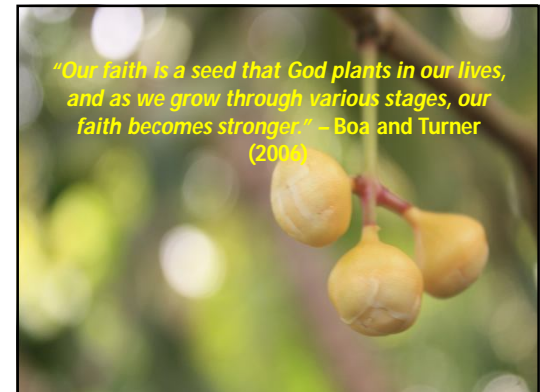
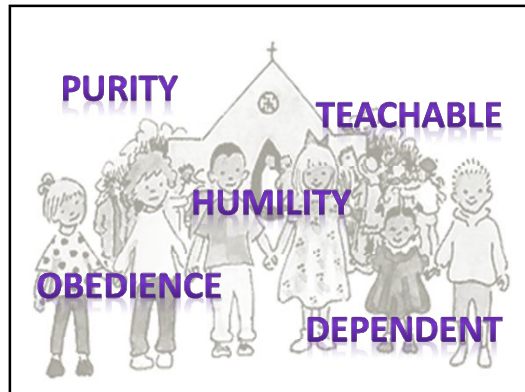




Child in the eyes of Jesus

"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. And he said: 'I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.'" – Matthew 18:1-4



Child's Faith Development (John H. Westerhoff)

1.) **Experiential Faith** is gained from interaction with significant others who are people of faith. People in this stage believe primarily because it's all they experienced.

"How we think of God is learned through and supported by what we have experienced." – Shirley Morgenthaler



2.) **Affiliative Faith** which grows through involvement in a faith community. People in this stage believe primarily because they belong to a group of people who believe.



3.) **Inquisitive Faith** this questioning phase usually occurs sometime in adolescence for children raised in Christian homes. If a young person does not fully experience this stage, his or her faith development will be compromised.



4.) **Owned Faith** this faith has developed and has been tested. A person believes because his/her faith has withstood the crucible moments of life, and he or she is in a position to help others.



Sunday School



Deuteronomy 6:1-2

"These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ² so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life."

