

The Drought

Fruit of the Spirit: peace

Characters

Katie Koala
Caroline Cockatoo
Kanga Joe
Charlie
Charity
3 other Australian animal puppets (any)

Props

Gum leaves
Piece of paper with a message on it
Fruit labeled 'peace'
Shell of a watermelon e.g. a paper mâché half sphere, or a bowl

Scene 1

The Australian bush

Katie Koala

I'm so worried. There has been no rain for weeks and soon all the animals of the bush will be running out of food and water.

Caroline Cockatoo

Don't worry, Katie. I'll help you find water. I know that the Good King will look after us. He'll send rain soon. Because I'm a bird I can help you in a special way. I'll fly high above the bush where I can get a bird's eye view of the rivers and water holes. Then I'll let you and the other animals know the best place to find water.

Caroline flies off

Katie Koala

Oh thanks, Caroline. You are such a kind bird. In the mean time I'll go and eat some more gum leaves. It's so hot, but I'll get some lovely refreshing juice from the leaves.

Katie eats gum leaves

Katie

I suppose Caroline is right. We must believe that the Good King will look after us. Worrying about things doesn't help. When we worry, we don't have peace.

Peace...isn't that one of the fruits of the Spirit...one of the special fruits in the King's garden? When Caroline comes back, I think we will go there together. I sure need some peace inside right now, so that I can stop worrying about this drought. Ah...here comes Caroline now. What did you find, Caroline?

Caroline

There's a bit of water left in a water hole at the east end of the creek, Katie, but all of the mud pools have dried up. There should be enough water to last a few more days, if we all drink only what we need and no more. We must tell the other animals where they can find water. We must also tell them that they must not worry, because the Good king will take care of them. Come on. Let's go off and find the other animals.

Along comes Kanga Joe**Katie**

Kanga Joe...tell the others...there's water to be found at the east end of the creek...

Kanga Joe

OK. I'll go and tell the others

Kanga Joe hops away**Caroline**

I've got an idea, Katie. In the King's garden there is a crystal river. It has water that will never run dry. Charlie and Charity have told us about it. I wonder if we could go and bring some back, and at the same time, let's get some of that special fruit called peace. But how do we get to the King's Garden? Look. Here come Charlie and Charity. Maybe they can tell us.

Charlie and Charity enter

Charlie

This is what you do. You take the key of Life, and 1,2,3, put on love! Here we go!

All exit**Scene 2****The King's Garden with a fruit tree showing the 9 fruits of the Spirit****Caroline**

Over there! There it is! I'll go ahead and perch on its branches. Charlie and Charity, you catch up.

Charity

I'd forgotten how beautiful the fruits were. Nine of them altogether...

love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Charlie

You know, the wonderful thing about this tree is that no matter how many fruits you pick, new ones just keep on growing. It always has fruit. That's how it should be with us, too. We should always have the fruits of the Spirit in our lives. We should never run out of fruit!

Katie

I'm going to pick the fruit of peace, because that's what we need right now. We need to have peace inside that the Good King will look after us all.

Katie holds the 'peace' fruit**Caroline**

Let's take this fruit to the crystal river and see if we can get some water for the animals.

Caroline picks up a piece of paper

Wait...here's a message from the King... It says, "Do not worry about food or clothes, for I will take care of you". That sure gives me peace to know the Good King is looking after us.

Caroline

Here's some water. Now I need something to carry water in. Over here! Look what I've found...It's a melon. We could eat the melon from the inside, then fill up the empty melon with water. Then Katie could tie it to her back with this strong vine so that you she can carry it.

Katie

That's a good idea. I'm used to carrying a baby on my back. I'm sure I could carry a melon.

Caroline

Come on everyone. Let's all eat the melon.

Charlie

This is delicious.

Charity

Yes, so delicious!

Now let's help to put the melon on Katie's back

All help**Charlie**

Now we can go back to the other animals. We'll find them at the water hole at the east end of the creek.

All exit, Katie carrying the shell of the melon on her back.

Scene 3**Back at Bunyip Creek**

All animals listen to what Charlie has to say

Charlie

Hey everyone! It's water from the crystal river in the King's Garden...We just have to get this melon off Katie's back.

All help get melon off. Animals look at water in the melon.

Charity

And we have a special message from the King. He says that we must not worry about food or clothes, but to have peace inside, knowing that He will take care of us. That means He'll provide water too. Now everyone, come and have a sip. Don't worry, there's enough for everyone.

Animals drink water.

Animal 1

Thanks Charlie and Charity!

Animal 2

Thanks Caroline and Katie!

Animal 3

And thanks to the Good King!

Kanga Joe

Do you smell what I smell? I think there's something in the air...Yes, it smells like rain...It *is* rain. Come on everyone. Let's get wet!

Charity

Isn't it wonderful to know that the Good King looks after us and provides all the things we need.

Charlie

Yes. We don't have to worry about anything!

Charity

If God provides for the birds and animals, how much more will he care for us?"

Narrator

The animals learned something very important from the drought at Bunyip Creek. They now knew that if they trusted in God, their Heavenly Father, they didn't have to worry. They could have peace inside, knowing that God would care for them.

What's peace?

Peace is ...

- a calm feeling inside, knowing that God is looking after you
- letting God take all your worries