## UPSIDE DOWN



The Bible says

Jesus said,
"I am gentle
and humble in
spirit."
Matthew 11:29

'God loves you. So always do

these things: Show mercy to others; be kind, humble, gentle, and patient.' Colossians 3:12

'Try to live in the right way, serve God, have faith, love, patience, and gentleness.' 1 Timothy 6:11

'God will protect you like a bird spreading its wings over its young.' Psalm 91:4



Find a feather.
Touch the soft
edges. Feel the rigid
spine. Feel its lightness and
softness. Think about how you
can be gentle and strong.

## Thoughts on Gentleness

Think of a feather. What does it feel like? Feathers are soft to touch. They feel gentle if you stroke them on your skin. Yet they are strong and important to the bird. Feathers help the bird to fly, protect it, camouflage it and keep it warm and dry. Feathers have strength with gentleness.



Birds have different types of feathers. Feathers are perfectly designed to fly; they are light and flexible but just rigid enough.









Being gentle is a superpower! There is strength in gentleness. You might not show gentleness all the time, but when you do, it can be very powerful. You can use it to help yourself and other people. For instance, being gentle with other people can calm them down, as this Bible verse says: 'A gentle answer will calm a person's anger. But an unkind answer will cause more anger.' (Proverbs 15:1)

How can you show gentleness to others? How will it make a difference?

Thank you for the strength of gentleness. Help us to be gentle in our words, thoughts and actions. Thank you for those who are gentle with us.





