

LEADING YOUR CHILD TO FREEDOM

AGES 0-8 YEARS

The best thing going for us is "child-like faith." Children at this age will seldom question what a responsible adult shares with them. You cannot over-emphasize the love of God and His powerful presence in their life. A child can accept the fact that God is in them and bigger than Satan. Children, in the Lord, have the same authority adults do, so they can resist the Devil. Simply have the child tell them to leave in Jesus' name.

Every child has an active imagination that is fertile ground for creativity. It can also be fertile ground for the enemy. If they have an imaginary friend that talks back to them, they have tapped into something they need to renounce. New Age proponents are actually promoting such thinking and advocating the acquisition of "spirit guides" for little children.

Take seriously the fearful comments of a child! If they complain of horrible nightmares or experiences in their room that frighten them, encourage them to share all of their experiences without judgment. If we make light of their experiences, they will conclude that we don't care or understand. In either case, they may never share again, which is the worst thing that can happen. We encourage you to place your hands on them and pray something like the following:

Dear Heavenly Father,

I bring my child before You. I declare myself and my family to be under Your authority. I acknowledge my dependency upon You because apart from Christ I can do nothing. I ask for Your protection during this time of prayer. Since I am in Christ and seated with Him in the heavenlies, I take authority over all that You have entrusted to me. I declare my child to be eternally signed over to the Lord Jesus Christ. I renounce any and all assignments that Satan has on my child. I accept only the will of God for myself and my family. I now command Satan and all his demons to leave my child. I ask for a hedge of protection around my child and my home. I submit myself and my child as temples of the living God. I ask this in the precious name of Jesus, my Lord and Savior. Amen.