

**Psalm 71:5–6**

- <sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.
- <sup>6</sup> Upon you I have leaned from before my birth;  
you are he who took me from my mother's womb.  
My praise is continually of you.

**Vocabulary**

- ✦ **βρέφος** (*brephos*) – very small child; baby; infant; unborn baby in the womb
- ✦ **παιδίον** (*paidion*) – a child below the age of puberty; basic word for 'child'
- ✦ **μικρός** (*mikros*) – 'little one'; one who is small; *used to describe Zacchaeus*
- ✦ **νήπιος** (*nēpios*) – a very young child; infant; a minor not yet of legal age
- ✦ **θηλάζω** (*thēlazō*) – v. to nurse; n. one who nurses

**Luke 18:15–17** (parallel passages **Mt. 19:13-15; Mk. 10:13-16**)

<sup>15</sup> Now they were bringing even infants (**βρέφος**) to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus called them to him, saying, “**Let the children (παιδίον) come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.** <sup>17</sup> Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child (**παιδίον**) shall not enter it.”

**Matthew 18:1–6** (parallel passages **Mk. 9:33-37; Lk. 9:46-48**)

<sup>1</sup> At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup> And calling to him a child (**παιδίον**), he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup> and said, “**Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children (παιδίον), you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.** <sup>4</sup> Whoever humbles himself like this child (**παιδίον**) is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup> “Whoever receives one such child (**παιδίον**) in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup> but whoever causes one of these little ones (**μικρός**)

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who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea."

### **Matthew 21:15–16**

<sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children (παιδίον) crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, <sup>16</sup> and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, "'Out of the mouth of infants (νήπιος) and nursing babies (θηλάζω) you have prepared praise'?"

### **Matthew 11:25–27**

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children (νήπιος); <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

### **2 Timothy 3:14–15**

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood (βρέφος) you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

### **Luke 1:15, 41**

<sup>15</sup> "[F]or he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.... <sup>41</sup> And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby (βρέφος) leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit....

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