

Children and family talk for 19th September 2021

Hello everyone, its lovely to have you with me as we examine more of the bible and worship God together. Let's begin by talking to God:

We're here, Lord:

the tall; (jump up)

the small; (crouch down)

the noisy; (shout 'hello')

the shy. (hide head with hands)

We stand before you, Lord Jesus,

each of us unique, thankful to be loved by you.

Amen.

Today we are reading from

Mark 9.30-37. Jesus has just healed a boy who the disciples were unable to help, and they didn't understand why, Jesus informs them that prayer was the only solution here.

Leaving that region, they travelled through Galilee. Jesus didn't want anyone to know he was there, for he wanted to spend more time with his disciples and teach them. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies. He will be killed, but three days later he will rise from the dead." They didn't understand what he was saying, however, and they were afraid to ask what he meant.

After they arrived at Capernaum and settled in a house, Jesus asked his disciples, "What were you discussing out on the road?" But they didn't answer, because they had been arguing about which one of them was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, "Whoever wants to first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else." Then he put a little child among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, "Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not only me but also my Father who sent me."

Now let's sing; **Who's the king of the jungle**

Who's the king of the jungle? (hoo hoo)

Who's the king of the sea? (bubble bubble bubble)

Who's the king of the universe, and who's the king of me?

I'll tell you: J-E-S-U-S

Yes! He's the king of me

He's the king of the universe, the jungle and the sea (X3)

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Let's talk about our Bible verses:

Mickey: Hi

Sandy: Hi Mickey, how are today?

Mickey: Well, I'm actually a bit fed up.

Sandy; why? What's the problem?

Mickey: Well, I was playing a game on the computer with my friend but it wasn't any fun.

Sandy: why was that?

Mickey: He's played the game so much, he had all the extra equipment and I haven't got any of it, so he was always beating me and I ended up just sitting and watching most of the time.

Sandy: Oh, that sounds a bit boring.

Mickey; and what made it worse was that he was so proud and gloating afterwards. He said he was the best and had to have the best controller and the best seat and everything.

Sandy: Oh dear Mickey, he doesn't sound like a very good friend. It's not very nice to show off is it. Perhaps you could ask him to play a different game next time?

Mickey: Yes, maybe I'll chose one that I'm good at.

Sandy: ok, but you show Stan how to play nicely and don't go and show off like he did, ok?

Mickey: Ok.

Sandy: Here you are Mickey, a banana might cheer you up.

Sandy: In our bible reading today, the disciples were arguing about who was the greatest, but they knew they were doing wrong as soon as Jesus asked them what they had been talking about as they didn't answer him, they were so embarrassed!

Sometimes we know when we are doing the wrong thing, because it makes us feel bad inside. It's never nice to show off, or to gloat about how good you are if it hurts someone else. Jesus wants us to put ourselves last and be like servants just like he did, after all he is God's son but came down to earth and walked and talked among the poorest of the people, healing them and helping them to understand about God's kingdom.

Let's talk to God now:

Forgive us, Jesus, when we want to be first,
when we push to the front and cause some hurt.
Help us to put you first each day.

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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