

## CHILDREN CAME TO JESUS – by Andrew Roberts

“Children are our most valuable natural resource.” – Herbert Clark Hoover

During the ministry of Jesus, people brought their children to meet Him and ask His blessing on them. They loved Him. And He loved them.

The disciples rebuked the people for bothering the Teacher with the children but Jesus insisted on allowing the children to come. He said their spirit, their attitude and their trust are the kind of qualities of those who make up the kingdom.

*Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” And He laid His hands on them and departed from there. (Matt. 19:13-15)*

Jesus loved the little children. Their innocence, faith and love are hallmarks of all who will reside in heaven. These parents were praised and their children blessed by coming to Jesus. What a sweet image: Jesus bouncing a toddler on His knee.

I wonder have we forgotten the children? Neglected the children? Failed to bring the children to Jesus?

Today, we should take advantage of opportunities like good Bible classes and our upcoming Vacation Bible School to lead our children into Jesus’ open arms.

What is commonly called Vacation Bible School is actually an ancient idea. It is bringing the children to Jesus. Notice, *someone* brought them (v.13). That someone can be you!

Next week is a great time to bring children to Jesus. You can bring them to our VBS, “I Believe In Jesus.” The children will learn about His miracles, healings and teachings. We will begin each night at 7:30 pm, and there will even be guest speakers for the adults! So why not come and bring the kids?

They won’t bother Jesus being here. They won’t bother you, will they? Let’s not forget and fail the children. Bring them to Jesus next week!