

KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

DATE: 2/14/21

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 2-3

LESSON: New Life in Jesus



INTRO

Parents say to your kid(s) - Last week we learned about Jesus opening Paul's eyes to see the truth. Paul became a follower of Jesus and wanted to help other people know the truth, too! So he wrote letters to help people love and follow Jesus. One is called Colossians and today we'll learn from Colossians how to live as followers of Jesus!

Optional Activity - Who Do I Look Like? Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn. Grab some different wearable items and put them in a pile. (Examples: a tie or blazer, someone's glasses, a favorite hat, some shoes, costume/dress up stuff, etc.) Have kids grab something from the pile to put on and ask the group "Who do I look like when I put this on?"



LESSON - NEW LIFE IN JESUS

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [New Life in Jesus](#)

Story Point #1: (Kids repeat!)

Followers of Jesus listen differently from the world. (Kids repeat!)

Followers of Jesus should take the things they hear and ask: "Does this line up with what God says is true?" But how can we know what God says is true? Do you know any tools God gives us? (Let kids guess. Affirm anything that's right)

God gives us three main tools to help us listen to Him:

- **1. His Word** - The Bible tells us what God says is true and good.
- **2. His People** - God gives us other people who love and follow Him to help us know what God says is true. Who are some of those people for you?
- **3. His Spirit** - God also gives us the Holy Spirit to help us. When we pray, it's not just us talking to God, He also talks back to us!

Story Point #2: (Kids repeat!)

Followers of Jesus speak differently from the world. (Kids repeat!)

As we learn to listen differently, we also start to speak differently. We start to sound more like Jesus! God wants us to be "renewed in the image of our Creator." (Col. 3:10) That means He wants to make us more like Him! God tells us to put away certain ways of speaking: things like lying, filthy language and hateful words. That's now how Jesus speaks! And He tells us how we should speak: honesty, gracious language, kind and gentle words. This is how Jesus speaks to us and He wants us to sound like Him!

Story Point #3: (Kids repeat!)

Followers of Jesus act differently from the world. (Kids repeat!)

Like an outfit, God tells us we need to take off some kinds of behavior, and put on others. Paul says God wants His people to walk in compassion, humility, patience, and forgiveness. Compassion means we help people who are hurting. Humility means we know God is the center of the universe, not us! Patience means we can handle hard things without getting really upset. Forgiveness means we let go of how people have hurt us. Why does Jesus want us to live like this? Because that's how He treats us!

Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

Jesus died to set us free from the ways of the world.(kids repeat)

It's kind of hard to be a follower of Jesus sometimes, isn't it? It's hard to love people and speak and act like Jesus! A lot of times we make mistakes and plenty of times we just don't want to be selfless. And guess what? He knows that! He knows that we're aren't perfect. He knows that we sin. That's why it's such good news that Jesus died on the cross and rose again! When Jesus died He paid for all of our mistakes AND He set us free from sin's power over us. Colossians says that above all else we should put on love and let the peace of Jesus rule in our hearts (Col. 3:14-15). This becomes more and more possible as we think about how Jesus died to save us and set us free!



RESPONSE

Sing: [First Place in Everything](#) (Key Passage Song)
[James 1:5](#)

Pray: Jesus, thank you that you died to set us free. Thank you for how much you love us and help us to love others that way. Help us to be more like You. Amen.

Discuss:

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- What are some things that we're told to "put away?" *Hate, anger, wrath, lying, filthy language*
- What are some things that we're told to "put on?" *Compassion, kindness, gentleness, humility, patience, forgiveness*
- Why do we put those things on? *Because that's how Jesus treats us and we want to be like Him and show the world what He's like*
- What are something that's hard for you to "put away?" What's something that's hard for you to "put on?"
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
 - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out.*
 - *If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com.*



BONUS ACTIVITIES

Coloring Sheet - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#)

Parent Share - Talk about sins that have been hard for you to "put away," things that you've had to lay at the cross over and over. Help kids understand that repentance and obedience are ongoing and that over time Jesus makes us more like Him.

Paper Plate Ring Toss - *Supplies: Paper plates, glue or tape, scissors, the cardboard roll from a paper towel.* Glue or tape the cardboard tube to the bottom of one paper plate so that it stands upright on the floor or a table. Cut the centers of the other paper plates out to create rings and have fun decorating them. Start tossing your new rings to the stand that you made. Add some challenge by taking a step back after each toss or assigning points to different rings or different places in the room.