

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How does God command us to live? (See Col. 3:1-2.)
- What was your life like before you trusted in Jesus? Has it changed? How?
- How can you remember to think about heavenly things instead of earthly things?

New Life in Jesus

Colossians 2-3

STORY POINT: JESUS GIVES NEW LIFE TO PEOPLE WHO TRUST IN HIM.

Paul joined the early church and traveled around, sharing the gospel with others. Paul often wrote letters to churches when he was away from them. In his letter to the church at Colossae, Paul explained how people should live as followers of Jesus.

"As you received Jesus Christ as Lord, continue to live in Him," Paul wrote. "Build your life on Him. Be strong in your faith and always be thankful."

Paul told the believers to be careful about who they listened to.

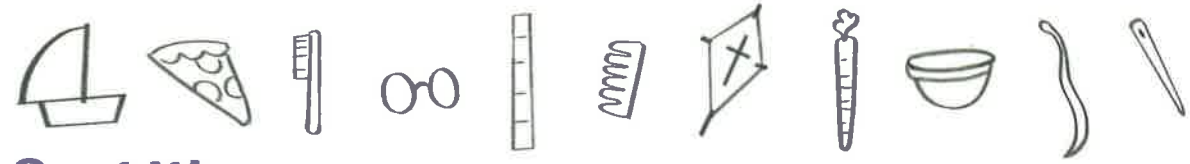
Paul wrote, "Think about godly things, not earthly things. Put away anger, wrath, hatred, lies, and filthy language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another. You used to live this way, but Jesus has given you a new life."

Paul said that God is making us more like Jesus. Paul wrote, "You are God's chosen ones, holy and dearly loved. Put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Above all, put on love. Let the peace of Jesus rule your hearts, and be thankful."

Paul wrote, "Whatever you do, do everything in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."



Christ Connection: God changes us when we trust in Jesus. He adopts us into His family and makes us new! Jesus calls us to turn away from our sinful ways and live in a way that honors Him.



Spot It!

Find and circle the objects hidden in the picture.

Old Life, New Life

Color the circle to indicate whether the statement describes the old life apart from Jesus or the new life we can have with Him.

- | OLD | NEW | |
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| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Life built on faith in Jesus |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Led away by false ideas and meaningless words |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Full and true life found in Jesus |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Spiritually dead in sin |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Owed a great debt for breaking God's laws |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Forgiven of our debt and freed from the power of sin |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Controlled by anger, wrath, malice, and slander |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Showing compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, and love |

Put Away or Put On?

INSTRUCTIONS: Write each word from the word bank in the correct column based on Colossians 3:8 and 3:12

| Put Away | PUT ON |
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compassion anger kindness humility
 hatred gentleness lies filthy language patience

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Paul, also known as Saul, wrote many letters to churches all over the Roman empire.
- In his letter to the Colossians, Paul told believers to be careful about who they listened to.
- Jesus gives new life to people who trust Him.
- Those with new life are kind, humble, and loving toward others.

KEY PASSAGE: Colossians 1:18

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Why does the church exist? The church exists to glorify God by worshiping Him, showing His love, and telling others about Jesus.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What are some ways you have seen God increase your kindness, humility, and love toward others?
- How can we be sure we have new life in Jesus?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Use an indoor herb garden kit to plant seeds with your family. Track the growth of the plants and talk to your kids about the ways our new life in Jesus grows from faith.



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