

THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: COLOSSIANS 1:15-20



The STORY

Read Colossians 1:15-20 about the supremacy of Christ.

Please note: *The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.*

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- What do we learn about Jesus from this Bible story? (Jesus created all things and in Him all things hold together. He is the head of the church.)
- What does supremacy mean? (This word comes from supreme, or the highest authority. Other words, like super, are related. Perhaps the children could think of Superman. But tell them that Jesus is supreme over all!)
- How did Jesus make peace for us? (Verse 20 tells us that Jesus made peace by His death on the cross.)

CRAFT QUESTIONS

Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: Jesus on the throne with angels around Him, and the earth below. Engage the children by asking:

- Who is Jesus supreme over and in charge of? (Everything created in heaven and everything created on earth.)
- What is Jesus head over? (Jesus is head over the church.)
- What does it mean for Jesus to be the head of the church? (He is the leader of the church.)

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SNACK QUESTIONS

While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:

- What is your favorite animal that Jesus created? (Accept any answer. These questions are designed to reinforce that Jesus was directly involved in creation.)
- What is your favorite food that Jesus created? (If they pick a food that is actually a creation of man [i.e. macaroni and cheese], help them to see that God made the wheat, but that man made the recipe. Therefore we are like God in that we have the ability to create out of what He created.)
- What would happen if Jesus did not hold all things together? (Everything would disappear. God created everything from nothing and so it would all go back to nothing. It is only the power of Jesus which holds all things together.)

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.

SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.

