



The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church— Department of Christian Education

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Children Statistics

In the book, **The 13th Generation**, by Neil Howe and Bill Strauss, we read that:

- Every day, over 2,500 children witness the divorce or separation of their parents.
- Every day, 90 kids... are committed to foster homes.
- Every day, 13 Americans age 15-24 commit suicide, and another sixteen are murdered.
- Every day, the typical 14 year old watches 3 hours of TV and does 1 hour of homework.
- Every day, over 2,200 kids drop out of school.
- Every day, 3,610 teenagers are assaulted, 630 are robbed and 80 are raped.
- Every day over 100,000 high school students bring guns to school.

Of 28 Students in any given classroom...

- 8 have struggled with or are currently struggling with pornography addiction
- 7 have parents that are divorced at least once
- 4 have struggled with sexually acting out
- 3 have had a history of drugs/alcohol
- 2 have struggled with an eating disorder
- 1 is diagnosed with a chemically related personality disorder
- 1 has struggled with suicidal thoughts and/or attempted

Clearly, today's child is "at risk" and it is time that we pledged together as people of faith to love, cherish, nurture and affirm children - whether they are our own children or simply those in our community. One day these children will be the leaders and decision makers for our country. The need to cherish and nurture them is great. Let's do it!