

## Children are a mission field in themselves.



**W**HAT SO MANY PEOPLE FAIL TO REALIZE is that the world of tomorrow is what the adults of today make it, according to what they choose to give or not give the next generation.

“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them,” Jesus said, “for of such is the kingdom of Heaven” (Matthew 19:14). Children are the most sincere people in the world. They’re at the age where they’re beginning to think seriously about life, and they sincerely want to know and follow the truth. They’re at an age of malleability, an age of reaching out, an age of choice, an age of decision. It takes time and patience and understanding and lots of real love to reach them, but this age is actually when most people accept Jesus as their Savior.

“Train up a child in the way he should go,” the Bible says, “and when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6). We need to educate them and inspire them and encourage them, and most of all we need to point them to Jesus and build their faith in God’s Word.

Open the door for the children,  
Tenderly gather them in,  
In from the highways and hedges,  
In from the fields of sin.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> E.O. Excell (1851–1905) and Mary A. Kidder (1820–1905).