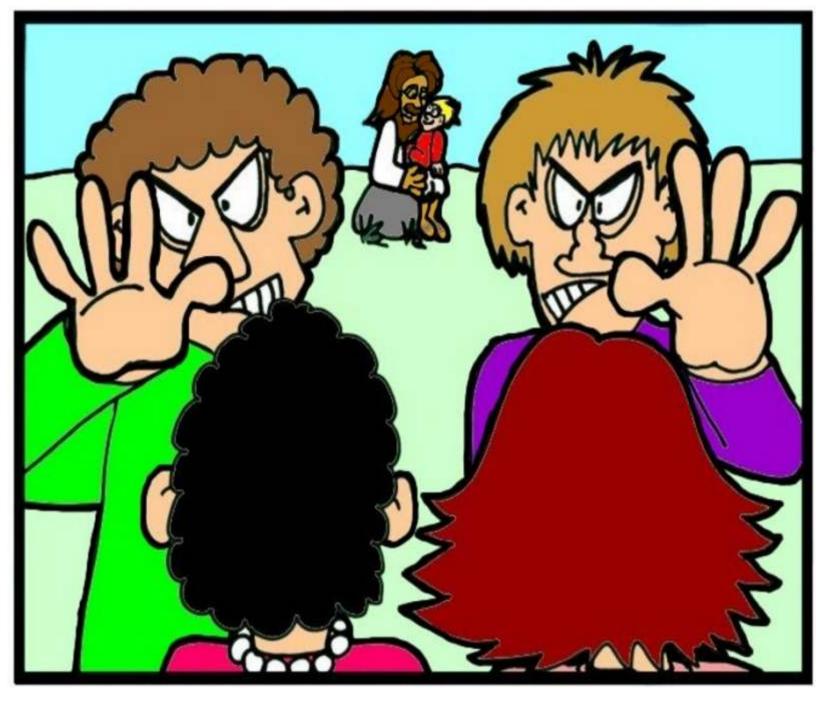
## Disciples Turn Away Children

(Based on Matthew 19:13-15, Mark 10:13-16, Luke 18:15-17)

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One day a group of mothers found Jesus and they asked if he would put his hands on their little kids and bless them. Jesus was happy to do this, but his disciples were cranky about it.



"Don't bother Jesus," they said to the mothers. "Go home!" When Jesus found out what his disciples were doing he was very, very upset.



"Let the little children come to me and don't stop them. The kingdom of God belongs to people like children. I'm telling you the truth, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will not enter it!"



Then Jesus went back to the kids. "Come here you little cuties!" And he picked them up in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.



## Lord, help me to keep the heart of a child no matter how old I become.