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How a Little Boy was Saved.

ON one of the railroads in Prussia a switchman was just taking his place, in order to turn a coming train, then in sight, on to a different track. Just at this moment, on turning his head, he saw his little son playing on the track of the advancing engine. What could he do? Thought was quick at such a moment of peril! He might spring to his child and rescue him; but he could not do this and turn the switch in time, and, for want of that, hundreds of lives might be lost. So he called out in a loud voice to his son, "Lie down." His boy, accustomed to obedience, did as his father commanded him, and the heavy train thundered over him. When the train had passed, the father rushed forward to where his boy lay, fearful lest he should find only a mangled corpse; but, to his great joy and gratitude, he found him alive and unharmed.

The boy was saved from a horrible death. What was it that saved him? *Prompt obedience* to his father's command! He did not hesitate; he did not wait to ask *why* the command was

given; he simply heard and obeyed and was saved! Dear little readers, if you are still unsaved, may you learn a lesson from this simple tale.



God not only tells people *how* they may be saved—He not only *invites* them to come to Him, and even *beseches* them, to be reconciled to Him, but God also **COMMANDS!** "And this is His commandment, that we should *believe* on the name of His Son Jesus Christ." (1 John 3: 23.) Just as the switchman, in that moment of fearful peril, *commanded* his son to do that which alone could save him from death, so God, in infinite compassion, *commands* you to believe in Jesus—to trust in Him as your Saviour, because there is no other way by which you can be saved.—*Dublin Tract.*

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WHAT a happy thing it is to have a faithful guardian! God, the Great God, promises to be such. He is always near you—a Gracious Shepherd ever watching His lambs! Again, how nice it is, on a hot, burning day, to get under the shade of a big rock or tree, away from the sun! God says He will be such a shade.