

Family Discipleship Resource

After listening to the sermon, spend time opening God's Word together as a family! If your kiddos are preschool age or younger, check out our Instagram (@citizens.kids.tx) for some age appropriate ideas!

Intro: Read this aloud to your kids!

We have been reading the book Colossians. Remember, Colossians is a book written by a man named Paul. We find this book in the New Testament! We have been learning that **God promises to make His children look more like Jesus**. We have learned a lot of ways that God promises to make His children look more like Jesus! Can you remember any of them? Here is a quick review! God's children look more like Jesus through relationship with Jesus, by putting sin to death, by putting on Christlikeness, by loving as Jesus loved, by forgiving as Jesus forgave and by letting peace rule their hearts!

Opening Activity: This will help introduce this week's lesson!

Together as a family spend time making up a super silly story. Have each member of the family say one word or sentence at a time. Make sure to come up with lots of laughs and giggles. Then, after all the laughing and story-creating has finished, see if anyone can quickly share the main idea of the story. Although it looks different, this week we are learning that **God's children become more like Jesus by remembering the message of Jesus**. God's Word tells us to practice remembering who Jesus was and what He did.

Key Point: God's children become more like Jesus by remembering the message of Jesus.

Repeat the Key Point several times! Rap it, put motions to it, write it in chalk on your driveway!

Pray, Read & Discuss

One of the best rhythms you can have as a family is praying and reading the Bible together. The Bible is God's true Word. It is from God and about God. Before opening your Bible, pray and ask God to help you understand His Word, because only God can teach our hearts.

Open your Bibles to **Colossians 3:16–17** and read the verses out loud together.

1. What Foundational Truths or attributes of God do you think of when you read this?
2. Fill in the blanks. Verse 16 says, "Let the _____ of Christ _____ in you _____."

Word, dwell, richly

3. What do you think "the word of Christ" means?

*This is a tricky question! A lot of times we read "the word of God" or "God's Word" and it always means the Bible. But "the word of Christ" here means something different. It is talking about the **message of Jesus!** It means all the things Jesus taught while walking around on earth.*

4. The next word you filled in was "dwell." What does the word "dwell" mean?

To stay for a long, long time or to think about for a long, long time

5. The last word you filled in was "richly." If you are rich, do you have a lot or a little?

A lot!

6. After learning about these three words — “word of Christ,” “dwell” and “richly” — put all those together in a new sentence to understand what Paul is saying.
*Think about (let) the message of Jesus stay in you a lot, lot, lot and for a long, long time. Or! The easier way to say that is, “God’s children **remember the message of Jesus.**”*
7. What are the things you spend a long, long time thinking a lot, lot, lot about?
8. Why is it important to remember the message of Jesus?
The message of Jesus should change every single part of our lives!
9. What is the message of Jesus?
Jesus said and did a lot of things but everything comes back to God’s Big Story. Jesus taught us that our hearts are sick with sin and we need forgiveness so that we don’t have to pay the punishment for sin (death). Jesus came to pay the punishment of sin by dying on the cross. Jesus proved that He beat sin and death when He rose from the grave. The message of Jesus is the good news of the gospel. Jesus came to save sinners!
10. How does the message of Jesus change us?
We have talked about this a little before! Remember when we talked about how when we spend time around the people we love we start to become more like them? We might like the same movies, say the same things or start to eat the same foods! This is how Jesus changes us. As we know Him more, as we remember Him more, as we learn, and read and pray to Him more, our hearts start to become more like His.
11. What are ways you can remember the message of Jesus?
Read the Bible, memorize Scripture, talk to God, ask God to help you remember
12. What are ways you can share the message of Jesus?
You can talk about Jesus with your friends who love Jesus and encourage them to remember and trust God! You can talk about Jesus with your friends who don’t love Jesus. You can tell them God’s Big Story, how He sent Jesus to come and save sinners!
13. Verses 16–17 list some other ways we can share and **remember the message of Jesus**. What are they?
Teach one another, admonish one another (warn others away from sin), sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs
14. Where is a place we do this regularly?
Church! We can do this anywhere, but each weekend we get to do it in the church building or while watching a church service from our homes!
15. Seems like there are a lot of ways and a lot of places that we can share and **remember the message of Jesus**. Should we do this a lot or a little?
*All the time! Our whole lives should be spent remembering and sharing the message of Jesus. And when we do this, God will slowly start to change us, this is great news! **God’s children become more like Jesus by remembering the message of Jesus.***
16. What is one thing you learned about God from today’s Scripture?
17. What is one thing you learned about yourself?

Family Prayer and Conversation:

Praise God for sending Jesus and for the message of the gospel. **Thank** God that we can become more like Jesus through remembering the message of Jesus. **Confess** that sometimes it is easier to remember and spend time thinking about and doing things that don’t help us become more like Jesus. **Ask** God to help you love Him more, trust Him more and obey Him more. **Talk** about the parts of the gospel that feel confusing or hard to believe and then ask God to help your unbelief.