



How do children grow spiritually?

When a child accepts Jesus as Lord and Saviour, how does he/she plant their roots in Him and begin to grow? (Colossians 2:6-7).

By learning to do 5 things:

1. **Worshipping constantly** – We were made to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. Inspire children to incline their hearts to Jesus through praising Him, being joyful, giving thanks, and praying constantly (Colossians 3:1, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Psalm 29:2)
2. **Living righteously** – Tell children they're created to be like Jesus and if they love Him they'll give up their old way of life to do what He would do (1 Corinthians 6:20, John 14:15, 1 Corinthians 10:31, Ephesians 4:22-24)
3. **Loving wholeheartedly** – Being a Christ follower distills down to loving God and loving each other. Encourage children to love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love others as much as they love themselves (Mark 12:30, Colossians 3:12-14)
4. **Serving faithfully** – Every child has been blessed with one or more of God's many wonderful gifts to be used to serve others. Help children discover and use their gifts (Micah 6:8, Galatians 5:13, 1 Peter 4:10)
5. **Going joyfully** – Christ followers profess what they possess. Equip children with evangelism strategies that enable them to go tell everyone that Jesus is wonderful and does marvelous things (Psalm 96:3, Matthew 5:16, 28:19-20)

Demonstration should be your primary teaching methodology. When children see you doing these 5 things they'll imitate your example (Luke 6:40).

To grow, children need to drink living water and eat spiritual food. Train them to read, reflect, remember and respond to God's Word every day (Joshua 1:8, John 4:10).

Finally, tell children that loving and living for Jesus is their number one priority. To worship constantly, live righteously, love wholeheartedly, serve faithfully or go joyfully, children must do it with Jesus (2 Peter 3:18).

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