

THE CHILDREN FOR JESUS.

The Lord Jesus wants the children for his work. Wherever he finds any ready to work for him, he uses them. Because the boy Samuel loved him, was quick to hear his voice, and then to answer, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth," he made him a messenger to Eli, the high priest, and afterwards his prophet and the judge of his people. Josiah, an eight year old boy, was ready and obedient. He made him king of Judah, and did great things through him. The little lad in the days of Jesus was near him and ready with his basket of bread and fish. The Lord had need of him, and by him fed five thousand men, besides women and children.

Are you ready? Have you ever gone alone to your room, and, when all was very still, asked him in real earnest, expecting his answer, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?" If not, think to-day of the work he left us to do, and go to him with the question. He will tell you.

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In the spring of 1888 a pair of red foxes took up their home on a Dakota farm. They dug several holes on a knoll in a wheat field, and soon after four "kits" of young foxes arrived. Every day, while harrowing and sowing wheat in the field, says the farmer, I saw the two old foxes lying on the little mound in front of their home. The kits rolled about in the sun, played with the bushy tails of their parents and enjoyed themselves apparently as much as a group of kittens.

One morning a neighbor came to work in a field adjoining, bringing with him a dog, and the dog, with all the curiosity of his kind, soon began the investigation of both farms.

He was still a long distance from the fox den when I heard a sharp, warning bark and saw the kits disappear. As I looked the mother fox lay on the mound, her ears erect, her nose on the ground, all attention. The father of the family, with his tail swinging in the wind trotted toward the dog.

Can he intend to attack him, I wondered. I had never heard of such a thing, and the dog, though not a large one, was still larger than the fox. But Reynard knew his business better than I. He approached the intruder until the dog saw him, when both stopped for an instant, and then the dog gave chase. The fox, with a bark of defiance, turned and ran in a direction away from his home.

At first the dog seemed to gain rapidly upon the fox, but I watched them for nearly a mile before they disappeared in the long prairie grass and concluded that the fox was able to keep out of the other's way.

In about an hour the dog returned from a fruitless chase, and for a time contentedly followed his master. Then he began prowling around again.

All this time the mother fox had remained on the mound, a picture of

quiet vigilance; but now, as the dog again ventured near, she rose and trotted toward him, and the dog was soon chasing her over the prairie. Hardly had they disappeared when the mate trotted back from some hiding place and took the position vacated by his mate. The dog returned after a time unsuccessful as before.

During the day he was again and again tempted to a chase, first by the male and then by the female, and while the one kept him busy, the other watched over the young, who did not show themselves after the first sight of the dog.

It is hard to say which we admire most; the bravery of the pair in challenging the dog to a race that would prove fatal had he caught them, their ingenuity in taking turns so that each may be fresh when chased, their skill in leading him away from their young, or their cleverness in throwing him of their track when far enough away.

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