

**Children Are A Gift  
Of The Lord**  
***Psalms 127:3-5***

The image features a vibrant, stylized background with diagonal blue and white stripes. In the foreground, there is a lush green field of grass and white daisies. Four black silhouettes of children are depicted in various playful poses: one is holding hands with another, one is running, one is kicking, and one is performing a handstand. Several colorful butterflies are scattered throughout the scene, adding to the cheerful atmosphere.

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- **Being a blessing, they deserve our full love as parents**
  - **No greater love can a child feel than love from his/her parents. *1 Cor. 13:4-8a***
  - **We need to encourage our children, not discourage them. *Col. 3:21***
  - **We are to support them, let them know they can trust and not fear us. *John 11:41-42***

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- Our duties towards our children:
  - Like our heavenly Father provides our needs, we also must provide for our children. *Matt. 7:7-11*
  - This is a commandment from God. *2 Cor. 12:14b*
    - Remember, provide their need is not their every want. *Prov. 29:15*
  - Providing for them is a good investment with a good return. *1 Tim. 5:4 vs. 1 Tim. 5:8*

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- Our duties towards our children:
  - We must instruct our children in the ways of God.  
*Prov. 22:6*
  - We are to take a stand, be in charge, be a parent.  
*Josh 24:14-15*
  - We are to raise them in the instruction of God.  
*Eph. 6:4*

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- **Our duties towards our children:**
  - **Involved in serving God and instructing them, is attending every assembly possible. ***Psa. 78:5-8*****
  - **Having them grow up to be faithful Christians will not be by accident. ***2 Tim. 1:5; 3:14-15*****

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- Our duties towards our children:
  - At times, instruction requires discipline.
  - Discipline must occur promptly. *Prov. 19:18*
  - Such discipline is out of love. *Prov. 13:24*
  - Much is said in Proverbs about disciplining our children. *Prov. 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:17*
  - The seriousness of discipline is seen in the O.T. law. *Deut 21:18-21*



# STEPS OF SALVATION:

FROM **SINNER** TO **SAVED**

