

Sept 2nd - A Little Child Shall Lead Them!



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The Bible

1. Mark 10:13–16

- 13 ¶ And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and *his* disciples rebuked those that brought *them*.
- 14 But when Jesus saw *it*, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.
- 15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.
- 16 And he took them up in his arms, put *his* hands upon them, and blessed them.

2. Gen. 21:14–20 (to ;)

- 14 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave *it* unto Hagar, putting *it* on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beer–sheba.
- 15 And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs.
- 16 And she went, and sat her down over against *him* a good way off, as it were a bowshot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against *him*, and lift up her voice, and wept.
- 17 And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he *is*.
- 18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation.
- 19 And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.
- 20 And God was with the lad; ...

3. Luke 2:41–51

- 41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.
- 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.
- 43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not *of it*.
- 44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among *their* kinsfolk and acquaintance.
- 45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

- 46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.
- 47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.
- 48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.
- 49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?
- 50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.
- 51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

4. Matt. 18:1–5

- 1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
- 2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,
- 3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
- 5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

5. Isa. 11:6

- 6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

Science & Health

1. SH 476:28–5

When speaking of God's children, not the children of men, Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is within you;”

30 that is, Truth and Love reign in the real man, showing that man in God's image is unfallen and eternal. Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour

1 saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick. Thus Jesus taught that the kingdom of God is intact, universal, and that man is pure and holy.

The kingdom
within

2. SH 572:3

- 3 Thus we see, in both the first and last books of the Bible, — in Genesis and in the Apocalypse, — that sin

is to be Christianly and scientifically reduced
6 to its native nothingness. “Love one another” (I John, iii. 23), is the most simple and profound
counsel of the inspired writer. In Science we are chil-
9 dren of God; but whatever is of material sense, or mortal, belongs not to His children, for materiality is the
inverted image of spirituality.

3. SH 514:18–3

18 Tenderness accompa-
nies all the might imparted by Spirit. The individ-
uality created by God is not carnivorous, as witness the
21 millennial estate pictured by Isaiah: —

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,
And the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
24 And the calf and the young lion, and the fatling together;
And a little child shall lead them.

Understanding the control which Love held over all,
27 Daniel felt safe in the lions' den, and Paul proved the
viper to be harmless. All of God's creatures,
moving in the harmony of Science, are harm-
30 less, useful, indestructible. A realization of this grand
verity was a source of strength to the ancient worthies.
1 It supports Christian healing, and enables its possessor
to emulate the example of Jesus. “And God saw that
3 it was good.”

4. SH 130:15

15 Christian Science, properly understood, would dis-
abuse the human mind of material beliefs which war
against spiritual facts; and these material
18 beliefs must be denied and cast out to make
place for truth. You cannot add to the contents of a
vessel already full. Laboring long to shake the adult's
21 faith in matter and to inculcate a grain of faith in God, —
an inkling of the ability of Spirit to make the body har-
monious, — the author has often remembered our Master's
24 love for little children, and understood how truly such as
they belong to the heavenly kingdom.

5. SH 236:21–32

21 Children should obey their parents; insubordination
is an evil, blighting the buddings of self-government.
Parents should teach their children at the
24 earliest possible period the truths of health
and holiness. Children are more tractable than adults,
and learn more readily to love the simple verities that will
27 make them happy and good.

Children's
tractability

Jesus loved little children because of their freedom
from wrong and their receptiveness of right. While
30 age is halting between two opinions or battling with
false beliefs, youth makes easy and rapid strides towards
Truth.

6. SH 237:15

15 Children should be taught the Truth-cure, Christian
Science, among their first lessons, and kept from discuss-
ing or entertaining theories or thoughts about
18 sickness. To prevent the experience of error
and its sufferings, keep out of the minds of your children
either sinful or diseased thoughts. The latter should
21 be excluded on the same principle as the former. This
makes Christian Science early available.

Teaching
children

7. SH 322:26

The sharp experiences of belief in the supposititious life
27 of matter, as well as our disappointments and ceaseless
woes, turn us like tired children to the arms
of divine Love. Then we begin to learn Life
30 in divine Science. Without this process of weaning,
"Canst thou by searching find out God?" It is easier
to desire Truth than to rid one's self of error. Mortals
1 may seek the understanding of Christian Science, but they
will not be able to glean from Christian Science the facts
3 of being without striving for them. This strife consists
in the endeavor to forsake error of every kind and to pos-
sess no other consciousness but good.

Uses of
suffering

8. SH 267:1-12

1 Every object in material thought will be destroyed, but
the spiritual idea, whose substance is in Mind, is eternal.
3 The offspring of God start not from matter
or ephemeral dust. They are in and of Spirit,
divine Mind, and so forever continue. God is one. The

The infinitude
of God

6 allness of Deity is His oneness. Generically man is one,
and specifically man means all men.

It is generally conceded that God is Father, eternal, self-
9 created, infinite. If this is so, the forever Father must
have had children prior to Adam. The great I AM made
all “that was made.” Hence man and the spiritual uni-
12 verse coexist with God.

9. SH 582:28

CHILDREN. The spiritual thoughts and representa-
tives of Life, Truth, and Love.

10. SH 323:28

The effects of Christian Science are not so much seen
as felt. It is the “still, small voice” of Truth
30 uttering itself. We are either turning away
from this utterance, or we are listening to it and going
up higher. Willingness to become as a little child and
1 to leave the old for the new, renders thought receptive of
the advanced idea. Gladness to leave the false landmarks
3 and joy to see them disappear, — this disposition helps
to precipitate the ultimate harmony. The purification
of sense and self is a proof of progress. “Blessed are the
6 pure in heart: for they shall see God.”

Childlike
receptivity

11. SH 302:31

Even in Christian Science, reproduction by Spirit's
individual ideas is but the reflection of the creative power
1 of the divine Principle of those ideas. The reflection,
through mental manifestation, of the multitudinous
3 forms of Mind which people the realm of
the real is controlled by Mind, the Principle
governing the reflection. Multiplication of God's chil-
6 dren comes from no power of propagation in matter, it
is the reflection of Spirit.

Mental
propagation

12. SH 382:13

He, who is ignorant of what is termed hygienic law, is
more receptive of spiritual power and of faith in one
15 God, than is the devotee of supposed hygienic
law, who comes to teach the so-called igno-
rant one. Must we not then consider the so-called law
of matter a canon “more honored in the breach than

Blissful
ignorance

18 the observance”? A patient thoroughly booked in medi-
cal theories is more difficult to heal through Mind than
21 one who is not. This verifies the saying of our Master:
“Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a
little child, shall in no wise enter therein.”

13. SH 227:21–26

21 Christian Science raises the standard of liberty and
cries: “Follow me! Escape from the bondage of sick-
ness, sin, and death!” Jesus marked out the
24 way. Citizens of the world, accept the “glori-
ous liberty of the children of God,” and be free! This
is your divine right.

Standard
of liberty

Hymns

1. Hymn. 529

Love divine, Your healing presence
Lifts us to the holy place,
Where we see Your whole creation
Filled with light and crowned with grace.
We Your children know Your glory,
See Your power from above
Sweep away the shade of darkness
With the healing tide of love.

Humble hearts accept Your blessing,
Turn from sorrow, want, and sin,
Turn the page, rewrite that story,
As the Christ is welcomed in.
Now we know our true relation,
Perfect God and perfect child,
We can live in joy and freedom,
Loved, and pure, and undefiled.

2. Hymn. 564

Quiet, Lord, my stubborn heart,
Make me gentle, pure, and mild,
Upright, simple, free from art;
Make me as a little child,
From distrust and envy free,
Pleased with all that pleases Thee.

What You shall today provide
Let me as a child receive,
What tomorrow may betide
Calmly to Your wisdom leave;
It's enough that You will care,
Why should I the burden bear?

As a little child relies
On a care beyond its own,
Being neither strong nor wise,
Will not take a step alone,
Let me thus with You abide,
As my Mother, Friend, and Guide.

3. Hymn. 474:4

Father, we Your loving children
Lift our hearts in joy today,
Knowing well that You will keep us
Ever in Your blessed way.