

## THE BUILDING

Ten Little Christians standing in a line,  
One disliked the pastor,  
then there were nine.  
Nine little Christians stayed up very late,  
One slept too late on Sunday,  
then there were eight.  
Eight little Christians on their way to  
Heaven,  
One took the low road,  
and then there were seven.  
Seven little Christians, chirping like some  
chicks,  
One disliked the music  
and then there were six.  
Six little Christians seemed very much  
alive,  
But one lost his interest,  
then there were five.  
Five little Christians pulling for Heaven's  
shore,  
But one stopped to rest,  
then there were only four.  
Four little Christians, each busy as a bee,  
One got her feelings hurt,  
then there were three.

Three little Christians knew not what to do.  
One joined the sporting crowd,  
then there were two.  
Two little Christians, our rhyme is nearly  
done,  
Differed with each other,  
then there was one.  
One little Christian can't do much, tis true,  
Brought his friend to Bible Study  
then there were two.  
Two earnest Christians each won one  
more,  
That doubled the number,  
then there were four.  
Four sincere Christians worked early and  
worked late,  
Each won another, then there were eight.  
Eight splendid Christians,  
if they doubled as before  
In just a few short weeks we'd have 1,024.  
In this little jingle there is a lesson true,  
You either belong to the Building Crew or  
to the wrecking crew!  
From St. Mary's Church, Greenhithe.  
(Found in a booklet entitled 'Anchored') via  
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**The best news the world ever had  
came from a graveyard.**

Anon

## Children's Society

Wildlife TV presenter Michaela Strachan is calling on people across the country to help with collections for The Children's Society House to House campaign from April 13 - 27, 2004. Time and money given will support the charity's Safe and Sound campaign and help the 100,000 young runaways in danger on the streets. Launching in Spring 2004, Safe and Sound is campaigning for a national network of safe emergency accommodation for young runaways. It is also calling on local authorities to make sure they put policies in place to protect young runaways. There are 100,000 young runaways on the streets. Around one in five have been thrown out of home.

Last year more than 5, 000 collectors across the country. raised more than £200,000 for The Children's Society. During the fortnight special collecting envelopes will be dropped through people's letterboxes. The charity's volunteers then call on homes to collect the donations placed in the envelopes. To find out more about being a collector or organiser and to receive a House to House pack, call The Children's Society on 0845 300 1128.