

Common Sense, Uncommon Wisdom

People express many different ideas about children and parenting. Some of those ideas are stated below. Read Luke 18:15-17; Mark 10:16. Discuss how different people described in those verses might (or might not!) have had some of the attitudes indicated by these statements. Try to support or refute each statement by referring to this account from Jesus' ministry.

- I am not qualified to raise my children myself; I must allow experts to do it for me.
- I recognize that I need divine guidance to help me raise my children.
- Children can distract us from the important matters in life.
- The so-called important matters of life can distract us from the vital task of raising our children.
- Children should be seen but not heard.
- Adults can learn a lot from the attitudes of children.
- The best ways for me to become acceptable to God are through study and self-discipline.
- An adult is taller when he or she bends down to care for a child.
- Life experiences make one more open to spiritual matters.
- Life experiences dull our receptivity to spiritual matters.