LYRICS to songs about GENTLENESS

**Opening Prayer:**

**God sufficeth all things above all things,**

**and nothing in the heavens or in the earth but God sufficeth.**

**Verily, He is in Himself the Knower, the Sustainer, the Omnipotent.**

 **~The Báb**

**Song: Tony Chestnut** (Judy Ginsburgh, A Flower Is an Educated Weed CD)

Tony Chestnut knows I love you

Tony knows x 2

Tony Chestnut knows I love you

That’s what Tony knows.

(Repeat)

**Love, Service, Joy and Gentleness Song** (Family Learning House, Children’s Virtues Songs- Preschool CD; available through ITunes, produced by Virtues in Us)

Love, service, joy and gentleness.

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These are virtues we possess.

Love, service, joy and gentleness.

**Song: Gentleness** (The Family Learning House, Quotations CD- Gentleness)

The fruits of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering,

gentleness, goodness and faith. X 5 (The Bible, Galations 5:22)

**Song: Gentle Old MacDonald** (Radha and the Kiwi Kids, Virtues in Me CD)

Old MacDonald had a farm, e-i-e-i-o,

and on that farm he had a puppy, e-i-e-i-o

Be gentle with the puppy- woof! We’re gentle with the puppy- woof!

Old MacDonald had a farm, e-i-e-i-o!

Old Macdonald…he had a sheep…be gentle with the sheep- baa!

We’re gentle with the sheep- baa

Old MacDonald had a farm, e-i-e-i-o!

…he had a cat…meow…

…horse…neigh…

…hen...be gentle with eggs, I’m gentle with the eggs, cluck, cluck, cluck…

…he had a field of prickles- e-i-e-i- OW! Be gentle on yourself, gentleness! I’m gentle on myself, gentleness!

Old MacDonald had a farm, e-i-e-i-o, e-i-e-i-o!

 (then at the end everyone chooses a different animal noise to make)

**Song: If An Animal Be Sick** (Tim Urbonya, Love All The World CD)

If an animal be sick, let the children try to heal it; if it be hungry, let them feed it;

if thirsty, let them quench its thirst; if weary let them see that it rests.

**Song: Sleeping Children** (The Family Learning House, Virtues- Preschool CD)

Sleeping children, sleeping children

Ssh, ssh, ssh, ssh, ssh, ssh

Now it’s time to wake up

Now it’s time to wake up

It’s a great day!

It’s a great day!

**Song: Fruits of the Spirit** (The Family Learning House, School Age Children’s Virtues Songs)

We can help a friendship start if we fill our hearts with the fruits of the spirit

When you speak to another, be truthful

When you meet a stranger, be warm

These fruits in your heart have been growing ever since the day that you were born

A fruit of the spirit is love

A fruit of the spirit is joy

A fruit of the spirit is peace

(repeated)

If you touch a flower, be gentle

If you play with a dog, be kind

These kind of fruits are the most delicious!

Let’s see how many we can find!

A fruit of the spirit is thoughtfulness

A fruit of the spirit is service

A fruit of the spirit is….(blank)- Moms or children call out a virtue

A fruit of the spirit is love

A fruit of the spirit is joy

A fruit of the spirit is…(blank)

We can help a friendship start if we fill our hearts with the fruits of the spirit!

**Closing Verse:** Invite children to practice reverence by asking them to sit in their parent’s lap while a Verse is said.

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| **We must associate with all humanity in gentleness and kindliness. –Abdu’l-Baha** |

**Closing Song:**

**(sung to the tune of "Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear....)**

**There are several different tunes for the Teddy Bear rhyme you can find on YouTube. Here is one version**

**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSLlm5bwzjs**

Gentle child, gentle child turn around. (turn around)

Gentle child, gentle child, touch the ground. (touch the ground)

Gentle child, gentle child, show your shoe. (hold foot up and point to shoe)

Gentle child, gentle child, I love you! (hugs all around!)

Gentle child, gentle child, reach for the sky.

 (reach up!, or mother lifts up her child high!)

Children’s class is over. It’s time to say goodbye! (wave and say, “goodbye!”)