

# Kanga Joe

## Story 7

### The Fabulous Sweets

*Fruit of the Spirit: goodness*



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#### ***Goodness is...***

- *obeying God's word*
- *doing the right thing*

Kanga Joe was just practicing his balancing. Sometimes Emily Emu gave him some of her eggs for juggling. Kanga liked to entertain the other animals with a little show now and again, and his assistant was Wally Wallaby.

"You're such a faithful friend, Wally." said Kanga Joe. "I can always depend on you. Come on. Let's practise our routine. Let's try the egg-balancing act again..."

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"O no, Wally! You've dropped the eggs and smashed them!" exclaimed Kanga Joe.

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"Sorry Kanga," said Wally. "I didn't mean to."

"It's alright, Wally," said Kanga Joe, "I'm not going to lose my temper because I've just been to the King's Garden and picked some special fruit. Have a look at this!

G-O-O-D-N-E-S-S. And do you know what I learnt from the King's garden? Goodness is just doing the right thing. That's what the Good King wants. He wants us to be good just as He is. He also wants us to have self-control. That means not losing my temper, and not being greedy. Why don't we go and find Charlie and Charity and we'll all go to the King's Garden together!"

Wally and Kanga Joe soon found the children.

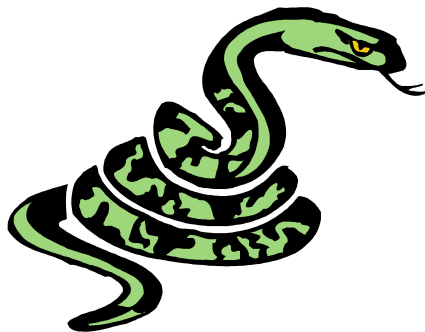
"Do you remember what to do to get there?" asked Charlie.

"Yes," said Kanga Joe. "Take the key of life, and 1, 2 ,3, Put on love!"

Soon they were at the gates. But look! There was someone new.

"I haven't seen him before," said Charlie. "It looks like a snake. Excuse me sir. Are you a snake?"

"Y..e..ssssss. I sssupposse I am," said the snake. "I'm here to tell you that you don't need to go to this garden. There's a much better garden. You can do whatever you like there. Look in my fabulouss ssurprisse ssac. I'll show you some of the goodies that are there. Put your hand in and ssee what you can find. Take whatever you want."



"OK. I love surprises," said Kanga Joe, who was very keen to put his paw into the sack. "Let's see...I'll feel around a bit. Ah...here's something interesting...It's a bag of lollies, with a sign on it..."

"Eat these sweets, so nice and yummy,

All you can do to fill your tummy.

No need to be good and follow the rule

Eating sweets is really cool."

"Don't listen to him, Kanga Joe," said Charity. "Don't you remember what the King taught us about self-control?"

"But I love lollies," said Kanga Joe.

"Well," said the snake, "Come with me, and I will give you lollies for FREE!"

"You three go to the King's Garden," said Kanga Joe. "I'm going to get the lollies."

"But Kanga! You can't go with the snake!" exclaimed Charity.

But in a moment he was gone.

"We'll have to rescue him," said Charlie. "Have you two got any ideas?"

"We could go to the Garden and ask the wise old owl what to do," thought Charity."

And that's just what they did. The two children and Wally explained their problem to the owl.

"Who..who-oo," said the owl. "Take this guide book with you and it will show you what to do."



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The three thanked the owl, and sat down to take a good look at the book. It said, "The King's Guide Book, the Bible." They searched through the pages, looking for something to help Kanga Joe.

"Ah, here we are," said Charity... "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22"

"Goodness," thought Charlie aloud..."Following the snake is not good at all. And eating all those lollies is not having self-control. That's what kanga Joe needs. He needs the fruits of goodness and self-control. Let's go and pick these fruits and take them to Kanga Joe!"

They knew where to find the special fruit tree, and they soon had the fruits.

"Now we've got the fruits," said Charlie, "we've got to find Kanga Joe. Look! Here's a trail of lollies. Let's follow it."

Along here, past the trees, and over there I can see a cave. Look. There's a sign that says "Snake's Hollow. Free lollies."

"I'm not going in there," said Charity.

"Maybe we can call Kanga and he might hear us," suggested Charlie.

"Kanga, Kanga," they called. "We've got something for you....fruits from the King's Garden."

Kanga's voice came from inside the hollow: "Is that you Charlie and Charity and Wally? OOOOh....help me! I've got a tummy ache... and a toothache. I should have gone with you in the first place. Thank you for coming to save me from the wicked snake. You're such good friends."



Now fortunately the snake was having a sleep, so Kanga crept past the old fellow very quietly. The children gave Kanga the fruit from the King's Garden. He ate it at once, and noticed how delicious it tasted...even better than the lollies. And do you know, that almost immediately his toothache started to get better, and so did his tummy ache!

"Come on," said Charlie. "Let's get out of here before the snake finds us."

"I sure have learned a lot about goodness and self-control today," said Kanga Joe.

"Yes, but you did learn the hard way," said Charity. "It's much better to obey the King in the first place and follow the advice in His book."

Kanga Joe agreed.

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"If I had gone straight through the gate to the King's Garden, and not followed the snake, I wouldn't have been in so much trouble."

"That's right, Kanga," said Charity. "When we follow the King's son, Jesus, we belong to Him, just like sheep belong to the shepherd. He helps us to have goodness in our lives, as we become more like Him."

