

Children and family talk for Sunday 29th May 2022

Good morning!

Today we are going back to the time just before Jesus was arrested, when he took time out to talk to his Father, God. Here is some of what Jesus said to God at that time:

John 17, verses 20-26

²⁰ "I pray for these men. But I am also praying for all people who will believe in me because of the teaching of these men. ²¹ Father, I pray that all people who believe in me can be one. You are in me and I am in you. I pray that these people can also be one in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me. ²² I have given these people the glory that you gave me. I gave them this glory so that they can be one, the same as you and I are one. ²³ I will be in them and you will be in me. So they will be completely one. Then the world will know that you sent me. And the world will know that you loved these people the same as you loved me.

²⁴ "Father, I want these people that you have given me to be with me in every place I am. I want them to see my glory. This is the glory you gave me because you loved me before the world was made. ²⁵ Father, you are the One who is good. The world does not know you, but I know you. And these people know that you sent me. ²⁶ I showed them what you are like. And again I will show them what you are like. Then they will have the same love that you have for me. And I will live in them."

In this part of the prayer, Jesus is praying for his followers, the disciples and for all the people that would come to believe in him through their teachings. So, I guess that's us!

But what is he saying?

- Jesus wants us all to be one – in other words in agreement with each other, not constantly arguing, but working as a team.
- He also wants us to be one with him and God, so that people will know that God sent Jesus. And the world will know that God loves us just as God loved Jesus. Wow! That's huge! That God should love us as much as God loves Jesus, his Son.
- He tells God that he wants his followers to be with him wherever he is so that they can see his glory. And he reminds those listening that this is the glory that God gave him because God loved him before the world was made.
- And Jesus says that God is the one who is good, and that he, Jesus, has been showing the people this goodness and they know that God sent him.

- Jesus showed them what God is like and will do it again so that they will have the same love that Jesus has and Jesus will live in them. Which is referring to what we call in church, the Holy Spirit – which God gave to the disciples and gives to all who believe in God, so that Jesus is always with us, just as Jesus asked God to in his prayer.

Let's talk to God now,

Dear God

Wow! That you should love us as you love your one and only Son, Jesus, this is hard for us to take in. thankyou God that we can have Jesus with us wherever we go, helping us and being there when we need it.

You are an awesome God, thankyou, thankyou.

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 an action song: 'I know I belong', with lyrics and you can dance along and join in if you want to <https://youtu.be/cavt7othMeQ>

Here is the activity sheet: [activity-sheet-29-may-2022.pdf \(rootsontheweb.com\)](https://www.rootsontheweb.com/activity-sheet-29-may-2022.pdf)