

**OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES:  
MARTIN THE COBBLER  
MATTHEW 25:26-31  
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The lessons drawn from children's books are diverse.

A wicked witch with a poison apple that causes a deep sleep tells us that  
we live in a dangerous world, where evil would oppress us.

Snow White and Cinderella both say girls should wait for a handsome prince to come rescue them.

And boys should grow up to become the handsome prince.

Little Red Riding Hood again reminds us of a dangerous world,

where things are not always what they seem,

but someone will come along to vanquish the dangerous enemy.

Leo Tolstoy wrote a children's book that speaks a very different message... to children and adults.

His story has also been made into a Claymation movie.

So our young children will stay with us to watch the movie today.

**VIDEO: MARTIN THE COBBLER, BY LEO TOLSTOY**

Martin read one line from the holy man's book.

Let me read the rest of that passage, from Matthew 25.

**MATTHEW 25:26-31**

When you have done it to one of the least of these,

you did it to me.

I wonder where you might have that opportunity this week?

**PRAY**