

Here I Am....

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ME ?

*Just ten little fingers, and ten little toes,
God's blessing for you, as everyone knows,
And two big eyes, with eternity there.
A little wee heart, filled with love to spare,
A mind filled with wonder, the future to face,
Life's joys and sorrows, each in their place.
And a great big question for you to see,
What are you going to do with me ?*

- **With an awareness of your responsibility and privilege before God, you dedicate your child.**
- **In recognition of the Goodness of God and with joy and thankfulness, you dedicate your child.**
- **Knowing that children are a heritage of the Lord, the One who is worthy of our trust and service, you dedicate your child.**
- **To Almighty God: to the Compassionate Christ; to the Faithful Holy Spirit, you dedicate your child.**
- **To the ultimate purpose that this little one may glorify God and enjoy Him forever, you dedicate your child.**
- **To whatever calling in life the Sovereign God will give to this little one, you dedicate your child.**

IN PRESENTING YOUR CHILD TO THE LORD, YOU ARE....

- Publicly affirming your personal faith and trust in Christ.
- Committing yourself to pray daily for the physical, mental, social, and spiritual welfare of your child.
- Setting an example of honouring the Lord's Day by bringing your family to Worship Celebrations and Sunday School.
- Modeling before your children your love for God and His word in your home, *"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up."* (Deuteronomy 6:5-7)
- Looking for that "teachable moment" when you may present Christ to your child and have the joy of leading him into a personal relationship to Jesus Christ.

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APPLICATION FOR



Child Dedication

*"Unless the Lord builds the house, they labour in vain who build it...Behold children are a gift of the Lord; the fruit of the womb is a reward."
PSALM 127:1a, 3*



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**APPLICATION REQUEST FOR THE
DEDICATION OF CHILDREN**

We have read the Dedication of Children pamphlet and desire to present our child to God. We agree to be diligent in fulfilling our high calling as parents.

Father's name (English) (Chinese)

Father's signature

Mother's name (English) (Chinese)

Mother's signature

Address

City/Province/Postal Code

Phone: _____ Date: _____
DD / MM / YYYY

FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF DEDICATION

Child's full name (English) (Chinese)

Date of birth DD / MM / YYYY

City of birth

Province of birth

We prefer to present our child to the Lord on _____ (date)
DD / MM / YYYY

The dedication of our children to the Lord is ...

A BIBLICAL PRACTICE

A precedent for the ceremony of baby dedication is found throughout the Scriptures. Hannah and Elkanah presented their son, Samuel, to the Lord, ***“For this boy I prayed, and the Lord has given me my petition which I asked of Him. So I have also dedicated him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is dedicated to the Lord; and he (Elkanah) worshipped the Lord there.”***

(I Samuel 1:27-28)

Paul reminded Timothy of his spiritual heritage: ***“For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother, Lois, and your mother, Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well... from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”***

(II Timothy 1:5, 3:15)

Mary and Joseph presented Jesus back to God in an act of worship and dedication, ***“When the days of their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they (Joseph and Mary) brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord”...“And the Child continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.”***

(Luke 2:22, 40)

As a grown man, our Lord loved the little children: ***“And they began bringing children to Him, so that He might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them ‘Permit the children to come to me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it at all.’ And He took them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands upon them”.***

(Mark 10:13-16)

A PARENTAL PLEDGE

The act of dedication is not a saving ordinance whereby your child's soul is saved, rather it is a public expression of the fact that he belongs to Him. God has given you child to you and you are humbly returning the “gift” back to God. You, as parents, are “setting apart” your child for a life of Christian character.

Resultantly, you assume the responsibility for your child's spiritual development...***“And fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”***

(Ephesians 6:4)

Most importantly of all, you, as parents, dedicate yourselves to leading your child into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. God is faithful! Paul teaches us that, ***“...He (Christ) is able to guard what (we) have entrusted to Him until that day.”***

(II Timothy 1:12)

Be assured that when you give your child to Christ, you are placing him into the hands of infinite Love and Power. There is no safer and sweeter place in all the vast universe than in His Holy Hands!

...“Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

(Proverbs 22:6)

As you are faithful in fulfilling your spiritual responsibility to your child, he will be prepared to respond to Christ's love personally as he sees it displayed in your home and in your relationship to Him.