

LEA Weekly Devotion

Eyes, Minds, & Hearts series for 2019

Week of June 9, 2019

Read this first: [Matthew 18:1-7](#)

Simple Minds

Text: “Whoever becomes simple and elementary again, like this child, will rank high in God’s kingdom” (Matt. 18:3).

Children I know:

- A 4-year-old went to belting out “Oh, the Lord is Good to Me” at public eateries. Same child has developed hand motions (gee, thanks early childhood teachers!) as she sings “This is the Feast,” including the opening pedals’ “dum dum dum dum.” She also giggles audibly every time the pastor blesses her at the communion rail. Could it be that the Holy Spirit likes to tickle?
- An 11-month old baby brother who bounces and directs any and all of the above.
- A 2-year-old who reverently folds her little hands without prompting at prayer time. Faith doing its practical thing in what we often think is the simple life of a child.
- A third grader who learned about Jesus in a Lutheran classroom and asked to be baptized. Oh—she brought Dad along to be baptized too.
- Another third grader who, on the last day of school asked his teacher if he could keep a hymnal. He liked the songs and didn’t know if he would be returning in fall. A few hours later, in last-day enthusiasm, he ran across a busy street. Right underneath a dump truck. The police returned his only personal property. A hymnal.

And all you who teach and/or have children or grandchildren have similar stories. I left several bullet points open for you to visualize your stories, and thank God for the gift of faith delivered into young souls!

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Oh, and don’t forget some take-away lessons for yourself too.

By the way, if someone thinks you simple minded, never mind. It's true. Moreover, it's a blessing from God. [Childhood is for adults too.](#)

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Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. (Jude 24–25)