

## Children and family talk for 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Hello everyone, its lovely to have you with me as we look at more of the bible and worship God together. Let's begin by reading from the bible, Psalm 19 verse 10 from the Message:

God's word is better than a diamond,  
Better than a diamond set between emeralds.  
You'll like it better than strawberries in spring,  
Better than red, ripe strawberries.

Do you like strawberries? I do! Today we are looking at living the best life we can. But that doesn't mean we get to eat strawberries all the time, let's read about how Jesus explained this to his special friends, the disciples.

Today we are reading excerpts from

**Mark 9. verses 38 to 50.** This follows last week's reading where Jesus had to tell the disciples off for arguing about who was the greatest. Jesus continues to teach his disciples and talk with them.

'John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone using your name to cast out demons, but we told him to stop because he wasn't in our group."

"Don't stop him!" Jesus said, "No one who performs a miracle in my name will quickly turn against me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. If anyone gives you even a cup of water because you belong to the Messiah, I tell you the truth, that person will surely be rewarded. But if someone should encourage others to do wrong things, they will have their punishment, it would be better for them if they were to put a millstone around their neck and be thrown into the sea.

Jesus wanted them to do the right things, not be tempted to do wrong things or be confused or influenced by the wrong people. He gave them an example to help then, he said: good salt is worthless if it loses its saltiness; it can't season anything. So don't lose your flavour! Live in peace with each other. '

Now let's sing:

### **Jesus put this song into our hearts**

Jesus put this song into our hearts (X2)  
It's a song of joy no one can take away,  
Jesus put this song into our hearts

Jesus taught us how to live in harmony (X2)  
Different faces, different races, He made us one  
Jesus taught us how to live in harmony

Jesus taught us how to be a family (X2)  
Loving one another with the love that He gives,

Jesus taught us how to be a family

Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing (X2)  
Changed our tears of sadness into rivers of joy  
Jesus turned our sorrow into a dance.

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**Let's talk about our Bible verses:**

Sandy: Hi Mickey, were you listening to the bible verses today?

Mickey: No, not really

Sandy: Oh, well let's have a chat anyway. What have you been up to this week?

Mickey: Well, I went to see my friend Stan again

Sandy: Oh, I see, how did that go? I hope he was playing nicely this time.

Mickey: Well, I don't really want to talk about it.

Sandy: Oh dear, what happened?

Mickey: It's a bit embarrassing.

Sandy: You can tell me anything Mickey.

Mickey: Well, he wanted to have a snack and his mum had some chocolate cake.

Sandy: well, that sounds nice

Mickey: yes, but it was for her special friend's birthday.

Sandy: So, I guess Stan wasn't supposed to touch it.

Mickey: you guessed it.

Sandy: Oh Mickey, I hope you didn't have any.

Mickey: No, I didn't actually, it wasn't me.

Sandy: Oh dear, did Stan take some cake Mickey? When he wasn't supposed to?

(Mickey nods to each question)

Sandy: Did he get into trouble?

Mickey nods: And he tried to get me to have some, but I didn't.

Sandy: Well done Mickey, thank you for doing the right thing. And because you did, I'm going to make you a special banana cake, just for you!

Mickey: Yay!

Sometimes doing the right thing means we have to go against what those around us are doing, in order to live our best life we have to show others, the right thing to do, and it isn't always easy. But we will get rewarded in the end.

Let's talk to God now:

Dear ever-loving Lord Jesus,  
You are such a good friend to us,  
Help us to be good friends to others.  
Help us to be good examples of the right way to live our lives  
Doing the right thing, even when we are tempted to do wrong.  
Thankyou for showing us the way.  
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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