

Children and family talk for 14th August 2022

Hello everyone, it's good to have you with me as we explore more of the Bible together and praise God. During the month of August we are looking at the fruits of the Spirit in our Sundayclub. Today we are concentrating on Joy and Peace. But let's start by talking to God:

Dear wonderful God, who gives us everything we need every day, we want to spend this time with you. We want to learn about you God. Help us to listen and explore your word together. In your name Lord, we ask this, Amen.

Today we're going to look at a couple of stories that Jesus told. Our bible reading is from

Luke 15 verses 1-10

15 Many tax collectors and "sinners" came to listen to Jesus. **2** The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began to complain: "Look! This man welcomes sinners and even eats with them!"

3 Then Jesus told them this story: **4** "Suppose one of you has 100 sheep, but he loses 1 of them. Then he will leave the other 99 sheep alone and go out and look for the lost sheep. The man will keep on searching for the lost sheep until he finds it. **5** And when he finds it, the man is very happy. He puts it on his shoulders **6** and goes home. He calls to his friends and neighbours and says, 'Be happy with me because I found my lost sheep!' **7** In the same way, I tell you there is much joy in heaven when 1 sinner changes his heart. There is more joy for that 1 sinner than there is for 99 good people who don't need to change.

8 "Suppose a woman has ten silver coins, but she loses one of them. She will light a lamp and clean the house. She will look carefully for the coin until she finds it. **9** And when she finds it, she will call her friends and neighbours and say, 'Be happy with me because I have found the coin that I lost!' **10** In the same way, there is joy before the angels of God when 1 sinner changes his heart."

Galatians 5:22-23

22 But the fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful **23** and gentle and having control of oneself. There is no law against things of that kind.

Let's talk about our Bible verses

Why do you think Jesus told these stories? He could have ignored the Pharisees and religious leaders, but he didn't. Jesus wanted them to understand why he was bothering with the people who they considered bad people – tax collectors and people who did wrong. Jesus loves everyone, he went out of his way to be friends with people who others kept their distance from. But why?

Well, the answer is in the stories he told. In the first story, the shepherd loses one of his sheep, and then searches and finally rescues the sheep, carrying it home on his shoulders. The shepherd is overjoyed to have found the one sheep and brought it back to the flock. Jesus says God is like that shepherd – and will be so happy and throw a party in heaven if one person that has done wrong, changes the way they are

going and comes back to God. In the same way the woman who loses a coin and searches high and low until she finds it, and then throws a celebration for her friends and neighbours, is like God, who is so full of joy when one person changes the way they are thinking to come back to God. God loves us all, but God doesn't sit back and let us go the wrong way, God is actively seeking us out and giving us the chances to come back and be part of the Christian family.

So, which of the fruits of the Spirit did we talk about today?

Let's get in touch with God now:

Thankyou God for all the times we have been full of joy this week. Help us to be more joyful and loving in all that we do, and just as you are patient with us, help us to be patient with others.

Amen.

Now let's say the grace together...

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (Hold out hands as if expecting a present)

And the love of God (Put your hands on your heart)

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (Hold hands)

Be with us all now and for ever. Amen! (raise hands together on the Amen)

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