

Through God's Eyes

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UNWRAP THE POTENTIAL OF EVERY CHILD

- ✦ Children are a blessing and a gift from the Lord. (Psalm 127:3, CEV)
- ✦ But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like children." (Matthew 19:14, NLT)

THAT ONE! (You know how I mean)

- ✦ That One is our INSPIRATION
- ✦ Let's pause and see this child THROUGH GOD'S EYES

OBSTACLES

- ✦ Image of a child
 - Circle vs Square
 - The Blueberry Story
- ✦ Image of yourself
 - You are significant (just ask God!)
 - God has invited you to partner with Him

A LESSON FROM JESUS – The Importance of ONE

✦ ONE Child

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?" He called a little child and had him stand among them. (Matthew 18:1-2, NIV)

† **Offending ONE: A high standard**

“But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea.” (Matthew 18:6, NIV)

† **Despising ONE: Even that “ONE”**

“See that you do not look down on one of these little ones.”
(Matthew 18:10, NIV)

† **Losing ONE: Count the Lost**

“What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost.” (Matthew 18:12-14, NIV)

† **Welcoming ONE: Through God’s Eyes**

“And whoever welcomes one such child in My name welcomes Me.”
(Matthew 18:5, NIV)