

A red backpack is shown from the back, with a dark blue rectangular patch on the upper back. The patch contains the text "The Faith of a Child" in white, bold, sans-serif font. The backpack has a large pocket at the bottom.

The Faith of a Child

Common Ground 2023

Series Overview

Jesus had a countercultural view of children. In a culture that said children should be “seen and not heard,” Jesus welcomed children with open arms...and he taught us to both welcome them and learn from them. This fall, let’s turn our eyes toward the children. We’ll start by opening our hearts to a village halfway around the world, giving the children of the village the dignity of choosing us. Then for six weeks, we’ll humble ourselves to learn from the example of children throughout the Bible. And through it all, we’ll allow God to redefine what it means to be truly great in his kingdom.

Week 1: Let the Children Come

September 24 - Matthew 18:1-5, 19:13-15

Week 2: Childlike Listening

October 1 - 1 Samuel 3 - Young Samuel at the temple

Week 3: Childlike Courage

October 8 - 1 Samuel 17 - Young David vs. Goliath

Week 4: Childlike Boldness

October 15 - Esther 1-10 - Young Esther in Persia

Week 5: Childlike Purity

October 22 - Daniel 1 - Young Daniel’s Faithfulness in Babylon

Week 6: Childlike Curiosity

October 29 - Luke 2:41-52 - Young Jesus in the Temple