

WHAT WE WANT KIDS TO KNOW

Gentleness is being careful with your words and actions because God loves everyone.

Jesus and the children
Matthew 18 - 19

LINKS FOR THIS WEEK

[普通话 Family Guide](#)

Have questions about God, Jesus, or the lesson?

Check out these websites:

<https://www.reasonablefaith.org/>

<https://www.gotquestions.org>

Email us

kids@blackhawkchurch.org

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BIBLE PASSAGE

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23

FOR THE VIDEO

- Gather your family. Open your favorite Bible or Bible app. Have each person share an animal they would want as a pet.
- Pause the video as needed! Ask questions. Share stories.

AFTER THE VIDEO

Talk about these questions with your family:

1. Who are the most important in God's kingdom? Adults? Leaders? Children?
2. Why did Jesus' friends try to send the children away?
3. Who treated the children with gentleness in today's Bible story?
4. How do you feel when someone uses gentle words and actions toward you? What about harsh words and actions?

ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK:

- **Make Oobleck:** Gather cornstarch, water, food coloring, and wax paper. Pour 1 cup water into a large bowl and add a few drops of food coloring. Stir. Add 1 cup of cornstarch to the bowl. Stir until cornstarch is dissolved. Pour Oobleck onto wax paper. It is easier to play with the Oobleck with slow, gentle actions, but you can try hard, non-gentle actions, like slapping to see what happens.
- **Water balloon Toss:** Try tossing some water balloons gently back and forth between two people without breaking them.
- **Buttons on Noodles:** Grab dry spaghetti noodles and buttons. Stick the noodles into playdough and string the buttons onto the spaghetti noodles as gently as you can without breaking the noodle.
- **Gentle Words Jar:** Pull out an old baking tray and invite your kids to drop rocks (harsh words) on the baking tray and then drop cotton balls (gentle words) on the tray. Ask which type of words they like spoken to them? Now create a gentle word jar. During the week, every time someone shows gentleness in what they say or do, add a cotton ball to the jar and watch it fill up over the week.
- **Fruit of the Spirit Mobile:** Continue making your Fruit of the Spirit mobile by printing this [GENTLENESS image](#). Cut out the image and hang it from your mobile with string.
- Stay connected through the [Blackhawk Kids Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages. Join the private [Friends of BKids Facebook Group](#) for more connection with BKids volunteers and families.

PRAY

Use this [Fruit of the Spirit Prayer Guide](#) for ways to ask God's help in being careful with your words and actions this week!