

Lesson 10

NT Book: Philippians & Colossians

Book Theme: The Gospel Brings Us Joy & The Gospel is All About Jesus

Key Verse: Phil. 4:4 & Col. 2:9

Summary: Along with the book of Ephesians, the letters to the Philippians and Colossians were also written while Paul was in prison in Rome. In each letter, we get a glimpse of what kept Paul going as he experienced hardship. First, in Philippians we see how the Gospel Brings Us Joy, even in the midst of suffering. Paul had learned to be content in any situation (Phil 4:13) through the strength Christ provides. As a result, he could urge the Philippians in their suffering to also rejoice in the Lord always (Phil. 4:4) as they keep their focus off of their present circumstances and onto the value of knowing Christ (Phil 3:8).

In Colossians, we are reminded of the hope reserved for us in Heaven (1:4). Paul warned the Colossian church not to be tricked by philosophies and traditions of this world (2:8), but to remember that the Gospel Is All About Jesus! Again, Paul urged them to set their minds on what is above, not on what is on the earth (3:2), and to live with their focus on Christ, in whom the entire fullness of God's nature dwells (2:9).

Video: Paul & Silas in Prison in Philippi (Acts 16)

Teaching Points: Rejoicing in the Lord is protection for you? (Phil. 3:1)

Class Time

Review Activities

- Review flash cards
- "Circle Up" - Write the words of the Eph 2:19 on paper circles. (See Circle Template) Re-learn the verse together. Have one child hold a timer or watch. Scatter the circles on a table or in a small area of the floor, and on the timer's cue, have a child (or team) assemble the verse. Record each child's time. Repeat the activity to reinforce the verse and to gain a better time.

Small Group Activity

- Do Colossians 2:9 word find
- Play Boggle with the letters in "Rejoice in the Lord always." Write the verse on a white board and see who can come up with the most words using those letters...no proper nouns allowed!

Large Group Activity

- "Bean Bag Toss" - Make a 2-3' square on the floor with painters tape. Connect the opposite corners of the square with tape to form an "X." Give each section a number value. Divide into two teams. Each child takes a turn throwing a bean bag into one of the sections. Ask questions to the child or team based on verses and book themes from the first semester. (Use study guide provided.) If he or she can say the verse correctly, his or her team's score increases by the number in that section. Divide into as many teams and squares as needed to keep everyone engaged.

Take Home Page

- Send a take home page with each child and encourage them to spend time with God during the week.



New Testament - Lesson 10

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The Gospel is All About Jesus

Key Verses: Rejoice in the Lord always. I say it again: Rejoice!

Philippians 4:4

For the entire fullness of God's nature dwells
bodily in Christ.

Colossians 2:9

Philippians

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This Week

Read Colossians 1:15-20 and make a list of all the phrases that describe who Jesus is.

Try reading just one verse each day, taking time to discuss the following questions: How is Jesus described in this verse?

What does that mean?

How does this help me understand Jesus better?



Colossians 2:9

S T H E B G O S P E L I S A S
 L S L A O B O U T J E S U L S
 H N E S D Y P K A O H U L L Q
 H K Z N I X N A T U R E Y K H
 E I X H L W E W S C W S G Z S
 D H M F Y U P V I D M B Q G W
 L H T C F A F Y R F U O P R H
 R U B T S O B X H D D H Q S G
 M U M H N G N I C K B E L T Y
 R N C S I P B C Z Y F D O K K
 D B D R T T K G D N V J E N R
 E O R S H E N T I R E K F M U
 G X O B X R W L I C V F I H T
 Z L F V W U Y V N Y C Q R K N
 M D B S V P N C L L C E C E Y

BODILY
ENTIRE
NATURE

CHRIST
FOR
GODS

DWELLS
FULNESS
IN

Find the listed words from Colossians 2:9 in the word search. Removing these words from the first two rows will reveal a hidden message to fill in the blanks.

