

## Matthew 18 • Lessons in Greatness and Forgiveness

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  - b. They represent \_\_\_\_\_. (v.5)
  - c. The \_\_\_\_\_ represent them before the Father. (v.10)
  - d. Christ wants to \_\_\_\_\_ them. (v.11)
  - e. It is the will of the \_\_\_\_\_ that they be \_\_\_\_\_. (v.14)
5. (v.15-20) Believers have a responsibility to hold each other accountable in order to engender \_\_\_\_\_ and mitigate the effects of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. (v.21-35) Holding another spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ is always done with an eye on our own spiritual record of \_\_\_\_\_.

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- Personal \_\_\_\_\_ that engenders the same in others.
- The desire to deal with adversity in the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_.
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