

## Children and family talk for 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022

Hello everyone, it's good to have you with me as we explore more of the Bible together and praise God.

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.*

During the month of August, we are looking at the fruits of the Spirit in our Sundayclub. See if you can recognise any of the fruits of the Spirit as I read from the bible.

Our bible reading is from

### **Isaiah chapter 58 verses 9b to 14.**

<sup>9</sup> Then you will call to the Lord, and the Lord will answer you.

You will cry out to the Lord, and he will say, 'Here I am.' (faithfulness)

"You should stop making trouble for others.

You should stop using cruel words and pointing your finger at others. (goodness)

<sup>10</sup> You should feed those who are hungry.

You should take care of the needs of those who are troubled. (kindness)

Then your light will shine in the darkness.

And you will be bright like sunshine at noon.

<sup>11</sup> The Lord will always lead you. (Faithfulness)

He will satisfy your needs in dry lands.

He will give strength to your bones.

You will be like a garden that has much water.

You will be like a spring that never runs dry.

<sup>12</sup> Your people will rebuild the old cities that are now in ruins.

You will rebuild the foundations of these ancient cities.

You will be known for repairing the broken places.

You will be known for rebuilding the roads and houses.

<sup>13</sup> "You must obey God's law about the Sabbath. (goodness)

You must not do what pleases yourselves on that holy day. (goodness)

You should call the Sabbath a joyful day. (Joy)

You should honour the Lord's holy day.

You should honour it by not doing whatever you please on that day.

You should not say whatever you please on that day. (self-control)

<sup>14</sup> Then you will find joy in the Lord. (joy)

And I, the Lord, will carry you to the high places above the earth.

I will let you eat the crops of the land your ancestor Jacob had."

The Lord has said these things.

## Galatians 5:22-23

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

### Let's talk about our Bible verses

This bible reading comes from the Old Testament, and is written about 700 years before Jesus arrived as a tiny baby and Paul wrote to the Galatians in the New Testament. The bible reading was written by Isaiah who was an important Prophet who talked about lots of things that would happen in the future, particularly about Jesus coming. This reading is similar to some of the things that Jesus would say later, about feeding the hungry, and helping those in trouble. Isaiah also talks about our light shining out from the darkness, which is another thing that Jesus talked about. Letting our light shine out means that if we are full of joy we can share it with others, and if we are full of God's wisdom, we can share this too. Like having a light in a dark place – you can spread the light out into the darkness and help everyone to see things better. Jesus knew these words of Isaiah well, and quoted from the Jewish bible often, to help the people to realise where they were going wrong. The Jewish leaders had got too caught up with rules and regulations such as not working on the Holy days, and Jesus was trying to help them to see that the Holy days were made for us, not to get in our way of helping others.

Then Jesus said to the Pharisees, "The Sabbath day was made to help people. They were not made to be ruled by the Sabbath day". Mark 2 verse 27.

This is what Isaiah is saying when he says you shouldn't do whatever pleases you. If we only do things for ourselves, we cannot find the true joy that being a Christian brings.

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

### *Let's get in touch with God now:*

Dear God, thankyou that we can turn to the bible when we need to hear your words. Thankyou for sending us your Son, Jesus to help us to understand the bible better and to guide us. Help us to be light in the darkness, and spread your joy and your message of love to 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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