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OUR HEART FOR KIDS

This We Know from Scripture:

- Made In the image and likeness of God Gen.1:26-28 with intention, pleased with His creation
- God knows us, formed in the womb Psalm 139:13-16 value imparted to every soul
- Family is the primary discipleship center Deut. 6:4-9 place of protection, instruction, passing on of faith
- God's heart for the defenseless and vulnerable huge much instruction about responsibility of His people

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Two Moments from Jesus Ministry

- Mark 9:35-37 "And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."
 - worth and value children so important to God
 - received in the name of Jesus

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- Luke 18:15-17 "Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."
 - disciples of Jesus should remove all hinderances that exist for children to come to Jesus

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Our Strategy

- 3D Discipleship for all ages
 - Discover Jesus, Demonstrate, Duplicate all ages
- Invite participation and serve the little ones
- **Environment Matters**
 - safe plan to protect, space, etc.
 - loved known and cared for deeply, belong here
 - clear communication passing on faith
 - growth and ability to try, serve, learn, develop

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The Little Things

- Noisy Busy Starts to Service
 - having them worship with us, be seen and valued
- Cups and Water Cooler
 - not just coffee for adults, you matter here too
- Ok with a bit of a mess
 - building is to be used, mess in the barn (Proverbs 14)
- Rockets and making pathways
 - important to me they know

