

Gifts!

God is very clear about the fact that children are His gift to us! Psalm 127:3

There was a woman who learned this first hand... I Samuel 1:1-20

- (God tolerated but never endorsed polygamy in the Old Testament.)
- God, in His own sovereign purpose, opens and closes wombs!
- When God does permit conception to occur, it is His blessing!
- When God gives children, He wants them turned towards Him.

God has given us, as parents, grandparents, and a church, beautiful gifts!

!!!FIELD TRIP!!!

Children are gifts that...

- Are a reward from God. Psalm 127:3
 - They are a piece of us, from our own DNA! (the physical connection)
 - They are emotionally connected to us, bringing us joy and even pain.
 - They are used by God to teach us to trust God and grow.
- Are God's creation.
 - Children were formed, woven, and made by God. Psalm 139:13-14
 - Children were seen by God before and at conception. Psalm 139:15-16
- Keep on giving.
 - It can be an unwanted return. Proverbs 29:15
 - It should be a blessed return. Proverbs 29:17; 31:28
- Become our legacy. Psalm 127:4-5; 78:4-8
- Can't be taken for granted, but must be trained!

Next week: **Opportunities!**