

Childlike Faith

1) Here's how Jeannine Scott, our Children's Ministry Coordinator, described three of the nine traits of childlike faith as listed in the book, "Dangerous Wonder" by the late Mike Yaconelli:

RISKY CURIOSITY:

- Questions aren't about answers. They are about relationships.
- Kids want to know that the one who loves them is bigger than all their questions. If questions are welcome, then they are welcome.
- No wrong questions
- We don't have to have answers: "If our questions leave us alone with Jesus, then lonely isn't a bad place to be."

DARING PLAYFULNESS:

- What if the church was a place to play together, not just pray together?
- God Hides AND Seeks. Joy comes from recognizing God in places we never thought He would be.

CHILDLIKE FAITH:

- Great belief that your prayers will be answered
- Embrace your ordinariness
- Don't stop playing

2) A. W. Tozer (American pastor and writer; 20th-century) on childlike faith:

"Now, as always, God discloses Himself to those willing to be like children and hides Himself in thick darkness from the wise and the prudent. We must simplify our approach to Him...We must put away all effort to impress, and come with the guileless candor of childhood. If we do this, without doubt God will quickly respond."

3) Here's the book mentioned yesterday during the tag team sermon:

[Dangerous Wonder \(with Discussion Guide\): Yaconelli, Michael](#)

And here are an introductory article to it, and some good quotes from it:

[Dangerous Wonder by Mike Yaconelli: a book review](#)

[Dangerous Wonder Quotes by Michael Yaconelli](#)

4) Here are a few more resources for you:

- An article describing how C. S. Lewis described childlike faith: [The Importance of Childlike Faith in the Workplace](#)

- A brief devotional on the power of childlike faith: [Weekly Devotional: Faith Like a Child](#)

- And back to C. S. Lewis for a look at childlike faith as seen in beloved Chronicles of Narnia: [Faith Like a Child: A Look At Lewis's Chronicles of Narnia – Laura E. Weymouth](#)



A Prayer for the Week

From The Daily Prayer Guide:

"God from the heavens, I ask You to release me of all everything that gets between me and You. Help me to drop any bias, any hesitation, and any frustrations I have, so that I can have the simple faith of a child. May no shame keep me from You, may no question go unasked, and may I trust You completely, amen."