

**Jesus, Friend of little children**

Jesus, Friend of little children,  
be a friend to me;  
take my hand, and ever keep me  
close to thee.

Teach me how to grow in goodness,  
daily as I grow;  
thou hast been a child, and surely  
thou dost know.

Never leave me, nor forsake me;  
ever be my friend;  
for I need thee, from life's dawning  
to its end.