

## Children and family talk for 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021

*Good morning, its lovely to have you with me as we praise God and learn more from the Bible together.*

Let's start by reading from Psalm 93.

The Lord is king! He is robed in majesty. Indeed, the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The world stands firm and cannot be shaken.

Your throne, O Lord, has stood from time immemorial. You yourself are from the everlasting past, the floods have risen up, O Lord. The floods have roared like thunder; the floods have lifted their pounding waves.

But mightier than the violent raging of the seas, mightier than the breakers on the shore – the Lord above is mightier than these! Your royal laws cannot be changed. Your reign, O Lord, is holy forever and ever.

Now let's sing; **Our God is a great big God**

Our God is a great big God, X3  
And he holds us in His hands.

He's higher than a skyscraper  
And he's deeper than a submarine.  
He's wider than the universe  
And beyond my wildest dreams.  
And He's known me and he's loved me

Since before the world began.  
How wonderful to be a part  
Of God's amazing plan!

Chorus.

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*Let's talk about our bible reading and I've got Mickey here to help me:*

S: Hi Mickey!

M: Hi!

S: What are you wearing?

M: It's a crown, I'm a King!

S: Oh, I see.

M: Just like God in our reading today.

S: Oh, what does it say on your cloak? Oh, it says majesty.

M: Yes, I've got a sword too!

S: Oh yes, and it says 'strength'.

M: Just like in your reading.

S: I see – so if you were king Mickey, what would you do?

M: That's easy, I would plant lots and lots of trees!

S: Because you like climbing trees?

M: yes, but they would all be banana trees!

S: Oh, now I understand – you and your bananas!

M: also, if it floods, I could climb up the trees and escape!

S: Good thinking Mickey!

Sandy: In the bible it often refers to God as a King or Lord. But God isn't like an earthly king or queen. God is all powerful, reigning over everything fairly. God is unlike any other ruler because God loves each and every one of us equally. God won't decide to look after one group of people because they live in England, but ignore others because they live in India, for instance. God wants us all to live together well. And God doesn't change. God is still the same today, yesterday and forever.

It also talks about floods, and water rising. This is something we have heard about a fair bit on the news recently, along with climate change. Because we have failed to look after our world, the ice is melting in the polar regions and causing the sea level to rise. This has meant that some islands and areas of land close to the sea are now at constant risk from flooding and people have had to move from their homes to avoid the flooding. Mickey talked about planting banana trees, and planting trees has been seen as one way of helping the earth to recover and survive as trees are able to absorb carbon dioxide which is one of the causes of climate change. But there are many more things we can do to help our planet and one of the best ones for us is to remember to only buy and use what we need. We have become so used to having virtually anything we want, from new clothes to speedy cars and fantastic holidays abroad. But we don't think about the impact of our actions. As we approach Christmas this year, maybe we could stop and think before buying lots of things we don't need. We can still celebrate Christmas, but with less of the plastic tinsel. Perhaps buy people experiences rather than physical things, such as a trip to the cinema?

Our world will continue to change as climate change gets worse, but God never changes and if we let God in, will reign in our hearts for ever, helping us to make good decisions and help others.

Let's talk to God now;

Almighty God,

As we continue to learn more about you,  
Help us to become more like you in all we do,  
Thinking of others before ourselves,  
And being good caretakers of this wonderful world, you have entrusted to our care.  
Amen.

Let's finish by saying the grace together:

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ (Hold out your hands as if receiving a present)

The Love of God (Cross your hands over your heart)

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (hold hands together)

Be with us all, now and for evermore, Amen. (Bring thumbs together).

Below are the links for the activity sheet and a pdf of the roots at home.

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