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CHRIST BLESSING CHILDREN.

ND they brought young children to that he should touch them. and his iples rebuked those that brought them. when Jesus saw it, he was much dissed, and said unto them, Suffer the e children to come unto me, and forbid

## LUCY AND THE MOUSE.

was used to going to church, and one day afraid. She remembered, too, what papa when her mamma was sick she went all had often told her, that she was a great deal alone. She said she knew where the pew bigger and stronger than a mouse, and that was, and she knew how to behave and mousie was more afraid than she could be.

help her not to be afraid. Her mamma LUCY was only five years old, but she had told her always to pray when she was would sit very still, so mamma let her go. So she turned around and shook her book



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n not for of such is the kingdom of d. Verily I say unto you, Whoseever all not receive the kingdom of God as a ele child, he shall not enter therein. And took them up in his arms, put his pds upon them, and blessed them. rk x. 13-16.

She was getting on very nicely, when all of a sudden a little mouse crept up from behind the cushion. How frightened Lucy felt! How her little heart best! She was just on the point of screaming aloud, when she remembered where she was, and with trying very hard she kept still. She lifted up her thoughts in a little prayer that God The great duty of life is not to give pain. | would make mousie go away and would | to be brave and sensible.

at the little creature, and it darted away sure enough.

I know a lady who is very much afraid of a mouse. I wish she was as brave and sensible as little Lucy. Why should she fear such a tiny, timid thing? If she would pray, as Lucy did, for God to take away this silly fear, I am sure he would. It is better to learn while we are children