

his disciples that he had not come to earth to take away men's lives. He had come to save lives. He had come to show love and kindness even to those who were unkind to him. So they all went quietly away to the next place, where the people were glad to have them. And I like to think that perhaps some of those Samaritan people followed Jesus to the next town when they saw how patient and good he was.

Wherever Jesus went the crowds pressed about him all day long, but he was always patient and kind and loving, no matter how tired he was.

One day the disciples saw among the crowd some mothers who had brought their children for Jesus to bless. There were sick people to be healed; there were wise men with important questions to ask; surely Jesus ought not to be bothered with little children! So the disciples were sending the mothers away when Jesus heard and called them back, saying the words of this verse that children all over the world now love: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not."



And Jesus took the children in his arms and blessed them.

A VERSE TO LEARN

"Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

—Ephesians 6: 24.