

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Matthew 18:1-6; Luke 17:1-2.**
- B. As children we learned many good songs about God, Jesus Christ, the church. Some songs were about Bible people, stories, and characters.
- C. These songs are excellent because they are taken straight from the Bible and teach strong messages about faithfulness and obedience.
- D. But we as adults do not sing them, maybe it is because we can't sing them with a clear conscience!

I. JESUS LOVES ME.

- A. God loves all people and so does X (Jn. 3:16).
- B. God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn it, but saved it (Jn. 3:17).
- C. Even while we were sinners, God showed His great love in allowing X to die (Rom. 5:8).
- D. There is no prejudice with God (Rom. 2:11).
- E. Let us never be guilty of saying let God love them, but I don't,

II. JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN.

- A. Jesus taught a great lesson in humility & purity when He talked about being like children(Mt. 18:1-6).
- B. Then He "lowered the boom" when He talked about people who cause little ones to fall (Lk. 17:1-2).
- C. When teachers do not show up for class, the children can get the idea that the teacher doesn't care about them and Bible study is really not that important.
- D. And when children see adults not acting like Xians the children in all probability will not grow up to be Xians. We as adults can cause the little ones to stumble.

III. THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE.

- A. What kind of light do we possess?
- B. Is our light:
 1. A match-light ready to be blown out by the slightest wind of temptation and persecution?
 2. A pilot-light that is all important, but small and almost always unseen?
 3. A flashlight, only good in an emergency and then only for a short time.
 4. Or a fire; light set on hill that gives warmth and direction to those in need?
- C. Jesus said we are the light of the world, are we letting our lights so shine as to glorify God (Mt. 5:14-16)?

IV. ROLL THE GOSPEL CHARIOT ALONG.

- A. The job of the church is to preach the word; every member, every day.
- B. Do we, as the song says stop and pick up sinners while rolling over the devil?
- C. What kind of effort do we put into evangelism? Just let the preacher do it? Just let the elders do it? That isn't what I read in my Bible (Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16; Eph. 3:10).

V. THE GRUMP SONG.

- A. This song deals with attitude. Are you part of the problem or part of the solution?
- B. It is so easy to find fault! Everyone is guilty of something. The better thing to do is to find something good and build on it.
- C. Have the attitude of X (Phil. 2:5).
- D. Everyone remembers Joshua and Caleb because they were positive. Who can recall the names of the other 10 spies?

VI. THE WISE MAN BUILT HIS HOUSE UPON THE ROCK.

- A. The comparison is made between the wise and foolish builder. Jesus has taught us a parable from which this song comes (Mt. 7:24-27).
- B. The third verse of the song is the most important because it tells us to build our house on the Lord JC.
- C. Do we work harder at our jobs than we do in Xian living? Is our physical home nicer than our disposition? Where are our priorities?

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Can we sing these songs with a clear conscience? Are we doing the things we are asking our children to do?
- B. Are we consistent with what we sing or are we hypocritical?
- C. We teach and admonish in our songs, so do we need to teach ourselves?
- D. Kiddie Songs are important!
- E. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.