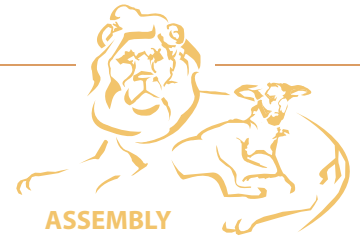


# THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: COLOSSIANS 1:15-20



*The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can present this material.*

## LESSON IDEAS

### ALL THINGS CREATED BY JESUS

Talk to the children about how this passage tells us that Jesus is the creator of all things. Jesus existed as the Son of God prior to being born here on earth. He was given the name Jesus at his birth but even before that he was the eternal son of God.

Here we read that He was the one that created everything. Ask the children to come up with a list of things in heaven and on earth that Jesus created. Here is a list of what they might say:

- Angels Cherubim, Seraphim
- Men, Women, Children
- Animals, Birds, Fish, Reptiles, Mammals, Insects, etc.
- Stars, Sun, Moon, Planets, etc.
- Rulers, Thrones, Kings, Presidents, etc.
- Water, Earth, Sky, etc.

Divide the children into six groups, one for each of the categories above. Help them come up with an action to depict something in their category. Then beginning with the top of the list call out the category and say, "You are created!" Have the children act out their motions upon hearing their call. By the time the last group is called everyone should be in motion.

Talk to the children about the wonder of God in creating and His amazing power.

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### THE BEAUTY OF A FLOWER

#### Supplies

- one lily
- a strong magnifying glass
- sharp kitchen knife
- white paper

Explain to the children that Jesus is a very good creator and that His creation is wonderful to behold.

Read Matthew 6:28-30 and explain to them that God cares for the lilies of the field but he cares so much more about us. Have the children gather around and look closely at the lily and describe what they see. Try to challenge them to describe the details with as many words as they can. Rather than allowing them to say that it is pretty, see if you can get them to say why it is pretty. The lily is a beautiful color. After they can't come up with any more words, shake some of the pollen from the flower on a white piece of paper and have them look at it through the magnifying glass. Then have them describe it again.

Next have them touch the flower and describe its touch. Take a kitchen knife and cut apart the flower to reveal its inner parts and then have them describe it again. Tell them that inside the flower is where the seeds are made.

After they are finished, reemphasize to them how much more Jesus loves them. Read to them Colossians 1:19-20. Tell them that the most loving act God ever did was to send His Son for us to die on the cross to pay the penalty for our sin. Tell them that whenever they see a flower they should remember that God loves them more than flowers and that should remind them of the cross.



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### IN HIM ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER

#### Supplies

- two magnets
- a piece of stiff paper

Place one magnet in front of the paper and another on the back behind the first. The paper should be thin enough to allow the magnets to hold firm but stiff enough so that you can hold the sheet while you move the rear magnet. The front magnet should follow mysteriously on its own.

One at a time, allow the children to feel the attraction of the magnets by holding one in each hand and slowly bringing them close together. Ask them what holds the magnets together. There is, of course, a technical scientific answer regarding opposite poles attracting, but use this illustration to talk about verse 17, "In Him all things hold together." The truth is, God is at work actively preserving the world and holding it all together.

We cannot fully explain scientifically why an object like a penny does not fall apart, but we can understand that Jesus created things and by His sustaining grace holds all things together.

At any time the Lord should cease to hold them together they would dissolve into nothing. Just like we cannot see the power that holds the magnets together, we can know that God is at work.

## WHERE IS the Gospel?

*Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.*

Jesus was not merely a man. Paul tells us in Colossians that God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Jesus (verse 19). Jesus, who was fully man and fully God, paid the price for our sin, withstood temptation, and conquered death. Through the work of Christ on the cross we are able to be reconciled to God. By His blood shed on the cross, He made peace between man and God, satisfying the justified wrath of a holy God.