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Leader: We say, “They are illegal.”

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*Group:* You say, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them.”

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