



You see...

As I opened the door at the closing session last year in one of our Level I atrium sessions, the children immediately were drawn over to the Mustard Seed work, simultaneously. No one said a word. It was as if they had it planned. One child carried the work from the shelf; another fetched the work mat and unrolled it on

the floor for the material to be placed. The last child retrieved the scripture booklet and began to read aloud from it. They were 4, 4 ½ and 3 ¾ years, of age, respectfully at the time. After the scripture was read, they got up and walked over to our assistant to draw her into the discussion. That was my cue to graciously let the child take the lead. I walked over to a chair and observed from there.

As they all gathered around the material, one of them took a mustard seed tenderly in her hand, pointed to it and said, "You see..., this is you. You are going to continue to spread his Word and continue to grow in his love even though you won't be here with us." They all looked up and smiled with delight. This was our college assistant's last day in the atrium. She was going to graduate that weekend. "I will carry this with me in my heart."

We have kept in touch since then, texting and e-mailing about all kinds of things. Later that summer, she e-mailed to tell me that she had registered for a Level I Formation Course in her area. Since then, she has continued assisting in the Level I atrium. Oh, and what is she doing this summer? She is registered for Level II Formation, of course...

What wonderful insights children have into the building of the Kingdom.

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