



KIDS MINISTRY— Elementary Sunday News

Sunday, February 21st, 2021

Greetings, Elementary Gr. 1-5 Parents and Kids,

We count it our privilege to serve your family as you disciple your child(ren) for Jesus. SS lesson notes for at home use can be found at www.coswayne.org/kids— “family resources” link. Passcode to access the bible lesson and question for kids videos—“kids2020.”

**** Grades 1-3** virtual kids’ lesson time is led by Cindy Rumsey and team; while **grades 4&5** are taught by Kat Simbo and team. Emails are sent out each week to confirm the unique SS Zoom links for each grade group—**NOW MEETING at 9:30 a.m.** (same Zoom links as in past weeks, just NEW TIME).

SS Ministry Activity Bags ... monthly, creative, engaging, with parents and kids teaming up in the Bible digs and activities.

This resource enhances the SS lesson notes that are posted on our website each week. It offers memorable, hands-on fun for each child that helps to encourage them in their faith and in the application of the bible truth. If this is something that you and your child(ren) would be interested in receiving in future months, you may register (only once) for a bag at www.coswayne.org/kids.

This Sunday’s dig into God’s Word — New Unit: The Church Grew

This week’s **Gospel Project Sunday School lesson:**

New Life in Jesus (Colossians 2-3)

Story Point: Jesus gives new life to people who trust in Him.

Key Memory Verses: Colossians 1:18, “And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.”

Big Picture Question / Answer— Why does the church exist?

The church exists to glorify God by worshipping Him, showing His love, and telling others about Jesus.



Background Bible Study Notes for This Sunday’s Lesson: (for the parent) ... taken from the Gospel Project teacher manual.

- Paul wrote his letter to the Colossians while he was imprisoned in Rome. At this point, Paul had not yet visited the church at Colossae. The church was established by Epaphras, who reported to Paul that the church was facing troubles with false teachers. Paul wanted to put an end to the false teaching and remind the believers of who Jesus really is. Key to this letter is Paul’s teaching about how the gospel affects how we live.

- As you teach kids from Colossians 2–3, focus on some of the main points Paul makes. First, God changes us when we trust in Jesus. The Bible describes us apart from Jesus as “enemies of God” (Rom. 5:10) and “dead” in our sins (Eph. 2:1). Jesus rescued us from sin and death by dying on the cross and rising again. Jesus gives new life to people who trust in Him.

- Second, following Jesus means living for Him. Jesus is our reason for living, and He gives us power to live in a way that honors Him. Jesus adopts us into His family and makes us new! We respond to the good news of the gospel by submitting to Jesus as Lord and Savior.

- Finally, Jesus calls us to turn away from our sinful ways and live in a way that honors Him. Paul contrasts an earthly way of thinking with a godly way of thinking. The old, sinful way of living (the “old self”) is characterized by anger, wrath, hatred, lies, and filthy language. Paul wrote that living for Jesus means putting away the evil, selfish ways of the world and living like Jesus by loving God and loving others.

- In Jesus, we have power to live in a new, godly way. This way (the “new self”) is marked by compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, and love. Paul says believers should “put on” these things. As we grow in this new way of living, God is making us more like His Son.

Intro Thought Question: Prompt kids to talk about their favorite outfit, article of clothing, or costume they’ve ever worn.

SAY: Sometimes your favorite clothes might be something super comfy. Or maybe you love a special sports jersey with the number worn by your favorite player. Maybe you like a certain costume that helps you pretend you are a fictional character that you like. Today we will learn about something the Bible tells us to “put away” and something else we should “put on” like clothing. But it’s not actual clothes!





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Winter Quarter: THE MISSION BEGINS

***LESSON VIDEO** - (from the Gospel Project Curriculum) **USE LINK BELOW to get to Elem. bible lesson —**
www.coswayne.org/covid-family-resources. Passcode: **kids2020.**

- > Watch a caterpillar turn in to a moth— very fascinating - [CLICK HERE](#) Jesus transforms our lives from death in sin to life in Him.
- > Jordan, a boy's life transformed by Jesus—before and after (English subtitles) - [CLICK HERE](#)

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.*

"Questions from Kids" - Pastor Brian (from Gospel Project) answers another child's question. **Video link—** see link above.
Find a grown-up who will join you in watching the video, then take turns answering these questions.

1. **What did Paul tell believers to continue to do? Read Col. 2:6.**
2. **How does God make a person new? Why does God do this for those who invite Christ into their life?**
3. **How did Paul want the Colossians (and us) to live their lives? Read Col. 3:17.**
4. **If Jesus is your Savior, the Holy Spirit now lives in you to help you say "No" to the temptation to sin. How does that make you feel?**

CLOSING ACTIVITIES — Craft kits are provided in the Feb. SS Ministry Activity Bag. Registration is open—no cost. If just signing-up, please inform Cindy Rumsey (cindy@coswayne.org) so that a bag can be prepared for your child(ren).

GRADES 1-5:

#1 - NEW LIFE IN JESUS MAGNET

WHAT YOU NEED: craft kit

WHAT YOU DO:

- Follow the craft directions provided in the kit.
- Display your magnet in a place that will remind you of what Jesus gives to you and anyone who receives Him as their Savior ... NEW LIFE!

READ THIS:

Read the little booklet that is attached to your stuffed butterfly. Find out why the butterfly is a special and perfect picture of someone having a new life in Jesus. (Butterfly is on back-order and will be added to the March SS activity bag for those kids who did not get one.)



#2 - SALVATION STORY SAND ART CROSSES

WHAT YOU NEED: craft kit, paper towel or table cover

WHAT YOU DO: Cover your work station.

- Make the craft according to instructions.
- Display your sand art cross in a place that will remind you of the amazing gift of eternal life that Jesus provides for all who believe in Him as Savior.

READ THIS:

Keep your eyes on the cross. Think of Jesus giving his life for you. 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. Through His power, we can change and live differently. Our lives become part of our testimony of how Jesus has changed us from the inside out.



SONGS: Sing it out!

> Sweet Song of Salvation - [CLICK HERE](#)

> Transformed - [CLICK HERE](#)

> Do Ya— [CLICK HERE](#)

> Whoa, I Have Life! - [CLICK HERE](#)

> John 3:16 - [CLICK HERE](#)

X-TRA ACTIVITY PAGES:

> coloring page (pg. 8) - Paul writing to church at Colosse - [CLICK HERE](#) and [HERE](#)

> coloring page of "new creation" bible verse - [CLICK HERE](#) (download image and print)

> coloring page of John 3:16 - [CLICK HERE](#)

> maze and secret message - [CLICK HERE](#)

Praying you and your family are strengthened by your time in God's Word,

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