



## AUGUST 2015 DEVOTION

**Read Together (say or sing):** Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock,  
For the Father has chosen  
To give you the Kingdom;  
Have no fear, little flock. (LSB 735, v1)

*Leader:* “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these” (Matthew 19:14).

**ALL:** Dear Lord, as our youth go off to school, we thank You for Your direction in their lives daily.

*Leader:* “And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children ... for all whom the Lord our God will call” (Acts 3:38b-39).

**ALL:** O Lord, we pray that You would allow all children to be a light for You. Help them to be obedient to their teachers and kind to their classmates, and compassionate to everyone.

**Read Together (say or sing):** Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star of heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given. (LSB 725, v1)

*Leader:* “... instead, bring them [children] up in the training and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4b).

**ALL:** Oh Lord, we are eternally grateful to You that even though the devil rages all around us, You are forever our Rock of Ages. Our children are often surrounded by trials and temptations, and we appreciate the support our students receive in a Christian school setting. We pray our hands will join in this ministry, as we are guided by Your hand. Amen.

**Read Together (say or sing):** Go My children, with My blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are My own.  
In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing, you are My own. (LSB 922, v1)