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It is always helpful to recall the innocence of childhood, to remember how we all started. Consider the story of a Sunday school teacher who asked her kids to write a note to God while she stepped out of the room. When she returned this is what she found.

“Dear God, please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter. There is nothing good in there now.” ~ Ginny

“Dear God, if you let the dinasor [sic] not go extinct, we would not have a country. You did the right thing.” ~ Jonathan

“Dear God, I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church! Is that OK?” ~ Neil

The purity of little ones is so refreshing and sometimes even quite funny! But the impact of the destructive forces at work in our society today is no laughing matter. Especially when we consider that those who are least able to defend themselves are youngsters.

As a chemist, my work involved the analysis of contaminants in precious metals, such as gold, silver and platinum. In business, our standards were very high; they had to be. Without a certain degree of purity, the materials simply could not function as intended.

How much more should we as Americans be concerned about the character of our precious little ones, those whom we expect to function as our nation’s teachers, scientists, businessmen, leaders – our nation’s future?

That’s why I endorse the work of The Camp*aign for American Kids. It was created as a means of empowering young people to deal with the mounting pressures that have resulted in an increase in school violence, bullying, cruelty toward others, and sexual offences. The Camp*aign is designed to help guide our nation’s youth into the adult years by infusing young minds ... *while they are yet pliable* ...with key survival values, such as: honesty, integrity, inner strength, kindness, faith, teamwork, self control, respect for others, and moderation.

To learn more please visit www.ForAmericanKids.org, or call Camp*aign Headquarters at: 804-266-7130. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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