

## Children and family talk for 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021

*Good morning, its lovely to have you join me to praise God and learn about the bible together.*

Let's start by reading a few verses from Psalm 146, verses 5 and 6.

Be joyful all those who have the God of Israel as their helper, whose hope is in the Lord their God. God made heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them. God keeps every promise forever.

Our bible reading is from **Hebrews chapter 9, verses 24 to 28.**

“For Christ has entered into heaven itself, to appear now before God as our Friend. It was not in the earthly place of worship that he did this, for that was merely a copy of the real temple in heaven. Nor has he offered himself again and again, as the high priest down here on earth offers animal blood in the Holy of Holies each year. If that had been necessary, then he would have had to die again and again, ever since the world began. But no! He came once for all, at the end of the age, to put away the power of sin forever by dying for us. And just as it is destined that men die only once, and after that comes judgement, so also Christ died only once as an offering for the sins of many people; and he will come again, but not to deal again with our sins. This time he will come bringing salvation to all those who are eagerly and patiently waiting for him.”

Now let's sing; **Give thanks**

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he's given  
Jesus Christ, His son (Repeat)

Because of what the Lord has done for us  
(repeat)

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And now let the weak say 'I am strong',  
Let the poor say 'I am rich'

*Let's talk about our bible reading:*

In our reading today it talks about the Holy of Holies. This was a special place inside the temple where ordinary people like you and me were not allowed, only high priests were allowed to go behind the special curtain that separated it from the rest of the temple, once a year to make an animal sacrifice. And the high priest could only do this once he had

prepared himself carefully by washing, putting on special clothing and taking burning incense with him.

In our reading it says that Jesus has taken away the need for this high priest to offer sacrifices for us. So, no more animals having to be killed so that we can speak to God, that's good! Now we don't need to have a special place behind a curtain for someone else to talk to God for us. We can talk to God ourselves. Jesus was the last sacrifice, when he died on the cross. And now Jesus is in heaven. But he is coming back again, not to deal with all the bad things again, this time Jesus is coming to bring salvation for everyone. What does this mean? In Paul's letter to Titus, chapter 2 verse 11, it says that salvation is a free gift for everyone. Salvation here means being saved from death and given everlasting life. To receive this free gift, you need to believe in Jesus Christ and become his friend, by saying sorry for anything you have done wrong in the past and trying to live as Jesus would. We don't often talk about death, but for Christians, death is something that only happens to our bodies, our spirits will go on to Heaven to be with God – this is what having eternal life means.

Dear Lord Jesus

You gave up your life on earth for us, thank you.

Help us to understand the meaning of this sacrifice,

May we learn to be more like you,

Ready to give so that we can receive.

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.

[activity-sheet-7-november-2021.pdf \(rootsontheweb.com\)](#)

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