

What is the Church? (Colossians 1:24-29) - Walking Together

OWNit365 Whole Bible Plan

We are one body called to minister in Christ

I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, **Colossians 1:24 NKJV**

of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, **Colossians 1:25 NKJV**

We are one body seeing the mystery in Christ

the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. **Colossians 1:26 NKJV**

To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. **Colossians 1:27 NKJV**

We are one body maturing in Christ

Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every

man perfect in Christ Jesus. Colossians 1:28 NKJV

To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily. **Colossians 1:29 NKJV**

that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, **Ephesians 4:14 NJKV**

but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— **Ephesians 4:15 NJKV**

This week's **OWNit365 Whole Bible Plan:**

April 29 – Judges 18-19 & Prov 16-17

April 30 – Judges 20-21 & Prov 18

May 1 – Ruth 1-4 & Prov 19

May 2 – 1 Sam 1-2 & Prov 20

May 3 – 1 Sam 3-4 & Prov 21

May 4 – 1 Sam 5-6 & Prov 22

May 5 - Reflection & Prayer



In this series, we will be learning the story of David and Goliath. We will learn that even though we are small, God is always with us!

Memory Verse: God is with us. Matthew 1:23 (adapted for toddlers

Heart of the Lesson: God is With Us



In this series we will learn about how Paul traveled to different places, encountered different people, went through hard times in order to obey Jesus! We are told to go <u>tell everyone about Jesus!</u> Paul listened and would go through lots of different trips where he would tell everyone about Jesus!

Memory Verse: "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19 (NLT)

Heart of the Lesson: Peter Escapes Herod's Prison | Acts 12:1-2

Parent Connect: Today we learned about how an angel of the Lord helped Peter escape Herod's prison. Make a fun snack with your kid that's theme comes from today's story. Take a graham cracker, icing, pretzel sticks and a gummy bear to make a prison and use the gummy bear as Peter. Now reenact the story with your kid! Afterwards, enjoy this yummy treat!



Memory Verse: "In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1

Heart of the Lesson: God fulfills his promises. Genesis 18:1-15, Genesis 21:1-7, Genesis 22:1-19

Parent Connect: Read Genesis 18:1-15. Then assign each member of your family a roll and act it out. Give the best performer a reward (or have a treat together)



The people in Colossians didn't know Paul, but they respected his leadership. They were being told by the local Jewish leaders that they needed to follow the Jewish laws on top of following the teachings of Jesus. Paul takes time in this book to establish his love for Christ followers and tells them what is truly needed to be a Christ follower (spoiler alert: it's just faith). We will be talking about who Jesus is, and what it means to follow Him as ONE TEAM!

Memory Verse: "And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful." Colossians 3:15

Heart of the Lesson: God's gameplan (the gospel) isn't a secret – Colossians 1:24-29

Parent Connect: Make a list together of who you both know that needs to hear the gospel. Discuss together how you can work together to make that happen.

SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

WALKING TOGETHER



Life is a journey, and we aren't meant to "walk" alone when we follow Jesus! This series, we are taking time to look at the book of Colossians to see how God wants us to walk together with Him and other Followers of Jesus. When we walk together as we follow Jesus, God grows and changes us, and He helps us share His love with others!

Memory Verse: Then you will be able to lead a life that is worthy of the Lord. We pray that you will please him in every way. So we want you to bear fruit in every good thing you do. We pray that you will grow to know God better. (Colossians 1:10, NIRV)

Heart of the Lesson: "What is the Church?" Colossians 1:24-2

Parents/Caregivers:

- How did Paul feel about his suffering? Why?
- O What was the mystery that Paul explained?
- What did Paul want for all believers?
- o Who helps us to change us and the world around us?