

Children and family talk for 27th February 2022

Good morning, everyone!

I've been visiting a lot of family recently, I've seen my own family of course, my husband Mike, my daughter Annie, and recently we have a new addition to our family, so I've met my grand daughter Willow with my son Joshua and his wife Kat. I also went to see my mum for her birthday, and saw my brother, Pete and my sister, Jane with two of her children, my nephews; Nic and Sebastian. We've visited my mother-in-law and seen my step sister-in-law and her son and daughter too. Families are great at getting together when there is good news and also when trouble strikes. Our bible verses today talk about family,

Let's read our bible verses together, from

Mark 4 verses 31-35

Jesus' True Family

³¹ Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. They stood outside and sent someone in to tell him to come out. ³² Many people were sitting around Jesus. They said to him, "Your mother and brothers are waiting for you outside."

³³ Jesus asked, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" ³⁴ Then Jesus looked at those sitting around him. He said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ My true brother and sister and mother are those who do the things God wants."

Recently, I've been sorting through some sewing buttons, I have a whole tin of them here; they are all different sizes and shapes and colours. They have different uses too. Some are big enough to be coat buttons, or to go on a jacket, others are small enough to be shirt buttons or for baby clothes. Some of them are very old, and may tell us a story of their life if we look closely enough, they may not be useful as buttons on new clothing, but may be used to repair older clothing. Some of these buttons are like a family of buttons, they are all the same! Others are one-offs.

But do you know the things that they all have in common, they are all buttons and they all belong to me!

Jesus is saying something similar in our bible reading today, he is saying that everyone who believes in him is a part of his family, no matter who they are, what they look like, if they are part of another family or on their own, not just people related to him, but anyone can be a part of Jesus' family. Isn't that wonderful – we can all be a part of Jesus' family if we follow him and do what God wants us to.

Let's talk to God now;

Lord God,

Thankyou for teaching us about your family,

We want to be part of that family,

We thank you, Jesus, for

the communities we belong to.

Thank you that we belong

to this community of people

who follow you. **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).

Here is a link for a song from rend collective; Build your Kingdom here:

<https://youtu.be/sbdJXKqVgtg>

Here is the link for the activity sheet from Roots. [6-june-activity-sheet.pdf \(rootsontheweb.com\)](https://www.rootsontheweb.com/6-june-activity-sheet.pdf)