

## Children and family talk for Sunday 24th July 2022.

Good morning!

It's summer holiday time in the UK now, I hope you have some lovely plans for how to spend your free time now school has finished! Today we are starting our summer theme on the Fruits of the Spirit which we will be looking at for the next few weeks. Our readings today are from

Luke chapter 11, verses 1-13 and Galatians 5 verses 22 and 23.

**11** One time, Jesus was praying in a place. When he finished, one of his followers said to him, "John taught his followers how to pray. Lord, please teach us how to pray, too."

<sup>2</sup> Jesus said to them, "When you pray, say:

'Father, we pray that your name will always be kept holy.

We pray that your kingdom will come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us the food we need for each day.

<sup>4</sup> Forgive us the sins we have done,

because we forgive every person who has done wrong to us.

And do not cause us to be tested."

<sup>5-6</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose one of you went to your friend's house at midnight and said to him, 'A friend of mine has come into town to visit me. But I have nothing for him to eat. Please loan me three loaves of bread.' <sup>7</sup> Your friend inside the house answers, 'Don't bother me! The door is already locked. My children and I are in bed. I cannot get up and give you the bread now.' <sup>8</sup> I tell you, maybe friendship is not enough to make him get up to give you the bread. But he will surely get up to give you what you need if you continue to ask. <sup>9</sup> So I tell you, continue to ask, and God will give to you. Continue to search, and you will find. Continue to knock, and the door will open for you. <sup>10</sup> Yes, if a person continues asking, he will receive. If he continues searching, he will find. And if he continues knocking, the door will open for him. <sup>11</sup> What would you fathers do if your son asks you for a fish? Would any of you give him a snake? <sup>12</sup> Or, if your son asks for an egg, would you give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> Even though you are bad, you know how to give good things to your children. So surely your heavenly Father knows how to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."

Galatians 5:22-23

<sup>22</sup> But the Spirit gives love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. There is no law that says these things are wrong.

### **Talk:**

Jesus wanted everyone to be able to worship and love God, because Jesus, God's Son, knew that his message of Love was for everyone. So, Jesus made sure that his special friends knew how to talk to God and ask for the things they needed. And Jesus wanted them to know that God would answer their prayers, even if sometimes they needed to have perseverance and patience. Good parents do not give things to their children that will hurt them, just as God will not give us things that will hurt us, and this is why sometimes when we ask for things God may say no. God is a loving parent. Love and patience are the first

two gifts of the Holy Spirit we are talking about this summer. Think about how you show love and patience. Can you be extra loving to those around you this week?

Maybe you need to be more patient? Waiting for things can be hard, but often it is the anticipation of a gift that makes it even better when you get it.

Now let's say this family friendly version of the Lord's prayer together which you can use if you ever want to talk to God, but are not sure where to start;

Our Father in heaven, you are awesome!  
Show us who you are and how you want us to be.  
Make earth more like heaven.  
Please give us what we need to keep going each day.  
Help us when we are wrong and clean us up on the inside.  
Help us to let other people off and move on.  
Keep us from bad stuff.  
You're in charge!  
You're strong and powerful and always there.  
Forever!  
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's a link for the children's sheet: [activity-sheet-24-july-2022.pdf \(rootsontheweb.com\)](https://www.rootsontheweb.com/activity-sheet-24-july-2022.pdf)

And here's a fun song to sing with actions if you know them, 'the fruit of the spirit':  
<https://youtu.be/Rezg4jYFoj0>