

Children and family talk for 22nd August 2021

Hello everyone, it's good to have you with me as we explore more of the Bible together and praise God. Let's start by talking to God:

*Welcoming God,
we come to you with open hearts
and with open hands.
We come with our faith and hope,
and with our doubts and fears.
Send your Holy Spirit to work among us,
filling us and changing us
to become more like Jesus. **Amen.***

Today we are reading from

John chapter 6 verses 56-69. This follows on from last week, and we hear how some of the followers of Jesus couldn't accept the teaching that Jesus gave them, and walked away, whilst others stayed, let's see what happened...

"Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. I live because of the living God who sent me; in the same way, anyone who feeds on me will live because of me. I am the true bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will not die as your ancestors did (even though they ate the manna) but will live forever."

He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

Many of the disciples said, "This is very hard to understand. How can anyone accept it?"

Jesus was aware that his disciples were complaining, so he said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what will you think if you see the Son of Man ascend to heaven again? The spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But some of you do not believe me." (For Jesus knew from the beginning which ones didn't believe, and he knew who would betray him.) Then he said, "That is why I said that people can't come to me unless the Father gives them to me."

At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. Then Jesus turned to the twelve and asked, "Are you also going to leave?"

Simon Peter replied, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. We believe and we know that you are the Holy One of God."

Now let's sing; **You are the King of glory**

You are the King of Glory
You are the Prince of Peace
You are the Lord of heaven and earth
You're the Son of righteousness
Angels bow down before You
Worship and adore for
You have the words of eternal life
You are Jesus Christ the Lord

Chorus:
Hosanna to the Son of David
Hosanna to the King of Kings
Glory in the highest heaven
for Jesus the Messiah reigns

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Let's talk about our Bible verses

Sandy: Hi Mickey, how are you?

M: Not so bad...

S: Oh, you don't sound very happy Mickey.

M: Well, I was trying to do some skipping but the rope just kept getting tangled around my legs and tripping me up.

S: Oh dear, poor Mickey, are you hurt?

M: No, I'm ok, just feeling a bit sad.

S: Well, you could give up you know.

M: But I don't want to give up, I'm going to keep trying because I believe I can do it!

S: Well, that's great Mickey, it's good to believe and keep trying, I'm sure you will be able to do it soon if you keep practising.

M: Yeah, thanks, that's made me feel a bit better, have you got any bananas? Cos they always make me feel much better!

S: Honestly, Mickey, you're banana mad!

Mickey is going to keep trying and I'm sure he will succeed to learn to skip in the end. In our reading today, some of Jesus' followers found his message too hard to understand, and they gave up and left him. But the ones who were left, the twelve disciples, decided to stay with Jesus, despite not always understanding everything, because they believed Jesus was the Holy One from God. It isn't always easy being a Christian, sometimes we have difficulties understanding what God is saying to us, or what God want us to do. Other times we struggle to find the words when others criticise our faith. And at other times we can find it hard to believe in God too. My message today is, don't give up! Don't be like the followers who walked away from Jesus. Instead, turn towards Jesus and be like Simon Peter, who, even though he didn't always get things right, believed in Jesus with a passion, saying "You have the words that give eternal life. We believe and we know that you are the Holy One of God."

Let's talk to God now:

Dear Lord Jesus, we turn to you and say; "We believe and we know that you are the Holy One of God"

Praise God who accepts us as we are.

Praise God who loves us even when we have doubts.

Praise God who has called us to follow him.

Praise God now and for ever. **Amen.**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (Hold out hands as if expecting a present)

And the love of God (Put your hands on your heart)

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (Hold hands)

Be with us all now and for ever. Amen! (raise hands together on the Amen)

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