

forest. It became a village and has since grown to be a town. If it were to grow a great deal larger it would become a city; and this it would do if the people continued to be pushing, upright and honest. Now Jerusalem was a city—a large and very strong city. It was so in the time of David, for he found great difficulty in taking it. You remember his promising, as an encouragement to the men, that, whoever first climbed the wall, should be Captain of this hosts. Joab did it and was made Captain. Jesus wanted the people of Jerusalem to come to him. Jesus has gone to Heaven, but he may yet weep for the boy who tells a lie, or the girl who disobeys her mother. Jesus is speaking to sinners when he says, "I would have gathered you as a hen gathereth her chickens." You have all seen the hen calling her chicks when danger is near. How they hurried at the call. If one should not obey the call it might be snatched away. Christ was also speaking to Jerusalem as a *whole*—as containing many thousands. Christ is more than man. A man can not protect more than one or two at a time. Christ can protect *all*. Christ will help us when we are in trouble. Ask Christ to help you to do good. You can't do right unless you ask him to help you. He will help you. He is always saying "Come to me."

SINGING: (Children) "LAMBS OF THE SAVIOUR."

Rev. Mr. Ewing, in addressing the children, said, "How interesting to us all to read and learn about the *child* Jesus! In ordinary life big boys associate with big boys, and little boys with their companions in size. There is a strong bond of sympathy between those of the same age and size. A little boy asks "Was Jesus once a child? Why did he not come as a man?" No one of us can answer that. We only know that such was God's pleasure. We may, however, safely presume to say that he wished to be able to sympathise with all, young and old. Jesus Christ must have been beloved, a loving child, kind, true, wise, tender, rich, royal. Beloved? He is one we cannot help loving, Loving? He is all love, all compassion for children. When asked, "Who is to be greatest in the kingdom of Heaven?" He answers, "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of Heaven." Jesus wants you all converted and with him. He says, also, "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven." They got a blessing from Christ. Christ is anxious to have little children. When Christ was riding into Jerusalem in triumph, the multitudes (and children no doubt amongst them) crying out "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord," and when asked to rebuke them, said, "If these should hold their peace the very stones would cry out." And again, he says, "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise," or more properly "ordained strength."

SINGING: "THE CHILDREN ALL FOR JESUS," AND "YOUR MISSIONS."

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