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CHILDREN—WHAT CAN THEY DO?

WHAT can little children do? Have you ever seen a man working with a very small tool to make a very large thing? and perhaps you have wondered how much can be done by so small an instrument. That tool is used by the man's hand; and that hand could do nothing unless it was guided by a *mind*; and that mind is made, and kept, and used, by the great God—that God who is so wonderful in working, whose hand guides the rolling planets, and paints the insect's wing; and that Almighty hand of love can make use of a little child to do great things for His glory.

The first Bible Association ever formed was set up at Sheffield, in the year 1804, by a young lady, only 15 years of age, named Catherine Elliot. She used to visit her poor neighbours, and she found a great many who had no Bibles; so she thought what she could do to get them some, and she prayed to God to guide her, and to teach her what to do. She put by one penny a week, and her little brother a halfpenny, until they were able to buy a Testament for one shilling and fourpence. Catherine then wrote a little paper to beg help; which she sent to her school-fellows. The subscribers, or those who gave money towards it, increased; a number of friends formed a party, which is called a *Committee*, and joined in this work. In 16 years they distributed more than 2500 Bibles and Testaments. How little did this young girl think, when she began, what God would enable her to do for Him; and how