

## **Children and family talk for 28<sup>th</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 have been looking at the fruits of the Spirit in our Sundayclub. As this is the last week, we are going to concentrate on just those verses:

Our bible reading is from **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**

Did you know that the word love appears in the bible hundreds of times? In some versions (the new international translation) it is mentioned 686 times! Joy is mentioned 242 times, peace 249 times, patience only 16 times, the word kind 250 times, good 610 times, faith 458 times, gentle 22 times, and self-control 13 times.

Of course, there are thousands of words in the bible, so we might expect to find them repeated quite a lot. But the two of our 'fruits of the Spirit' that come out on top, are Love and good. We sometimes speak about the bible being our guide through life, and I like to think that the fruits of the Spirit are what we should aim for in life, to try to love, and show love to others, be filled with joy in all circumstances – finding the good in dark times, knowing peace because we always know that God is love and will take care of us, no matter what happens, having patience that things will be ok in the end, showing kindness to all of creation in any way that we can, to have faith that God will see us through the bad times in our lives, being gentle in all we do and having self – control when things are not going our way.

I guess if you only ever remember one verse in the bible this one is a good one – it may help you in all sorts of times in your life.

*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. Send us your Spirit, so that we might be filled with all the good things and spread them out 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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