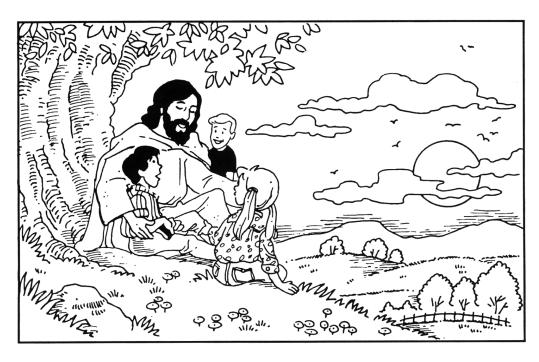
## JESUS, FRIEND OF LITTLE CHILDREN

Jesus, friend of little children,
Be a friend to me;
Take my hand, and ever keep me
Close to Thee.

Teach me how to grow in goodness,
Daily as I grow;
Thou hast been a child, and surely
Thou dost know.





Step by step, O lead me onward,
Upward into youth;
Wiser, stronger, still becoming
In Thy truth.

Never leave me, nor forsake me; Ever be my friend; For I need Thee, from life's dawning To its end.

—Walter John Mathams, 1882



