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A long time ago there was a wonderful Teacher, called Jesus Christ, who not only spoke as no man ever did before Him, but gave sight to the blind, healed the sick and raised the dead. When He went about, many followed Him, some to be cured,

others to hear the gracious words which fell from His lips.

Among those who listened to Jesus were some women. They saw that He was not only a wonderful Teacher and a mighty Healer, but a loving Saviour. They wanted their children to see Him too. Even if they were too young to understand His words, they would like to hear His voice and see Him smile upon them. Even the babies must not be left out. The mothers would think, "If they are too young to know anything about it, Jesus can bless them; we will ask Him to lay His hands upon them. They will be glad to hear of it when they are grown older."

Children like to go out with their mothers. Those that were

able to walk would be glad when their mothers said, "Come, we are going to see Jesus, the great Teacher." The infants, the mothers would carry in their arms.

There were a great many people about Jesus listening to Him when the mothers came; but with eager, joyful faces they pushed forward with their children till they were suddenly stopped. Who stopped them? It was the disciples of Jesus, those who went about with Him. They thought that their Master would not like to be troubled with such little children. There was but a short time left, and many grown-up people wanted to hear Him.

The mothers were not willing to be turned away. We may suppose that they begged hard

to be allowed to go, if only for a few moments. But there was no need for them to do so. The Lord Jesus had seen all that was going on.

It is very seldom we read of Jesus being angry. He was not angry when the people mocked Him, when they took up stones to kill Him, when they scourged Him and nailed Him to the cross. But when He saw that His disciples would have kept little children from coming to Him, He was "much displeased." And then He said these beautiful words—
"Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Are they not a golden call?

How happy the mothers looked

Now as they held out their little ones for Jesus to touch. But He did more than that. He took them up in His arms, and laid His hands upon them. It is very pleasant to have a kind, gentle hand laid upon you. But the touch of Jesus was more than that. His hands were full of healing. It may be said that these little ones were not sick; what healing did they need? Every little baby is born with a sinful heart. But Jesus came to save His people from their sins. He could give them His Holy Spirit to cleanse their hearts and make them fit for His home above.

And then He blessed them. The mothers joyfully took their children home. Perhaps one of the elder children might say,

“Mother who is that great Teacher who spoke so kindly to us?” To which the mother might answer, “He says that He is the Son of God, and all He says must be true.”

Some may say, that if Jesus were now on earth, they would go to Him, like the children of old, and would seek His blessing. But they think that He has gone up to heaven; they cannot see Him, nor hear His voice.

But though Jesus is in heaven He is on earth too. He is God as well as man. We have not to go far to find Him, for He is everywhere. Though we cannot see Him with our eyes, He is close to us. If we speak to Him even in a whisper He hears us; if we only think about Him

He knows it. He still says,
Suffer the little children to
come unto Me."

Why should you go to Jesus?
Because He can do you all the
good you need, and save you
from all the evil you fear.

If you are poor, He can give
you the best riches, treasures
in heaven. If you are ignorant,
He can give you His Holy Spirit
to teach you. If you are in
trouble, He can comfort and
bless you. But one thing is
certain, you are sinful, and if
you wish to be saved, you must
go to Jesus. He obeyed His
Father's law, and died on the
cross that He might save all who
believe on Him. He frees them
not only from the punishment of

sin but from its power, making their hearts pure and holy.

Jesus is a kind friend, a rich friend, a powerful friend, an ever-living friend. He is so kind that He *will* give you every thing you need. He is so rich that He *can* give it you. He is so strong, that He can protect you from all danger. He never dies, and His friendship can never end.

Go then to Jesus in prayer. Say to Him, "I come, blessed Jesus, because Thou hast bidden me. Take me and make me Thine own." He will make you happy while you live, happy when you die, and happy for ever.

But you must listen to His voice, just as loving children obey their parents. He tells you in His holy Word, the Bible, what you are to do. Read it daily with prayer.