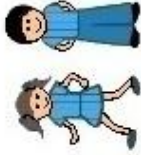


# SPIRIT



Bible

- In order that we meet our goal of caring for and teaching the "whole child", it is necessary that we understand that a child is three in one: body, soul, and spirit.
- What do we mean when we speak of the spirit of man? Is the spirit of man different than the soul of man? I will just let the word of God speak for itself about the divisions.
- I Thessalonians 5:23 "...I pray God your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."
- Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit..."
- Some points to keep in mind in our emphasis of the spirit of the child:
- \*There is an age of accountability that is determined by God and is personal for each child.
  - \*It is our job to lay the foundation for the working of the Holy Spirit in the child's spirit.
  - \*Children are saved, i.e. born-again, the same way an adult is. The child must be convicted of sin by the Holy Spirit. The child must be convinced of the need of Jesus as Savior. The child must accept the gift of salvation through Jesus.
  - \*We are responsible to feed the born-again spirit of the child, so that the child may grow.
  - \*We are responsible to guide the child in a prayerful search for God's plan for him/her.
  - \*Parents are God's primary provider in the growth of the spirit of the child.

His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among *their* relatives and acquaintances. So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. Now so it was *that* after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Luke 2:41-52 NKJ (used by permission)

# BODY

**shelter**  
...for want of...  
Job 24:8

**medicine**  
...healing  
medicines...  
Jeremiah 30:13

**cleanliness**  
...bathe his flesh...  
running water...  
Leviticus 15:13

**clothes**  
...what we wear...  
Matthew 6:28

**rest**  
Elisha...make a little  
chamber...bed...table  
2 Kings 4:9-11









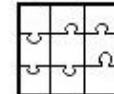
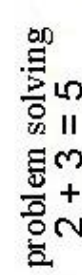
**toiletries**  
...fragrance of your  
perfume...  
Song of Solomon 4:10

**food**  
...vegetables to eat and  
water to drink...  
Daniel 1:12

# SOUL

How a child relates to the world through his soul:

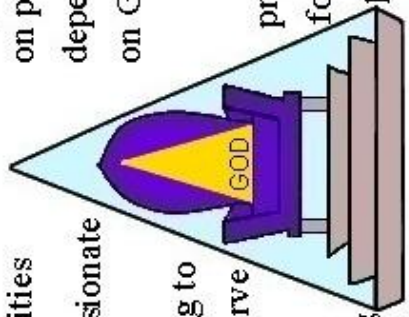
## Mind

 reading  
 deduction  
 music  
 learning  
 writing  
 creative thinking  
 memory  
 concentration  
 logic  
 problem solving  
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## Emotions

 lonely  
 pride-good  
 love  
 excited  
 envy  
 sad  
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 angry  
 happy


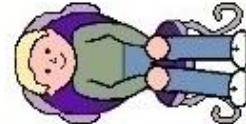
## Will



obedient to parents & other authorities  
 compassionate  
 learning to give/serve others  
 learning scripture

moving from dependance on parents to dependance on God  
 preparing for God's purpose in life

OR

di s o b e d i e n t  
 c o v e t o u s  
 s e l f c e n t e r e d  
 p r i d e f u l  
 m o v i n g f r o m  
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# TRIFOLD LEAFLET OF THE 3X1=1 BODY, SOUL, SPIRIT OF THE WHOLE CHILD

## INSTRUCTIONS

Print page one. Print page 2 on opposite side of paper. Fold on solid lines to make a trifold leaflet.

## PURPOSE-

A trifold leaflet to give to parents.