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*"Let the little children come to Me, and don't stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these," Luke 18:16b*

### **What color is the sky?**

An elementary school teacher in China asked her young students, "What color is an apple?" "Red." "What color is a banana?" "Yellow." "What color is the sky?"

What do you think they said? Was it "blue" or maybe "blue with white fluffy clouds"? The teacher was really surprised when the students said all together, "Grey!"

It's sad but true. In many cities in China, the sky is grey because of pollution. The country of China is changing fast—their industries have grown rapidly over the last thirty years. Now many of the rivers and lakes are polluted. Air pollution makes the sky look dirty and it can be hard to breathe.

What color is the sky where you live? Today it's blue with those white fluffy clouds where I live. It rained a lot yesterday, but today we have the sound of birds singing and a beautiful spring sky. It's like God washed everything with the rain.

The love of Jesus can wash us clean too. It's important for the people of China, and the people of any country, not to pollute their sky or the rivers and lakes. But it's even more important that we live clean lives. Jesus wants us to obey Him. How do we do that? First we ask Jesus to be our Savior. Then, because we love Jesus so much we can obey our parents, read the Bible, not make fun of others, pray, pay attention to our teachers.

Ask God to help you live a clean life. Pray for the people of China—not very many have ever heard about Jesus. Pray that they will learn how much Jesus loves them and let Him make their lives clean too!

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