Six Days of Family Worship

God's Good News Grows Faith, Hope and Love (Sept 28–Oct 3 • Colossians 1:3–8)

Instructions: Choose either the longer or shorter Scripture reading. Read it aloud, ask the questions that fit your children, sing or listen to the day's song, and finish by praying together. Keep it simple and warm; even 10–125 minutes can establish a meaningful family rhythm. Encourage every child to participate, even if a prayer is only one sentence.

One Truth for the Week

The Good News of Jesus gives us confident hope, grows our faith and love, and bears fruit as we share it.

Day 1 — A Hope Jesus Keeps

LONGER READING
Colossians 1:3–5; 1 Peter 1:3–9

SHORTER READING
Colossians 1:3–5

The main idea: Paul thanks God for a hope kept safe for believers with Christ. Jesus died for our sins and rose again, so those who trust him can look forward to life with him. Hard days are real, but his promises are sure.

Younger Children

- Who gives us hope?
- Where is Jesus now?
- Does Jesus keep his promises?
- Who can you thank for telling you about Jesus?

Older Children

- What does Paul say God has reserved for believers?
- How does Jesus' resurrection make hope secure?
- How can hope help someone in a hard week?
- Whom could you encourage with this promise?

Sing: He Will Hold Me Fast — Keith & Kristyn Getty
God keeps his people through suffering and brings them home.
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Prayer Points

- Thank God for the hope Jesus gives.
- Bring him a hard or uncertain thing.
- Pray for someone who needs hope.

Pray Together

Father, thank you that Jesus lives and keeps his promise. Help us trust you when our days are hard. Amen.

Parent note: Our hope is the sure promises of God, not wishing or hoping that everything will be easy.

Day 2 — Rest Your Weight on Jesus

LONGER READING
Colossians 1:3–5; Ephesians 2:8–9

SHORTER READING
Colossians 1:4

The main idea: Hope in the Good News leads us to faith in Christ. Faith is more than knowing facts about Jesus; it is entrusting our life to him. Jesus, not just one strength of our faith, is the only one who holds us up.

Younger Children
- Who can we trust with our life?
- Can doing good things give forgiveness for sins?
- Did Jesus rise again?
- Can you ask Jesus for help?

Older Children
- What does "faith in Christ Jesus" mean?
- Why does faith rest on Jesus rather than on ourselves?
- Where are you trying to hold yourself up?
- How can your family share the hope of Jesus?

Sing: The Solid Rock — Reawaken Hymns
Our confidence rests on Christ, the solid rock.
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Prayer Points
- Praise Jesus for his sacrificial death and resurrection from death.
- Ask him to grow genuine faith in him in each of us.
- Pray for someone to learn about and have faith in Jesus.

Pray Together
Jesus, we cannot save ourselves. Thank you for dying for me and rising from the dead. Help us place our whole trust in you. Amen.

Parent note: Point children to Jesus by explaining how he loved and saved you.

Day 3 — Love All God's People

LONGER READING
Colossians 1:3–5; John 13:34–35

SHORTER READING
Colossians 1:4

Talk it through: Paul had heard of the Colossians' love for all God's people. Jesus first loved us; his love grows us to care for our brothers and sisters, including someone we might not think about. Listening, helping, encouraging and forgiving can show the love of Jesus.

Younger Children
- Who loved us first?
- Whom did the Colossae church love?
- Can you encourage someone today?
- Who needs a kind word?

Older Children
- Why does Paul say "all" God's people?
- Which acts of love does the sermon mention?
- What makes it hard to care for someone unlike us?
- What steps of love for someone can we take this week?

Sing: Love of the Father — CityAlight
God's love gathers his people into one family.
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Prayer Points
- Thank Jesus for loving us first.
- Ask for love for someone we overlook.
- Pray for healing where church relationships hurt.

Pray Together
Father, thank you for loving us through Jesus. Grow patient and practical love in our family and church. Amen.

Parent note: Do not make kindness a way to earn God's love. We love because Christ loved us first.

Day 4 — Grace Keeps Growing Fruit

LONGER READING
Colossians 1:5–6; Galatians 5:22–23

SHORTER READING
Colossians 1:5–6

Talk it through: The Colossians heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace. The same Good News that brought them to faith kept changing their lives. Growth may be slow, but God is at work as we keep coming to Jesus.

Younger Children
- What helps a seed grow?
- Who changes our hearts?
- Can we ask Jesus to help us grow?
- Name one kind thing God helps us do.

Older Children
- What "fruit" does Paul describe in verse 6?
- Why does the Good News still matter after we first trust Christ?
- Where do you see small signs of growth in your life?
- How could you encourage someone else's growth?

Sing: Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me — CityAlight
Jesus continues to renew his people day by day.
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Prayer Points
- Thank God for his grace that keeps working in us.
- Ask him to grow faith and love in us for other believers.
- Encourage one person whose growth you see.

Pray Together
Lord Jesus, thank you that your grace brought us to you and keeps changing us. Grow good fruit in our lives. Amen.

Parent note: Love for others is evidence of God's loving grace at work in us, not a way to earn grace.

Day 5 — Good News for the World

LONGER READING
Colossians 1:5–6; Matthew 28:18–20

SHORTER READING
Colossians 1:6

Talk it through: The Gospel of Jesus was not limited to Colossae. Paul says it was going out all over the world and changing lives. God still uses his people to tell others about Jesus in our homes, in Rusk, and through missions around the world.

Younger Children
- Is the Good News only for one family or town?
- Who can hear about Jesus?
- Can you tell a friend Jesus loves them?
- Who makes people grow?

Older Children
- What two things happen wherever the gospel goes in verse 6?
- What does your family need to say for someone to hear the actual Good News?
- Whom has God placed in your life so they can hear the Gospel?
- How might we pray for gospel work in far away places?

Sing: There Is One Gospel — CityAlight
The one gospel gives hope and unites Christ's church.
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Prayer Points
- Thank God the Gospel reached us.
- Pray for neighbors and missions partners.
- Ask for gentle words to explain Jesus.

Pray Together
Father, thank you that your Good News came to us. Help us tell others that Jesus died and rose to bring sinners to you. Amen.

Parent note: Sharing is a faithful invitation to others to believe; God is the one who gives new life and growth.

Day 6 — Thank God for Faithful Servants

LONGER READING
Colossians 1:7–8; 1 Corinthians 3:5–7

SHORTER READING
Colossians 1:7–8

Talk it through: Epaphras taught the Colossians the Good News, and he told Paul about their love, which the Holy Spirit had given them. God used one faithful servant to bless them with the hope of Jesus. We can thank God for the person who told us about Jesus and ask him to use us too.

Younger Children

- Who taught the Colossians?
- Who gave them love?
- Who told you about Jesus?
- Who could you tell?

Older Children

- What did Epaphras do in verses 7–8?
- Why did Paul thank God for what the Spirit produced?
- Who served you by explaining the gospel?
- What faithful conversation could begin this week?

Sing: All I Have Is Christ — Sovereign Grace Music
Grace brings us to Christ and sends us to serve him.
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Prayer Points

- Thank God for those who shared Christ with us.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to grow love in RBC.
- Pray for one person you might share our hope in Jesus.

Pray Together

Father, thank you for faithful servants like Epaphras. Give us courage and love to tell someone about Jesus. Amen.

Parent note: Children can participate through simple truthful words, prayer, and kindness. God gives the growth.