discussion
- What do the Genesis 1 verses say about the value of people in God’s eyes?
- Does He value children any differently from adults?
- In what ways do you think we may be similar to God (Made in His image)?
- How do these verses encourage us to respect adults and children?
- How are children viewed in our culture?
- In what practical ways can we encourage those around us to view children in the way that God views them?
- What words are used to describe God’s view of children in Psalms 127 and 128? Discuss what these words mean.
- Do we always view children as a blessing?
Reflection
Think about the community you live in. How are children treated? Do we treat them as a blessing from the Lord? Do we seek to bless them as God has blessed us? How can we do that today?

Notes

Related tools
- A2 – Using the media to talk about child protection [A2: Children & youth-1]
- A2 – Drama on child marriage [A2: Children & youth-2]
- A2 – Discussing standards for child protection [A2: Children & youth-3]
- B – Caring for children (Bible study) [B: Children & youth-1]