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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

Don't miss the ending

I love to go to church—we sing songs, we visit with friends, we worship God. THAT's the best part. But I have to say, I'm not used to staying a-a-a-all day. I *really* mean all day. Missionary Donna Fort went to speak at a women's meeting in Zimbabwe. The group started at 4:30 in the morning and had studied the Bible all day. Yes, 4:30 a.m. until 9:45 p.m.—they had been meeting for seventeen hours already when it was Donna Fort's turn to teach! I think they stopped for lunch and dinner, but still...that's a long day.

There was no electricity, and the room was dark. They were just two candles for light. Donna was yawning, and some of the women were already asleep. "Will anyone hear the message God has given me?" wondered Donna.

Donna spoke three sentences then heard someone outside say "nyoka" (snake). Everyone woke right up! In this culture in Zimbabwe, a snake is the symbol of the devil and has to be destroyed. The women threw rocks at the snake and it was killed. Then they went back to the Bible lesson.

God's timing was perfect! The women were wide awake from all that excitement. Donna taught from Joshua and everyone listened. When we choose to be on God's side, no evil can stand against us.