

KIDS CHURCH ONLINE

Sunday 26th April 2020

THEME - GENTLENESS

John 8:1-11

BIBLE

John 8:1-11 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

1 but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

2 At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered round him, and he sat down to teach them. **3** The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group **4** and said to Jesus, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. **5** In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?' **6** They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. **7** When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, 'Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' **8** Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

9 At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. **10** Jesus straightened up and asked her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?'

11 'No one, sir,' she said.

'Then neither do I condemn you,' Jesus declared. 'Go now and leave your life of sin.'

HAVE A CHAT

Below are some questions to help you explore the stories

I wonder what part of the story you liked best?

I wonder what was the most important part?

I wonder where you are in the story?

I wonder what Jesus thought when he heard the commotion and saw the group coming towards him?

I wonder how the women felt?

I wonder how the teachers and Pharisees felt when they saw Jesus writing in the sand and not speaking?

I wondered how they all felt when they dropped their stones and walked away?

I wonder how the women felt after Jesus had spoken with her?

ACTIVITIES

Tell the Story

Retell the stories in your own words, creating a modern version. Can you remember all the different parts of the story? Maybe you would like to act it out, or perhaps gather different toys to retell the story.

Exploring the Gentleness

Pelicans! (Nigel)- Movie Finding Nemo (Merlin and Dory)

Below are some questions to help you explore the story.

- Why does Nemo's dad - Merlin initially distrust Nigel the Pelican?
- What does he already know about pelicans?
- What does he expect Nigel to do to him?
- How do we see Nigel's gentleness?
- How does Nigel do his best for Nemo's Dad?
- When people are gentle, do you think it is because they are weak or because they are strong?

The Pelican (Nigel) could have eaten Nemo's dad. He chose to be gentle and to rescue them. Instead of grabbing them, he tried to use gentle persuasion to get Dory and Merlin into his mouth.

Gentleness isn't weakness – it's choosing not to use all your strength as you do what is best for someone else. Nigel could have gobbled up Merlin and Dory. But he didn't. He chose to be gentle and to persuade them to trust him. Being gentle is a choice that we can make.

(<https://www.energize.uk.net>)

Bubble Sock Snake

Have a look at the Youtube video to find the instructions to create a Bubble Sock Snake.

Worm and Dice Game

You will need to print off the two activity sheets for this game.

Making the Dice

1. Colour each square in a different colour.
2. Write the Bible verse (Let your gentleness be evident to all) on the squares a word on each square, the last square having two words on it.
3. Cut out the pattern.
4. Fold on the lines and sellotape the edges together to make dice.

Worms

1. Cut out the worms.
2. Colour each piece of the body the same as the correct order of the Bible verse on the dice.

To play the game.

For young children they can follow the colours or write out the Bible verse so they can follow the order of the words.

For older children ask them to try and memorise the verse.

Roll the dice and write the word in the correct part of the worms body, take in turns to roll the dice. The winner is the first to complete the Bible verse in the worm.

Egg Shell

Decorating Egg Shells

1. Take a fresh egg and make a small hold with a pin at the top and bottom of the egg.
2. Over a bowl, blow into the top hold of the egg, making sure to hold the egg firmly.
3. The insides of the egg will start to come out of the bottom hole.
4. Keep blowing until all the egg and yoke our out of the egg.
5. Very careful paint or dye your egg with paint or food dye.
6. Place them in a nice bowl for decoration.

Chalk the Walk

Decorate the end of your driveway or the road in front of your house with art...tell people about the story by writing the words 'Be Gentle', Gentleness, or Be Gentle To Each Other.

Colouring (see the colouring folder)

If you are able print the colouring in sheets take some time to colour them in. If not why not give it a go and try and copy the design, then colour in it or make up your own design to tell the story.

Modelling

Think of a something you could make out of paper mache or slat dough that would help to remind you to be gentle.

Rock Art

If you have enjoyed this activity your challenge this week is to find a stone(rock) big enough to write the word GENTLENESS

On your walk go in search for a rock you can paint. you can paint it with any sort of paint but some paints wash off so be careful not to get the rock wet once it is dry. Acrylic paint does not wash off. Please protect your clothes.

Next time you go for a walk place the rock somewhere for someone else to see. If you are placing the rocks in your garden add them to the others.

PRAYER

Family Prayer Activity (see sheet)

Take time to do the family prayer activity together.

And this week try to lean the memory verses.

***Here are a few options for paste for your paper mache.**

5. Use a simple mix of flour and water. Use one part flour with two parts water until you get the consistency like think glue. Add more water or flour as necessary, mix well and get out all the lumps. Add a few tablespoons of salt to help prevent mould!
6. Similar to the above recipe, but definitely need adult supervision.
4 cups of water into a large pot. Place the pot on the hob and bring to the boil. While you are waiting for the water to boil, mix together one cup of flour with two cups of water, stir well to get out as many lumps as possible.
Once the water is boiling, carefully add your floured water mixture. Simmer the mixture for 2-3 minutes, until smooth. Add a few teaspoons of salt to help prevent mould. Allow to cool before you try to use it!
7. You can use regular glue mixed with a bit of water. Mix using about one part water with two parts glue.
8. Use wallpaper paste. Follow the directions from the manufacturer to mix this paste. Adult supervision when using it.

***Recipe for Salt Dough**

1 cup salt

2 cups of flour

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup of water

- In a large bowl mix salt and flour together.
- Gradually stir in water. Mix well until it forms a doughy consistency.
- Turn the dough onto the bench and knead with your hands until smooth and combined.
- Make your creations using the salt dough.
- Place the salt dough creations into the oven at 180C. The amount of time needed to bake depends on the size and thickness of the salt dough creations.

Please remind little ones that the salt dough is not edible.

Tips and Ideas

- Store your salt dough in an air tight container as it keeps well for a few days.
- You can paint your creations with acrylic paints and seal with varnish or polyurethane spray.
- Salt dough can also be air dried and is an alternative to oven drying.
- Involve the kids in making the salt dough as this encourages and promotes so many learning opportunities, plus it is so much fun!