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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

Sit and talk

All over the United States you can find construction zones. Workmen are hammering, spreading cement, painting...they are building houses and stores and office buildings. It can be really interesting to watch.

One of our missionary moms took her son and daughter for a walk in their West African neighborhood. Just one street over, they watched a new house being built. It was amazing to see! The men made the cement blocks, they dug out the foundation and laid it then they built the building block by block. It is a very slow process. The young boy really enjoyed seeing the dump trucks and talking to the men who were working. One day three men were sitting on a short wall taking a break. This little boy just went up and sat by them. When his little sister said she wanted to keep walking, he reminded his mom how important it is just to sit and talk!

Another day at breakfast, the little girl asked if she could say the blessing. Her parents were amazed—she prayed in the local language! She has learned enough local language to talk to God about her new neighbors.

Moms and dads can teach us new things, but kids can teach their parents too. This little boy taught his mom that it is really important to just sit and talk with people. That's when you can tell them about the love of Jesus. The little girl helped her parents remember that we can pray in any language and that it's really important to learn the local language. If you can't speak their language, then when you just sit and talk...well, you just sit.

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