

In 2003, the Census Bureau reported that there were 73 million residents 18 years of age or younger living in the United States.

This next generation is struggling:

- **Intellectually**
- **Physically**
- **Emotionally**
- **Relationally**
- **Spiritually**

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Orange is all about synchronizing the church and parents around a master-plan to build faith and character into the lives of sons and daughters.



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**Kids matter to God,
so they should
matter to us, too.**

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

(Matthew 18:1, ESV)



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“In my mind, children had always been part of a package deal: we want to reach adults with the gospel and then help them mature in their faith in Christ, so we accepted kids as a ‘throw in.’ . . . Like most adults I have been aware of children, fond of them, and willing to invest some resources in them, but I have not really been fully devoted to their development. In my mind, they were people in route to significance—i.e., adulthood—but were not yet deserving of the choice resources.”

-George Barna



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And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

(Matthew 18:2-4, ESV)

“Now, as always, God discloses himself to ‘babes’ and hides himself in thick darkness from the wise and the prudent.”

-A.W. Tozer



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"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea."

(Matthew 18:5-6, ESV)



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**“Let the little children come to me
and do not hinder them, for such
belongs the kingdom of heaven.”**

(Matthew 19:14, ESV)



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Because kids matter to God you should . . .

- Get Your Priorities Straight**
- Invest Your Resources**
- Do Whatever It Takes**

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