

## JESUS AND THE CHILDREN

This is the season of Lent, the time to get ready to celebrate the mystery of Easter. We are all on the way to Jerusalem. Who will show us the way? Jesus shows us the way.

Once every year the people of God go up to Jerusalem, the holy city of God, to celebrate the feast of the Passover. To remember how God led them through the waters to freedom.

This year as Jesus traveled to Jerusalem... crowds of people came to be close to him.

They came to hear him teach.

The little children wanted to come to Jesus, too.

But Jesus' disciples said, "No! Don't bother Jesus. He has important work to do."

Then Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me. Do not stop them, for to such belong the Kingdom of God."

Jesus took the children in his arms and he blessed them.

Jesus said, "It is true. Anyone who will not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

I wonder what is like to be close to Jesus?

**The Lord be with you!**

This Sunday is the Third Sunday in Lent and the color is purple. We are getting ready for the Mystery of Easter. For the next few weeks, we are on a journey to Jerusalem with Jesus.

This story of Jesus and the children is found in Matthew chapter 19:13-15, Mark chapter 10:13-16 and Luke chapter 18:15-27.

I am back from Canada. I had a wonderful time with my grandchildren. I hope that you can see and talk with your grandparents.

Have a good week. Be safe.

I miss you!