

Without an instant's hesitation, the prince and his companion began to ascend the steep rocks. They crept up slowly but steadily on their hands and knees, and at last reached the top. There the first man fell before them, then another and another, until twenty soldiers lay dead around the prince and his attendant. Then God sent an earthquake, which still further increased the panic in the hosts of the enemy; and they, thinking a whole army was besieging them, rushed away headlong, blindly beating down one another as they ran.

And down below in the valley, the king and his little company looked on wonderingly, and seeing that the hand of the Lord was with them, they took heart and pursued after the invaders, who fled away, still slaying one another as they went.

The rest of the people of the land, who had deserted the king's cause in his hour of need, seeing that victory was on his side, now rallied to his support once more, and the enemy were completely driven out, and there was peace within their borders.

*What was the name of the young prince?*

*Mrs. G. D. Jackson* Children's Troubles  
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The children had just gone to bed. Their mother was musing alone in the sitting room. The evening had not been a happy one for the children, and the mother, who, like all true mothers, wanted her children to enjoy to the full each day of their lives, was sorrowful.

"I wish I knew how to manage things better," she said; "I do not understand children. I am afraid I ought not to have been a mother."

"You certainly should not, if you do not, understand them, and cannot learn how," said a tiny voice at her side.

"Who are you?"

"I am 'Love.' You have often told your children about my helping them, and now I am come to help you, if you will let me."

"The trouble with you," the gentle voice continued, "is that you deal with each childish difficulty too hastily. You form an opinion without taking time to know all the facts, and frequently it is entirely wrong, and the child in trouble, instead of expressing itself

freely, as it would if left alone a while, becomes confused and retires within itself, maybe to brood over what it imagines to be, either rightly or otherwise, its wrongs. It is not best always to run to the children on the slightest disturbance. Often it is better to wait until they come to you, then listen patiently to what they have to say, and find out the true rights or wrongs before giving an answer. Also, you sometimes forget," and the little voice became more plaintive, "that the little ones' troubles are to them just as real as your own are to you. They get over them more quickly, but, while they last, simple or even foolish as they may appear to you, they cause real heartache to the children; and the more so, if you fail to show the sympathy which they need, and consider due to them. Many a child's life has been made very unhappy by grown people, who truly loved him, but who did not endeavor to look at things from the child's standpoint, and so were unable to give the intelligent sympathy which every child needs. You may learn to understand the children, if you will. You have the love, and that, combined with patience and perseverance, will accomplish wonders."

Just then the clock struck, and aroused the mother, who rubbed her eyes, and said, "What a curious dream; but I will profit by it."

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