

Thursday, December 14

Getting A Peek Inside

Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 18:3 (NRSV)

Jane caught my attention during our Bible Camp in Behchoko. Every day she arrived with a rolling suitcase and backpack which were about the same size as herself. She enjoyed the stories and singing but her bags remained by her side. Several times during the week we tried to encourage her to leave her suitcase and backpack at the hall while we went on our field trips. She didn't talk much, but you could tell she was considering it, but didn't. In the end, we knew who would be carrying the bags back to the hall! I was curious to know what she was protecting. Her mom told us that she sleeps with the backpack and suitcase. What was so precious? Only at the end of the week did she eventually allow me to look. Packed neatly inside were lots of Barbies and a Spiderman doll.

We often protect ourselves and our things like Jane did. But once we realize God's love is there for us, then we let our guard down. There was a growing level of trust and compassion between myself and Jane that allowed me to eventually see her precious things. As adults, can we be more like Jane, allowing others to peek at what's inside of us?

Think about baby Jesus and how he came into our lives to share God's love. God gave us his most precious thing – his Son – not so that we can only take a peek inside the Kingdom of Heaven, but so that we can jump right in and receive all the love, trust and compassion that God offers.

God of love, thank you for giving us Jesus so that we may know how deep is your love for us, and that by looking to him, we might know how to love others. Help us to trust you that we can let our guard down and enter into the life you offer. Amen.

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