



"You are my friends if you do what I command you" (John 15:14 ESV).

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.

Fill me with Thy gentle meekness, make my heart like Thine; Like an altar lamp then let meburn and shine.

—By Walter J. Mathams, 1853—1931, published 1882

