

## God loves them!

Because very small children understand what it is to be loved, they easily accept that God loves them.

But notice, **first**, some unconcerned parents don't share this with their children. "They say, "We won't influence their religious beliefs. They can decide for themselves when they grow up."

Why is it appropriate to teach our youngsters about? Because He told us to. See Deuteronomy 6.6-7. God's interest is in a child's entire life.

**Second**, do parents let their children decide *everything* for themselves? Indeed not. They leave no room for such independence. So, **third**, is it dangerous for toddlers to learn – even before age three – that God made the world, that He cares for us and watches over us? Of course not.

Let's tell our children about God's love and teach them to love Him in return. And eventually they could learn this Bible instruction:

"Children obey your parents . . . because God has placed them in authority over you." Ephesians 6.1 (The Living Bible).

In the meantime, little ones can easily say short prayers, or sing songs such as "Jesus loves me."

Are we proud of the children God gave us? Let's be just as proud to teach them about Him.

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### GOOD NEWS IN BRIEF

*"All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children."* Isaiah 54.13

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