

## Children and family talk for 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Hello everyone, I'm so glad you can join me to explore our bible reading together and to praise God. Our bible reading today is from **Luke 18 verses 1 to 8**, where we see Jesus telling his special friends, the disciples a story.

### **God Will Answer His People**

**18** Then Jesus used this story to teach his followers that they should always pray and never lose hope. <sup>2</sup> "Once there was a judge in a town. He did not care about God. He also did not care what people thought about him. <sup>3</sup> In that same town there was a widow who kept coming to this judge. She said, 'There is a man who is not being fair to me. Give me my rights!' <sup>4</sup> But the judge did not want to help the widow. After a long time, he thought to himself, 'I don't care about God. And I don't care about what people think. <sup>5</sup> But this widow is bothering me. I will see that she gets her rights, or she will bother me until I am worn out!'"

<sup>6</sup> The Lord said, "Listen to what the bad judge said. <sup>7</sup> God's people cry to him night and day. God will always give them what is right, and he will not be slow to answer them. <sup>8</sup> I tell you, God will help his people quickly! But when the Son of Man comes again, will he find those on earth who believe in him?"

Let's talk about our bible verses:

How often have you really wanted something and had to ask and ask again and again because it doesn't seem anyone is listening? This is what happened to Mickey the other day.

Sandy: Hey Mickey!

Mickey: Hello!

Sandy: I'm a bit busy right now, so if you can just wait a bit, I'll talk to you in a minute.

Mickey: But I just wanted to ask you...

Sandy: Not right now Mickey – I'm busy

Mickey: Yeah but..

Sandy: Just wait Mikey, a few more minutes...

Mickey: I really wanted to say...

Sandy: Mickey, I can't right now – ok, you'll have to wait a bit longer

Mickey: (Sulks then starts humming a tune)

Sandy: Ok Mickey, I can see I'm not going to get any peace until you've said what you want to say, what is it?

Mickey: well, I just wanted to ask you if I could have a banana please?

Sandy: yes, of course you can. But if you could wait just a few more minutes, then I'll get it for you.

Mickey: Okaaaayyy.

Sandy: In our bible reading today, Jesus was telling his special friends that God isn't like the judge who made the widow wait and wait, no God will give us what we need quickly. When we pray for the right things, God hears us, and because God loves us then he will not make us wait because we have faith in him.

Let's talk to God now:

Loving God,

We thank you that we can ask you for things and know you will answer us. Help us to understand that sometimes the answer has to be No, as you are a loving parent and will only give us things that are good for us.

We thank you for all you do for us daily, and we pray that others will come to know you as we do.

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 bringing thumbs together on the Amen)