

## Jesus and the Children

(3 puppets, Jason, Matilda and Wilbur)

(Matilda and Wilbur enter)

Matilda: Ratd! It's no fair! I think it's just awful!

Wilbur: What's awful, Matilda? Nothing could be that awful!

Matilda: Being a kid is! Kids don't get to do nothin'!

Wilbur: Kids get to do lots of fun things. What are you talking about, Matilda?

Matilda: I mean they never get to do anything important!

(Jason enters)

Jason: Hi guys. What's going on?

Wilbur: Oh, Matilda is all upset because she says kids don't get to do anything important.

Jason: Aw, who wants to do anything important anyway, when we can play and have fun?

Matilda: You just don't understand anything!

Wilbur: What's got you all upset about doing something important anyway?

Matilda: Oh, my brother gets to go on a mission trip to help build a new church, and tell people about Jesus, and everything. But Mom says I'm too little to go. Kids are just not important to anybody. We're just about as UNimportant as . . .as . . .

Jason: Warts!

Matilda: Yeah!

Wilbur: I know someone who thought kids were very important

Jason and Matilda: Who?

Wilbur: Jesus, that's who. There was one day when the people were all listening to Jesus, and some kids tried to get close to Jesus, but the disciples told them to go away.

Matilda: See, they didn't think kids were important either.

Wilbur: No, but Jesus did. He said, "Shame on you guys! Let those kids come here!" So the kids came close to Jesus and He even let some of 'em sit on His lap!

Jason: Wow, that must have been super-neato!

Wilbur: And not only that, but He said that grown-ups need to learn to love and trust Him like kids do. So see, Matilda, kids can do something important. They can love and trust Jesus!

Jason: Not only that, but we can tell other kids and even grown ups about Jesus!

Matilda: Yeah, that is important. Thanks for telling me that story, Wilbur.

Wilbur: You feel all better now? Are you happy again?

Matilda: Yeah, I'm ok now. But you know what really makes me happy?

Wilbur: No, what? An ice cream sundae? A new toy? A trip to Disneyland?

Jason: I bet I know. It's that Jesus loves kids like us.

Matilda: You guessed it!

Wilbur: But an ice cream sundae would be nice . . .

(All exit)