

## **Children and family talk for 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020 week 21.**

Hello everybody! Welcome to the children and family worship.  
Let's begin by talking to God:

*We gather here, Lord,  
ready to focus totally on you.  
Help us to be brave enough, like Peter,  
to ask the questions that we would like to ask,  
and open enough to hear your answer.  
In our worship today, speak to us, Lord.  
We are listening. Amen.*

Our Bible reading today is from **Matthew 15.(10-20),21-28**

Jesus was teaching the crowds when he explained about what makes a person pure. 'It's not about what goes into your mouth,' he said, talking about what you eat. What stops you from being pure is if bad things come out of your mouth.' Some people listening disagreed and the disciples told Jesus. He answered, 'Any plant that has not been planted by God will be pulled up by the roots. Stay away from these people they are like the blind leading the blind. If a blind person leads a blind person they will fall into a ditch! If they do not understand, how can they help others to do so?'

Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Explain this to us.' Jesus said, 'Do you still not understand? Whatever goes into your mouth goes into your stomach and then goes out of your body. But things that come out from your mouth come from the heart, so if they are bad, this means the very heart of you is also bad.'

Jesus went on to another place, called Tyre and Sidon. A woman from that place, a Canaanite, came out into the street and started shouting. 'I need your help, Lord!' she called. 'Son of David, help me. My daughter is very ill.' She shouted as loud as she could to get their attention, but Jesus didn't answer her at all.

His disciples tried to persuade him: 'Send her away. She keeps on shouting at us.' Jesus seemed to agree with them.

He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.'

But the woman didn't give up. She came right up to them and knelt before Jesus, saying, 'Lord, help me.' Then Jesus said to her, 'It's not fair to take what was meant for the children, their food, and throw it to the dogs.'

But she replied, 'Well, yes, Lord, but even the dogs get something. They eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table.'

Jesus looked straight at the woman and answered, 'Woman, you have great faith! What you want most will happen.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Let's praise God now as we sing:

### **Shout for joy and sing**

Shout for joy and sing your  
praises to the King,  
Lift your voice and let your  
hallelujahs ring;  
Come before His throne to  
worship and adore,  
Enter joyfully now the presence  
of the Lord.

You are my Creator, You are my  
Deliverer,  
You are my redeemer, You are  
Lord, and You are my healer.  
You are my Provider,  
You are now my shepherd and  
my guide,  
Jesus, Lord and King, I worship  
you.

Let's look at the story together:

In the bible verses, Jesus is explaining that what comes out of our mouths, what we say, can show what kind of a person we are. If you are always saying unkind things, then you can't have a good heart, Jesus says. Have you ever said anything unkind to anyone, I think we all have at some time, but how did you feel afterwards? It makes you feel bad when you upset someone doesn't it. God doesn't want us to be unkind. He wants us to show our real selves by the good things that we say and do.

In the passage Jesus is unhappy as the disciples are listening to some other people who don't really know what they are talking about, instead of listening to Him. He said it's like blind people leading blind people, not a very good idea, as they may fall into a ditch! Jesus wants us to listen to him.

Later, a Canaanite woman is calling through the crowd of people, to Jesus, to ask for his help as her daughter is not well. He tests her faith, by saying he was only sent for the Israelite people. But she doesn't give up, and because of her faith, Jesus heals her daughter. Sometimes, when we need God, it can seem like he isn't answering our prayers when we talk to him. But try to be more like the Canaanite woman and don't give up. Keep asking God and he will answer your prayers at the right time.

## **Praying together**

God of all,  
as we go out into the week ahead,  
help us to keep our eyes on you  
and the things you want us to do,  
so that we do not become distracted  
by the things that draw us away  
from you.  
Amen.

## **God's blessing song**

May God's Blessing be upon you now  
May you know of his great love for you  
May God's blessing be upon you now  
Right where you are  
(Repeat)

Don't forget to join in the Sundayclub zoom session at 11.15am on Sunday, just ask Sandy for the link. Tel: 07511950633

The children's sheet from Roots:

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/20740/16-aug-2020-childrens-sheet.pdf>