

Jesus and the Kids Rap (Mark 10:13-16)

About two thousand years ago in sunny Palestine -

A man called Jesus taught and healed, turned water into wine;

Huge crowds turned up where'er he went, just to hear him speak,

Both rich n' poor, both young n' old, both mighty ones and weak.

Some parents wanted Jesus come and bless their little kids;

But his twelve disciples yelled at them, "*Hey, you! Put on the skids!*"

*Can't you even read the signs? It says **NO KIDS ALLOWED!***

So just you scarper now, get lost - go to the back of the crowd!

Don't come here with your babes in arms and all your tiny tots -

We don't want kids around the place, they should be in their cots!

*And YOU better do just what WE say, 'cos it's **us** what calls the shots!*

The Rabbi's got no precious time to waste on the likes of you;

He's got healings, miracles and loads of other stuff to do!

What? "Blessing little children?!" Uh?! Be off with you – now SHOO!!"

When Jesus heard all this going on, he felt extremely sad;

In fact, not only very sad, but also pretty mad.

"Don't stop them; let them come!" he said, a tad indignantly,

"Hey, Parents, bring your little 'uns right over here to me!"

The mums and dads came carrying the very young and small;

The older kids came running up when they heard Jesus call;

And Jesus hugged each child and then he blessed them one and all.

He said to everybody there, "*Now listen, here's a gem;*

A truth which children's lives can teach, if you will learn from them.

It's an oh-so-simple lesson, which kids' faith can well impart –

That you'll only know God's Kingdom if, by trusting from the start,

You accept the generous love of God with an open, childlike heart."