

Chapter 1 : Lolo Jones Shares Stories of Homeless Childhood

The Early Childhood Education Center is an early childhood education program within The Salvation Army dedicated to fostering a caring Christian environment. The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the Christian church.

E-mail Nowhere does the Easter message of resurrection ring so triumphant. Among all the glorious gospel verities given of God to his people there is scarcely a doctrine so sweet, so soul satisfying, and so soul sanctifying, as the one which proclaimsâ€”Little children shall be saved. They are alive in Christ and shall have eternal life. For them the family unit will continue, and the fulness of exaltation is theirs. No blessing shall be withheld. They shall rise in immortal glory, grow to full maturity, and live forever in the highest heaven of the celestial kingdomâ€”all through the merits and mercy and grace of the Holy Messiah, all because of the atoning sacrifice of Him who died that we might live. There are many valid questions which confront us in this field which are deserving of sound scriptural answers. Two scenes showing the infinite love, tenderness, and compassion of the Lord Jesus set the stage for our consideration of the various matters involved in the salvation of children. And the disciples rebuked them, saying, There is no need, for Jesus hath said, Such shall be saved. The second scene is portrayed on the American continent. That same Jesus, the Compassionate One, risen and glorified, is ministering among his Nephite kinsmen. He has just prayed as none other had ever done before. Then Jesus wept, and said: Jesus loves and blesses children. They are the companions of angels. They shall be saved. Of such is the kingdom of heaven. Now let us record brief answers to the more commonly asked questions about the salvation of children. What is a child and who are children? A child is an adult spirit in a newly born body, a body capable of growing and maturing according to the providences of Him whose spirit children we all are. Children are the sons and daughters of God. They lived and dwelt with him for ages and eons before their mortal birth. They are adults before birth; they are adults at death. What is mortal birth? It is the process by which mature, sentient, intelligent beings pass from preexistence into a mortal sphere. It is the process by which we bring from premortality to mortality the traits and talents acquired and developed in our long years of spirit existence. It is the process by which a mortal body is created from the dust of the earth to house an eternal spirit offspring of the Father of us all. Mortality is fully upon us when we first breathe the breath of life. Why are we born upon this earth? We come here to gain bodies, bodies of flesh and blood, bodies whichâ€”following the natural deathâ€”we will receive back again in immortality. Those of us who arrive at the years of accountability are here to develop and to be tried and tested, to see if we can so live as to regain the state of innocence and purity which we enjoyed as children, and thereby be qualified to go where God and Christ are. What is original sin? This is the false doctrine that the sin of Adam passes upon all men and that, therefore, all menâ€”infants includedâ€”must be baptized to be saved. There is no such thing as original sin as such is defined in the creeds of Christendom. Such a concept denies the efficacy of the atonement. Are children conceived in sin? Since there is no such thing as original sin, as that expression is used in modern Christendom, it follows that children are not conceived in sin. They do not come into the world with any taint of impurity whatever. What about infant baptism? Few false doctrines have ever deserved and received such a vigorous and forceful denunciation as that heaped upon infant baptism by the prophet Mormon. When that inspired author inquired of the Lord concerning the baptism of little children, he was told: Behold, I came into the world not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance; the whole need no physician, but they that are sick; wherefore, little children are whole, for they are not capable of committing sin; wherefore the curse of Adam is taken from them in me, that it hath no power over them. Are all little children saved automatically in the celestial kingdom? To this question the answer is a thunderous yes, which echoes and re-echoes from one end of heaven to the other. Jesus taught it to his disciples. Mormon said it over and over again. Many of the prophets have spoken about it, and it is implicit in the whole plan of salvation. If it were not so the redemption would not be infinite in its application. There is no restriction as to race, kindred, or tongue. Little children are little children and they are all alive in Christ, and all are saved by him, through and because of the atonement. All the spirits that come to this world come

from the presence of God and, therefore, must have been in his kingdom. How and why are they saved? They are saved through the atonement and because they are free from sin. They come from God in purity; no sin or taint attaches to them in this life; and they return in purity to their Maker. Accountable persons must become pure through repentance and baptism and obedience. Those who are not accountable for sins never fall spiritually and need not be redeemed from a spiritual fall which they never experienced. Hence the expression that little children are alive in Christ. Will they have eternal life? Eternal life is life in the highest heaven of the celestial world; it is exaltation; it is the name of the kind of life God lives. It consists of a continuation of the family unit in eternity. We have quoted scriptures saying that children will be saved in the celestial kingdom, but now face the further query as to whether this includes the greatest of all the gifts of God—the gift of eternal life. And in the providences of Him who is infinitely wise, the answer is in the affirmative. Salvation means eternal life; the two terms are synonymous; they mean exactly the same thing. We have come to speak of this salvation as exaltation—which it is—but all of the scriptures in all of the standard works call it salvation. I know of only three passages in all our scriptures which use salvation to mean something other and less than exaltation. President Joseph Fielding Smith spoke very expressly on this point: We were all mature spirits before we were born, and the bodies of little children will grow after the resurrection to the full stature of the spirit, and all the blessings will be theirs through their obedience, the same as if they had lived to maturity and received them on the earth. The Lord is just and will not deprive any person of a blessing, simply because he dies before that blessing can be received. It would be manifestly unfair to deprive a little child of the privilege of receiving all the blessings of exaltation in the world to come simply because it died in infancy. When they grow, after the resurrection, to the full maturity of the spirit, they will be entitled to all the blessings which they would have been entitled to had they been privileged to tarry here and receive them. Will children be married and live in the family unit? There can be no question about this. If they gain salvation, which is eternal life, which is exaltation, it means that they are married and live in the family unit. President Joseph Fielding Smith has so stated in plain words, and it is something that must necessarily be so. See *Doctrines of Salvation, 2: Why do some children die and others live? Are those who die better off than those who remain in mortality?* We may rest assured that all things are controlled and governed by Him whose spirit children we are. He knows the end from the beginning, and he provides for each of us the testings and trials which he knows we need. President Joseph Fielding Smith once told me that we must assume that the Lord knows and arranges beforehand who shall be taken in infancy and who shall remain on earth to undergo whatever tests are needed in their cases. It is implicit in the whole scheme of things that those of us who have arrived at the years of accountability need the tests and trials to which we are subject and that our problem is to overcome the world and attain that spotless and pure state which little children already possess. How much do children know before their mortal birth about God and the plan of salvation? Every person born into the world comes from the presence of God. We all saw him in that eternal world. We heard his voice. He taught us his laws. We learned about Christ and chose to follow him when he was chosen to be our Savior and Redeemer. We understood and knew the gospel plan and shouted for joy at the privilege of getting our mortal bodies as part of that great plan of salvation. Returning pure and spotless to their Maker, children—who in reality are adults—will again have that gospel knowledge which once was theirs. Will children ever be tested? Any idea that they will be tested in paradise or during the millennium or after the millennium is pure fantasy. Why would a resurrected being, who has already come forth from the grave with a celestial body and whose salvation is guaranteed, be tested? Would the Lord test someone who cannot fail the test and whose exaltation is guaranteed? Little children who die before reaching the years of accountability will not be tempted. Such is the emphatic language of President Joseph Fielding Smith. What is the age of accountability? Accountability does not burst full-bloom upon a child at any given moment in his life. Children become accountable gradually, over a number of years. Becoming accountable is a process, not a goal to be attained when a specified number of years, days, and hours have elapsed.

Chapter 2 : Christmas Assistance - Children - The Salvation Army

Angel Tree Registration Please note children are not allowed in the Christmas Center. The Salvation Army Angel Tree program is a need base program for children ages 0 to 12 years old in Mecklenburg and Union counties.

Pontiac, Michigan, is part of the Detroit metro area, so it has a far higher poverty rate than the state average. According to recent U. Census Bureau data, 34 percent of Pontiac residents live in poverty, compared to a state rate of Christmas can be particularly hard for low-income families with children. Luckily, there are holiday programs to keep little ones from such thoughts. Lighthouse of Oakland County Located at Woodward Avenue in Pontiac, the Lighthouse of Oakland County offers Christmas help, as well as a broad range of other services for low-income families. This local organization has been serving Pontiac since , steadily expanding its social programs to become one of the most comprehensive locally based sources of assistance in the region. Offering holiday help is a longstanding Lighthouse tradition. Low-income families in need can call to request Christmas help, including gifts for children, clothes and food. The Lighthouse also facilitates a local adopt-a-family program, where donors can provide personalized Christmas help to a family adopted for the holiday. Today, from its Baldwin Avenue location, the center offers more than 20 programs to those in need, including Christmas help. Low-income families can receive a Christmas food basket that supplies not only a full turkey Christmas dinner, but also four weeks of food. Families in need can dial to sign up for holiday assistance or to find out more about the other social services available. The Salvation Army For more than a century, the Salvation Army has been working to serve the needs of low-income families in Pontiac. In addition to their numerous other programs for low-income families, the Salvation Army, located at Martin Luther King Jr. South, offers Christmas help, including food and gifts for children, working in partnership with regional Salvation Army locations to meet community needs during the holiday season. Call to request Christmas assistance and for further information about other ways the Salvation Army can help. Toys For Tots Officially known as the U. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program, this remarkable program has been in operation since Generations of children throughout the nation have received Christmas gifts through the efforts of the U. Each autumn, local sign-up sites are widely publicized by the local coordinator serving the Pontiac region. Because the organization serves so many, it can take time for the local Toys for Tots coordinator to contact each family requesting assistance, but staff will get to each request.

Chapter 3 : The Salvation Army | Syracuse, NY - Child Care & Education Services

Sick Children get their Holiday Wishes. The Salvation Army & Mrs. Claus Delivers raise toys for ill children. San Diego, CA (December 9,) - The Salvation Army in Chula Vista, in partnership with Mrs. Claus Delivers, will host a fundraiser Saturday, December 10 to benefit eight children with various illnesses.

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. Our new Family Handbook is available now! Our goal is to provide an educationally enriching, nurturing and safe environment with an emphasis on kindergarten readiness and long term success. Our goal is to encourage curiosity and build self-confidence in children through reading readiness, exploration and play. Teachers will facilitate exploration and nurture key social and emotional skills, engage children in activities that require cooperation and self-awareness, and encourage communication with peers. Through independent and group learning, children will gain the important personal and social skills needed for a successful transition into school. Typical Activities Activities are designed to encourage development through play and learning. Circle time activities motivate child to express themselves through singing, dancing, games, music and language. Encouraging their self expression and building their confidence. Children have a choice of a variety of learning centers to explore during free play using blocks, household and kitchen, dramatic play, dolls and accessories, play sets, art, science, library and music center, library, sand and water centers. Nursery rhymes awareness, finger plays, stimulus pictures or objects to encourage listening, tuning into print, verbalization, reading to the children, and read aloud. Children learn to represent the real world as they play with dress up prop, role play and engage in puppetry developing their pro-social behaviors and language skills. Our playground, athletic field, garden, gym, fitness studio and water park provide diverse settings to engage in play. Children engage in a variety of physical activities promoting physical activity and positive social interaction. Through our computer lab and technology, age appropriate math and reading readiness skills are reinforced. Through personal, family and community events such as birthdays, holidays, and cultural events, children will experience the rich diversity in the world around them. For More Information Stop on by for payment info and options! The program is open Monday through Friday starting at 7: Kroc Vision Statement Individuals will find opportunities to develop their body, mind, and spirit within a state-of-the-art, caring, Christian environment.

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In the South West, The Salvation Army has helped pay for the cost of all children who want to go on a summer camp. The Salvation Army's South-Western Divisional Children's Officer, Yvonne West, said: "The Salvation Army has a long history of helping children grow up to live their lives to their full potential.

Chapter 5 : Brighten the Holidays - The Salvation Army USA

Other Assistance - Without The Salvation Army and its efforts through the Angel Tree and other programs, many children would be without toys at Christmas. The Salvation Army assists needy families to ensure that their hardship is not suffered by their children. Holiday Events - Holidays provide a sense of joy and tradition. Even in especially hard times, acknowledging holiday customs may provide a sense of relief and peace.

Chapter 6 : Careers Center | Early Childhood Education Teacher's Assistant

The successful candidate will possess a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education, Child Development, school age care, child development or other child-related field; will consider individuals with an Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education currently working towards a bachelor's degree.

Chapter 7 : Children's Ministry |

Angel Tree Program. We put new clothes and toys under the tree for 1 million children who usually have to go without Christmas gifts. Anonymous donors adopt these little "angels" in an expanding Christmas tradition that makes the season brighter for both the gift giver and receiver.

Chapter 8 : Christmas Help for Needy Children in Pontiac, Michigan | How To Adult

Salvation Army helping children, seniors at holidays. Jessica Rodriguez replaces Angel Tree tags and stockings on the Christmas tree in the lobby of the Kroc Center on Holdsworth Drive, so more children and "forgotten elders" can be provided with gifts this holiday.

Chapter 9 : Careers Center | Early Childhood Education Center Teacher

The Salvation Army helps put new clothes and toys under the tree for 1 million children across the United States who usually have to go without Christmas gifts. Anonymous donors adopt these little "angels" in an expanding Christmas tradition that makes the season brighter for both the gift giver and receiver.