

you have to do is to love and trust and try to please the One who says, 'Let the little ones come unto Me.' Don't you want to begin now?"

The child whispered, "Yes."

Then they both knelt down, and the mother prayed, and in her prayer she gave to Christ her little one who wanted to be His.

The Peace Offering.

IN John 1:37, we read that John the Baptist stood, and pointing toward Jesus said, "Behold the Lamb of God." Now if you had lived in the East in the old time of the world you would have seen men standing by a sort of platform, called an altar, on which a fire was burning, with a calf, or lamb, in the midst of them. By-and-by you would have seen one of the men kill the animal, then cut it into pieces, sprinkle some of the blood upon the altar, and lay the whole or part of the calf or lamb upon the fire: and very likely you would have asked, What does all this mean?

The Peace offering was so called, because, in it God and His people, as it were, feasted together in token of friendship. One portion was placed upon the altar as an offering to God—part was returned to the giver, to be eaten by him with his family and friends; and part the Priest took himself as the mediator that laid his hand upon both. They could not thus eat together unless they agreed, so that it was a symbol of fellowship and friendship between God and man.

The Lamb slain was to remind the Jews of the promised Saviour, who has made peace for us, by the sacrifice of Himself.

Jesus and the Children.

MANY people who saw the Lord Jesus on earth did not know who He was, nor His great love.

And others who heard of Him and His mighty works did not trouble themselves to go and see Him. It is the same now: many people do not care about Jesus.

But some carried their children to Jesus; some

mothers took their infant children to Him, that He might touch them and bless them. But the disciples did not wish Jesus to be troubled with children: they did not look pleased at the mothers; they wanted to send the little ones away.

Jesus said to them, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not"—do not stop them, or those who bring them; "for of such"—of young children like them, or lowly people—"is the kingdom of God"—they belong to God.

Once Jesus called a little child, and set him in the midst, to teach His disciples a lesson—a lesson of humility and simple trust in God. He wants to teach them that our heavenly Father loves the humble, the lowly, and the trusting.

Remember Jesus loves little children still, and He wants them to love and obey Him. Do you?



Unseen, Yet Loved.

AKIND mother had one day been talking with her little girl about the duty of loving God. The child replied, 'Mother, I have never seen God, how can I love him?' The mother made no answer then. A few days after, she received a package from a friend who lived a great way

off; and in the package was a beautiful picture-book for the little girl. The girl took the book, and was for some time entirely occupied in looking at the pictures; but soon she exclaimed, 'O mother, how I do love the good lady that sent me this book!' 'But you never saw her, my dear,' said the mother.

'No, answered the child; 'but I love her because she sent me this beautiful present.'

'My child said the mother, you told me the other day that you could not love God because you had never seen him. And yet you love this kind lady, whom you have never seen, because she has given you a present. Now, you have all around you the presents which God has given you; and best of all, the gift of his dear Son. Why cannot you love Him for His presents?

EVIL thoughts are worse enemies than lions and tigers, for we can keep out of the way of wild beasts; but bad thoughts win their way everywhere.