

And that Jesus has bid them to come.
 I long for the joy of that glorious time,
 The sweetest, and brightest, and best,
 When the dear little children of every clime
 Shall crowd to his arms, and be blessed."

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May the children who peruse the pages of this book often think of the sweet words, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

I do not know whether the little children whom Jesus blessed could speak. I do not even know whether they could walk; but there were some children who could speak who loved the Lord. I think they loved him, because they praised him. Once, when he was in a beautiful house called the Temple these children were there too. They saw the wonderful things that he did; they saw him make blind people see, and lame people walk, and they cried out, "Hosanna to the Son of David." This was a prayer. The word "Hosanna" means, "Save, Lord, we beseech thee." The children called Jesus the son of David. David was a great king, and Jesus belonged to his family. But he was the son of a greater King than David—he was the Son of God.

Did he like to hear the children praising him? Yes, he did; but there were some wicked men there who did not like to hear them. They said to him, "Do you hear what these children say?" And Jesus said, "Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?'" It is God who teaches children to praise him. It is a dreadful thing to hear a child use wicked words, but it is very sweet to hear him praise God—it makes one think of the angels in heaven.

You may read about Christ and the children in the New Testament, or the Bible, in Matthew 19:13-15; 21:15, 16; Mark 9:33-37; 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17.

Rules for Travellers and Visitors.

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IF RESIDING IN THE COUNTRY.

1. Never neglect your accustomed private duties of reading, meditation, self-examination, and prayer.
2. Never fail to attend some place of worship on the Lord's day, unless prevented by such circumstances as you are sure will excuse you in the eye of God.
3. Never entertain invited company on the Lord's day: and pay no visit, unless to the sick and needy, as acts of benevolence.
4. Never engage in any thing either on the Lord's day or on any secular day, which will compromise your christian consistency.
5. Seek to do good to the souls of your family and of all others within your reach.
6. Always remember you are to "stand before the judgement seat of Christ."

IF TRAVELLING

1. Never, on any plea whatever, travel on the Lord's day.
2. Make your arrangements to stop, if possible, in some place where you can enjoy suitable religious privileges.
3. Every day find or make time for your private duties of reading, meditation, self-examination and prayer.
4. Carry tracts and good books with you to read, distribute, or lend, according to circumstances.
5. Seek for opportunities to do good to the souls of those into whose society you may fall.
5. Never by deed or conversation, appear to be ashamed of your religious profession.
7. Remember that you are to "stand before the judgment seat of Christ."