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4. We have the opportunity every week to release God's _____ of _____ over the children that come into our lives.

Matthew 19:13-14 NKJ

Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

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The Most Important People in Church
Matthew 18:1-6 & 10-14

THE 4/14 WINDOW

- 2/3 of a person's lifetime impressions are determined by the age of ____
- 2/3 of a person's lifetime knowledge is gained by the age of ____
- Age ____ – the conscience develops
- Age ____ – a child learns more than a person graduating from college
- By age ____, a persons basic moral foundation has been formed
- By age ____, a child has irrevocably formed the majority of their beliefs about God, Satan, the Bible, and salvation

- 83% of all children that embrace Christ do so by the age of ____

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Matthew 18:1-6 NKJ

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

Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me."

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

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Matthew 18:10-14 NKJ

"Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost."

"What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray."

Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish."

Some things we need to understand about children:

1. Children are the _____ God uses to describe the characteristics of _____ in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Characteristics of Children

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Characteristics of Children (cont'd)

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2. The way we _____ and _____ children is the way we receive and treat _____.

Matthew 18:5 NKJ

Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.

Matthew 19:14 NKJ

But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

3. The strategy of the enemy is to attack _____
in their _____ so they spend the rest of their
lives in a cycle of dysfunction.

John 10:10a NKJ

The thief does not come except to steal and to kill and to destroy.

Every 24 hours:

- _____ children see parents divorce
- _____ children are put in jail
- _____ children run away from home
- _____ children drop out of school
- _____ children become sexually active
- _____ children die (malnutrition, disease)
- _____ make the streets of major cities their homes