



**Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for May 9, 2010
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"Growing in Christ"

Lesson Text: Colossians 2:1-10

Background Scripture: Colossians 2:1-19

Memory Verse: As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: rooted and built up in him" (Colossians 2:6-7).

Colossians 2:1-10

- 1 For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;
- 2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;
- 3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
- 4 And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.
- 5 For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.
- 6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:
- 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.
- 8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.
- 9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.
- 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Teach that we grow in Christ as we keep following Bible teaching and do not follow false teachers.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. In Christ we have everything we need.
2. When we keep following Christ, we will keep growing.
3. We should not follow teachers who take us away from Christ.

PLANNING LESSON AIDS:

For Helping to Remember, bring heavy paper, safety scissors (blunt tip), markers, glue, glitter or other decorations, and a small picture of Jesus for each student.

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

TEACHER'S NOTES:

Time: A.D. 60

Place: from Rome

Last week we learned about how the Apostle Paul wrote letters to churches, or groups of believers, in different cities. We learned about one of those letters he wrote to the believers in the town of Colosse. This letter is called the book of Colossians in our Bible.

Our lesson this week is from that same letter, and Paul teaches us that we need to be rooted and built up in Jesus to withstand false teachings around us.

Growing in Christ means that we are steady in the faith and not wavering by following false teachings given with enticing words and shallow philosophies. When we have Christ, we have all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. We are complete in Him, lacking nothing for our spiritual well-being.

BEGINNING THE LESSON:

Mary Ann had a friend who always invited her to different religious meetings. At first Mary Ann went to a couple of them, but then she realized the teachers did not believe in Jesus - not the way she did. They had many kinds of strange ideas. Some of them believed in many gods; others believed that we all are gods.

When Mary Ann's friend invited her to another meeting, Mary Ann said, "No. Thank you for inviting me, but I do not believe those teachers. I believe what I am taught about Jesus in my Sunday school. Jesus is the Son of God. Say, would you like to come with me to my Sunday school this week?"

Mary Ann was surprised when her friend did come and kept coming. She was glad she did not follow those other teachers. Now her friend was learning about Jesus. Mary Ann was praying she would soon come to believe in Him.

TELLING THE LESSON:

Paul had never seen the believers in Colosse. He had only heard about them, but he cared about them a lot. He wanted to comfort their hearts. He knew their hearts were knitted together in love for one another. Have you seen a knitted sweater? There are many strands of yarn going in and out. They wind around one another and hold all the strands together. Together they make one sweater. Those who love Jesus are knitted together so that they love and help one another. Together we all make up one church.

Together, we learn more about God our Father and about Jesus, His Son. Some of the Colossians were looking for wisdom and knowledge of spiritual things. Wisdom and knowledge truly are treasures. All the wisdom and all the knowledge there is are found in Christ. When we have Him, we have it all!

If anyone talks to us in fancy, good-sounding words but does not believe in Jesus, we should not let that person fool us. We have received Jesus as our Saviour. Now we should keep following Him.

Growing in Christ is like a plant putting down roots into the soil. As it puts down roots, it draws in water and food from the soil. It grows and gets stronger.

Growing in Christ is like building up a wall or a building. Brick by brick, the wall gets taller and stronger. As we live for Jesus day by day, we become stronger too.

Paul wanted the Colossians—and us—to be careful. Some teachers teach only what men want to hear, not what Jesus taught.

In Jesus, Paul said, is all the fullness of God living in a human body. Jesus was God, and He was also man. We who believe in Him are complete in Him. We have everything we need in Him—everything to be God's children, everything we need to please Him.

Jesus is the highest Ruler. No angel in heaven is greater. They are all under Jesus' command.

Those are some of the reasons it is so wonderful to be a believer in Jesus!

TELLING HOW TO LIVE:

Do you remember how Mary Ann's friend was always inviting her to strange religious meetings? Mary Ann found that those meetings did not have anything to offer her because she already had everything in Jesus. Rather, she had a lot to offer her friend.

If you know Jesus, you have a lot to offer your friends and family. Are you praying that God will show you ways to talk to them about Jesus?

HELPING TO REMEMBER:

Let the children paste a picture of Jesus onto the cardboard and decorate it to remind them that in Jesus we have everything we need.

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE:

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: rooted and built up in him" (Colossians 2:6-7).

If you have received Jesus as your Saviour, you did so by believing in Him and calling on Him to save you. Now you can live for Jesus every day.

You can grow in faith like a plant putting down roots. You can grow in faith little by little, like a wall going up brick by brick.

After we have received Jesus, God wants us to grow in our faith. He wants us to become strong believers. As we grow, we always remember that from start to finish, our faith is all about Jesus!

CONCLUSION:

When we are rooted in Christ, we will know the truth and stand strong. In order to withstand the false teachings around us, we need to be rooted and built up in Jesus. This takes deliberate action on our part to be established in the truth of the Word.

It is never too early in life for us to learn that Jesus Christ is all one needs for life. Jesus is all the truth and the only truth!

PRAYER:

Father in heaven, we thank You that everything we need is in Jesus. Keep us from false teachers and help us to know the truth, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON:

Next week’s lesson is “Act in Love Together” and teaches that God wants believers to love and forgive one another. Study Colossians 3:1-25.

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WORD SEARCH

“Growing In Christ” (Colossians 2:1-10)

Find each of the following keywords from the lesson:

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