

# Can a child find God?

A child understands kinship between two people long before he can understand the stating of a truth.

So before he acquires any vocabulary at all, he easily relates to his mother and other persons around him, and recognises that these people are in relationship one to another as well as separately to himself.

And if these individuals are also in kinship with God, this too will eventually be noted by the child. As mother and other acquaintances talk to God, it will be apparent to the infant that he is witnessing a bond of a special kind, one which inspires reverence and commitment.

At an early age the child can have his own part in this. He may start with a simple and obvious prayer, saying "Thank you" for his food. Such a prayer is quite meaningful because it is linked with one of the youngster's chief experiences.

Can a little one find God? Yes, provided that the child's education in spiritual things occurs at the same time and in the same natural way as his education in all the other phases of living.

Since Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me", Matthew 19.14, let's be sure we do!

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**"Our children too shall serve him, for they shall hear from us about the wonders of the Lord." Psalm 22.30 (Living Bible).**

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