

the mothers brought their little children to Jesus one day, and the disciples, who were kind enough men in their way, but did not know how much Jesus loved the little ones, told the mothers not to trouble Him with them, He spoke sharply to the disciples, and said: "Don't drive them away. Suffer the little children to come unto Me: for of such is the kingdom of God." Wouldn't you have dearly loved to have been one of those little children that day, when He took them up in His arms and put His hands upon them and blessed them?

Another story is of His choosing out seventy men from among His followers and sending them into the cities and villages where He himself was soon to come. They would find many who would wish to do them harm because they hated Jesus; but He said to the seventy messengers: "Do not be afraid. Go and heal the sick wherever you find them, and tell the people that I am coming to teach and help. The seventy were very brave and faithful men and so they did as Jesus told them,—as we all ought to do.

It will be a delight, Sunday by Sunday, to walk with Jesus and listen to His words and to see the wonderful things that He did. He will come to seem like some friend whom you know and love very well; for we cannot be long with Jesus without coming to love Him dearly, and to want to help Him in the work that He came into the world to do.

### Opportunities for Service

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For the child's own sake, it is necessary that he should consciously work for the cause of Christ. In most cases this must be planned out for him and suggested to him.

Children will be doing something all the time. Right doing is more attractive to them than wrong. They cannot be engaged in both right and wrong at the same time, so that to keep them busy in right doing has a double value, as it also acts as a preventive to wrong.

The watchful mother will find abundant opportunity for little acts of kindness and

charity that her child may perform, which no outsider could point out or prepare for. Each in her own environment must find this particular work for herself. A few general suggestions may be given.

The children may carry Sunday School papers to sick friends, or to those who for any reason cannot attend Sunday School. They need not always get extra papers for this, but take good care of their own and give that, after it has been read to them.

When these papers are not given away weekly, let each child have a special place in which to keep them, and on days when they have to stay indoors, they can sew four or six together, thus making little books for the hospital, the mission box, or for poor children. Suitable pictures may be cut out of old magazines, etc., and mounted on strong paper or cambric, for the same purpose.

Picture postcards which the grown-ups do not desire to keep, may be saved for the children. These can have the written-on sides glued together in pairs, with a tape or string between for a hanger, and afterwards carried or sent where they may help to brighten some life.

The children should be encouraged to sing the hymns they know, and repeat their texts when asked, without making a fuss over it, especially for old people or the shut-ins.

They may be allowed to take flowers to the sick, and where possible, tend their growth for this very purpose. Let them save the crumbs after meals and feed the birds. Emphasize the necessity of this in the winter-time, when the ground is covered with snow.

Let them find out children who do not go to Sunday School, and invite them to go with them.

Some children have great numbers of toys. Let these be shared with those who have few or none.

Occasionally have the children go with you when you take food or clothing to the poor; and if they are willing to do so, let them give up dessert or some other luxury once in a while, to see someone else enjoy it.

Have them help in the packing of Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.