

HOW TO NEIGHBOR

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Orphans Embraced

When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples. He said to them, “Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children.”

Mark 10:14 (NLT)

Children _____ in the Kingdom of God

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

James 1:27 (NRSV)

The church is “_____”

- Caring for children is a _____ theme of Scripture

³ Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. ⁴ Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

Psalm 82:3-4 (NIV11)

- God cares about children more than we can _____

⁵ Father of orphans, defender of widows, such is God in his holy dwelling. ⁶ God gives the lonely a home to live in....

Psalm 68:5-6 (NJB)

What difference can I make?

_____ in the life of _____
won’t change the world.

But for that one child,
it _____ change their _____.

- We’re all _____ into God’s family.

God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Memorize and/or meditate on Psalm 82:3-4
- Believe that I am God’s “Plan A” to care for children.
- Make a difference in a child’s life by...
 - Exploring adoption or foster care
 - Sponsoring a child through ICCM
 - Serving in the Church’s ministry to children
- Accept Jesus, the one who loved me and died for me, as my Savior and Lord