



**Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for May 2, 2010
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"Learn Together"

Lesson Text: Colossians 1:1-14

Background Scripture: Colossians 1

Memory Verse: "[We] do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom" (Colossians 1:9).

Colossians 1:1-14

- 1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
- 2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colossae: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,
- 4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,
- 5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;
- 6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:
- 7 As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellow servant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;
- 8 Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.
- 9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;
- 10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;
- 11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness;
- 12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:
- 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.
- 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.

TEACHER'S NOTES

Today's lesson comes from the beginning of the letter of Paul to the Colossian believers. Paul gave thanks for them and prayed for them that they would continue to grow together in faith. They had begun their journey of faith, but it was just the beginning. There was so much more to learn, and God wanted them to learn it together.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Teach that after we believe in Jesus, we need to be a part of His church, learning and growing together in faith.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. Paul was writing to people who already believed in Jesus.
2. They were gathered in the church at Colosse, learning and growing together.
3. God wants us to be a part of the church, learning and growing together.

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS

For Helping to Remember, bring paper and crayons for every student.

For the lesson activity, make a copy of the Word Search for each student.

BEGINNING THE LESSON

Bradley liked to read. He was a very good reader, and he learned many things that way. He even read books about the Bible, but he did not like to talk with others about what he was reading and learning.

One day Bradley's grandfather insisted he go to a Bible study. Bradley did not want to go; so he stayed very quiet. Many people talked, asking questions and telling what the Lord seemed to be teaching them in the verses they were studying.

On the way home, Bradley said, "I would like to do that again next week." He thought he knew all about the verses they were discussing, but he found that other people had good ideas too. They brought out parts of the verses that Bradley had never noticed before. They asked questions he had never thought about. He learned a lot more in the group than he learned just reading by himself.

It is good to read the Bible on our own, but Bradley learned that we can learn even more when we sometimes learn together with others.

The Apostle Paul wrote letters to different groups of believers. These believers were gathered together in churches in different cities. They loved to learn and worship together.

TELLING THE LESSON

Paul wrote one letter to a group of believers, or a church, in the city of Colosse. He was with Timothy when he wrote it; so he and Timothy greeted the believers together. They wished them grace and peace from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul said he always thanked God for them and always prayed for them ever since he heard about their faith in Jesus and their love for God's people.

Paul's prayer was that the people of Colosse might always know what God wanted them to do. He prayed that they might be wise and have spiritual understanding. He prayed that they might live in ways that pleased God. He prayed that they might be filled with good works.

Paul prayed that they might understand more and more about what God wants. He prayed that they would become stronger and stronger. He prayed that they would be joyful and patient no matter what happened.

They were already God's people. They believed in Jesus. God had taken them out of the kingdom of Satan and put them into the kingdom of Jesus, His Son. They believed that Jesus died on the cross for them.

They had been bought back for God from Satan. Their sins had been forgiven, but all this was not the end of their faith. It was just the beginning. There was so much more to learn! Now they just needed to keep meeting, learning, and growing together.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE

When people come into God's spiritual family, they are like babies. They have a lot of growing and learning to do yet. They need to learn about God, their Father. They need to know what He thinks about many, many things and learn what He wants them to do.

If you have believed in Jesus, you are already His child. Now you can grow stronger by meeting with other believers so that you can learn and grow together.

We need one another to lift one another up and to make one another strong. Do you enjoy meeting and learning and growing with other believers?

Maybe you have not yet believed in Jesus. You have heard about Him, but maybe you have not yet said yes to Jesus in your heart. Maybe you have not yet asked Him to be your Saviour.

If you have not done so yet, but you are ready to say yes to Jesus, let me know during our Helping to Remember time. Just whisper to me, "I am ready to say yes to Jesus." I would be glad to pray with you.

HELPING TO REMEMBER

Let the children draw original pictures of them learning and worshiping together at church. Be alert to any children who may desire today to receive the Lord.

EXPLAINING THE GOLDEN TEXT

"[We] do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom" (Colossians 1:9).

The Apostle Paul was talking for himself and Timothy. He was writing to the believers in Colosse. They had not met the believers there in Colosse, but they had heard about their faith in Jesus.

From that day on Paul and Timothy never stopped praying for them. They prayed that the believers might know and understand what God wants, how He wants them to live.

As the believers met together, they would learn and grow together more and more. This was Paul's prayer for them.

CONCLUSION:

It is God's desire for us to be a part of the church, learning and growing together in love!

PRAYER:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the prayers of our leaders who watch over us, so that we may stand firm in all of Your will, mature and fully assured (c.f. Colossians 4:12), in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON:

Next week's lesson is "Growing in Christ" and tells us how the Colossians read Paul's letter and tried to follow God's way. Study Colossians 2:1-10.

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WORD SEARCH: "Learn Together" (Colossians 1:1-14)

Find each of the following keywords from the lesson:

APOSTLE
COLOSSE
FAITH
GOD
HEARD
JESUS
LOVE
PAUL
PRAYING
SPIRIT
WISDOM

BLOOD
DELIVERED
FORGIVENESS
GOSPEL
HEAVEN
KINGDOM
MINISTER
PEACE
SAINTS
THANKS
WORD

CHRIST
EPAPHRAS
FRUIT
GRACE
HOPE
KNOWLEDGE
PARTAKERS
POWER
SINS
TRUTH
WORTHY

33 words were placed into the puzzle.

E S S Y U Y X U E H S P R R C
R V T R P O W E R T K S E E O
P L O I E T S K N A H T S P L
A E O L U K U I W N S P R T O
E P A P H R A S F I F A N I S
G S O C E S F T N O Y E F R S
W O K S E Y R I R I V D A I E
O G D O T U M G N A E E I P D
R M P E T L I G E Y P R T S O
T L D H M V E H K T J E H E O
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A O E W I S D O M V C L R H V
W S J E S U S L U A P E D H Z
S V E C A R G S I N S D T H C

SOLUTION TO WORD SEARCH: "Learn Together" (Colossians 1:1-14)

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(Over, Down, Direction)

APOSTLE (1, 4, SE)
BLOOD (15, 12, N)
CHRIST (15, 15, NW)
COLOSSE (15, 1, S)
DELIVERED (12, 15, N)
EPAPHRAS (1, 5, E)
FAITH (13, 6, S)
FORGIVENESS (11, 5, SW)
FRUIT (7, 6, NW)
GOD (1, 6, SE)
GOSPEL (2, 8, N)
GRACE (7, 15, W)
HEARD (13, 10, S)
HEAVEN (8, 10, NE)
HOPE (14, 13, N)
JESUS (3, 14, E)
KINGDOM (11, 12, W)
KNOWLEDGE (10, 11, W)
LOVE (4, 4, NW)
MINISTER (7, 8, NE)
PARTAKERS (11, 9, NW)
PAUL (11, 14, W)
PEACE (1, 3, SE)
POWER (5, 2, E)
PRAYING (14, 3, SW)
SAINTS (6, 6, NE)
SINS (8, 15, E)
SPIRIT (14, 9, N)
THANKS (12, 3, W)
TRUTH (8, 6, SW)
WISDOM (4, 13, E)
WORD (1, 14, NE)
WORTHY (1, 7, S)

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