

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

People were bringing children to Jesus  
that he might touch them,  
but the disciples rebuked them.  
When Jesus saw this he became indignant  
and said to them,  
“Let the children come to me;  
do not prevent them,  
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.  
Amen, I say to you,  
whoever does not accept the kingdom of God  
like a child  
will not enter it.”  
Then he embraced them and blessed them,  
placing his hands on them.

The Gospel of the Lord