

Jesus Said...

**“Let the children
come to me”**

Matthew 19:14



As children, we are special to Jesus. In the Bible, God's Word to us, we read that He showed a special love and concern to the children who came to Him.

One day as Jesus taught a group of people, some parents brought their children to Him. It was the custom in that time for parents to bring their children to the church to be blessed by the leaders. These parents brought their children to Jesus because they saw Him as a leader. They wanted Jesus to lay His hands on the children and bless their little lives. Also, they wanted Him to pray for them because they knew His prayers would be answered.

concern that they knew and loved Him. The best thing parents can do for their children is to bring them to Jesus and let them know that He loves them. Jesus is pleased with our parents when they teach us about Him. He rewards them with a special happiness that only comes from Him.

Yes, children, our dear Lord Jesus does love us. He wants us to know and love Him in return. Jesus said in Matthew 18:14, "It is not the will of your Father which is in Heaven, that one of these little ones perish."

In the Bible, mankind is referred to as sheep and we children as lambs. In the Old Testament, the Prophet Isaiah talked about Jesus hundreds of years before He was born. He said, "He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom" (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus was doing this when He said, "Let the children come to me," and He held them in His arms.

In John 10:14, Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep." Jesus knows us better than anyone else. He wants us to follow Him as a lamb would follow a shepherd. When we do things that we know are wrong, it makes Him unhappy. But He still loves us and wants us to be sorry for what we did and ask forgiveness from the people we have wronged.

Jesus wants us to be with Him and be good friends. We can show our love to Jesus by the way we treat other people. We may be able to be the first ones to tell our parents that Jesus loves them too. We

should tell our friends that Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me" (Matthew 19:14).

—Raymond P. Brunk

*I think when I read that sweet story of old,
When Jesus was here among men,
How He called little children as lambs to
His fold,
I should like to have been with them then.*

*I wish that His hands had been placed on
my head,
That His arms had been thrown around
me,
And that I might have seen His kind look
when He said,
"Let the little ones come unto Me."*

*In that beautiful place He has gone to
prepare
For all who are washed and forgiven;
And many dear children shall be with Him
there,
For of such is the kingdom of heaven.*

Jemima T. Luke, 1841

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