

Lesson—Our lesson tells us about another time when Jesus took a little child in his arms and told some big men that they must be kind to the little ones.

Review—Recall the wonderful sight which Peter, James and John saw on the mountain top. When they came back again to join the rest of the disciples they were feeling quite proud to think that Jesus had chosen them to see him in his glory, and they began to think they were better than the rest.

On the way home the disciples began to quarrel amongst themselves about which of them should be the greatest. They were acting just as many children act.

True Greatness—Describe the scene in Peter's house in Capernaum. Jesus and his disciples were sitting talking together one evening. Jesus asked them what they had been quarreling about on the way. They were ashamed to tell him. However, Jesus knew all about it, so he gathered them around him and told them if any of them wanted to be greatest he must be willing to let others be first.

Golden Text—Repeat Golden Text.

The children are all familiar with the "me first" spirit of the playground. We must

change this to "you first." (Tell a simple story to illustrate.)

Jesus and the Little Child—Jesus called one of the little children in that home and the little one came running to him and climbed on his knee. Jesus put his arms around the child who snuggled up close to him while he went on talking to his disciples. (Show picture.) "You must be willing to teach and take care of the little children for my sake," Jesus said. He told them if they neglected the little ones or allowed any harm to come to them, God would punish them very severely.

Perhaps they were expecting that Jesus would tell them of some great work they were to do, and there he sat with a little child on his knee, telling them if they want to please him they must be kind and helpful to the little children and teach them to know about Jesus and love him. Sing verse 3, Hymn 514, Book of Praise.

Show me the hands that are going to be helping hands for Jesus' sake because he loves you so much. How can you help other children?

Our Motto—Repeat, "We will be workers" (print).

What the Lesson Teaches Me—JESUS LOVES LITTLE ONES.

FROM THE PLATFORM

ABOUT BEING FIRST

Begin by asking the scholars what the lesson is about. With a little patient and skilful questioning, you will probably be able to arrive at the answer that it is ABOUT BEING FIRST (Print). Direct the conversation to some of the things in which the scholars strive to be first, —in their lessons at school, in their games, in competitions of various sorts. Now ask who it is that Jesus thinks is first of all. The Golden Text tells this. It is the one who is the "servant of all." Ask about the work of a servant. This is to help others. Lead the scholars to see that the way, therefore, to be first in the estimation of Jesus, is to help others in every possible way. Ask about those mentioned in the lesson who are specially in need of help, —the "children." Make it clear that this term includes all who are in any way weaker or more ignorant than we are. Impress the teaching that, if we would stand high in the opinion of Jesus, we must always be ready to help such persons.