Six Days of Family Worship

Growing Up in Christ (October 26–31 • Colossians 1:24–2:5)

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 7–12 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

Christ lives in his people and gives us strength and wisdom to grow together and make him known.

Day 1 — Serving When It Costs

MONDAY • LONGER READING
Colossians 1:24–25; 2 Timothy 2:8–10

SHORTER READING
Colossians 1:24–25

The main idea: Paul was suffering because he kept telling people about Jesus and people opposed to the Gospel were trying to make him stop. Jesus had already paid for sin completely through his death on the cross. Despite Paul's suffering he carried that good news to others. Christ gives his people a reason and the power to keep serving when it costs time, comfort, or convenience. Think of someone who needs to hear about Jesus and one kind way to begin a conversation.

Younger Children Ages 3–5

Who was Paul telling people about?

Was serving Jesus always easy?

Did Jesus completely pay for our sin?

Who can we tell about Jesus?

Older Children

Why could Paul rejoice while suffering?

How is Paul's suffering different from Jesus' saving death?

What can make sharing Jesus hard?

What loving step could we take to share Jesus with someone this week?

Sing: There Is One Gospel — CityAlight
This song helps us remember the saving news Paul was willing to suffer to share.
Open lyric video on YouTube

Prayer Points

Thank Jesus for paying for our sins.

Ask for courage to tell someone about him.

Pray for Christians who suffer as they serve.

Pray Together

Jesus, thank you for dying and rising to save sinners. Help us speak about you with love and keep serving when it is hard. Amen.

Parent note: Paul's suffering did not add to Jesus' payment for sin. Jesus finished that work; Paul suffered while making the finished work known.

Day 2 — God Makes His Plan Known

TUESDAY • LONGER READING
Colossians 1:26–27; Ephesians 3:4–6

SHORTER READING
Colossians 1:26–27

The main idea: A mystery here is something God has now made known. Through Jesus, Gentiles—people who are not Jewish—share fully in his blessings and belong to his church. Everyone who trusts Jesus has the same Savior and the same hope. We do not need a certain family name, education, or background to belong. Christ lives in his people, and he promises that we will share his glory.

Younger Children Ages 3–5

Who makes God's plan known?
Can people from every nation trust Jesus?
Who lives in his people?
Does Jesus welcome people different from us?

Older Children

What does Paul mean by a mystery?
What blessings do Gentile believers share?
Why is background no barrier to belonging?
Whom might our family warmly welcome and help to know Jesus?

Sing: There Is One Gospel — CityAlight
This song celebrates the one gospel that joins Christ's people together.
Open lyric video on YouTube

Prayer Points

Thank God for welcoming believers from every nation.
Ask for a welcoming heart.
Pray for someone who feels left out.

Pray Together

Father, thank you that everyone who trusts Jesus belongs among your people. Help us welcome others and share your good news. Amen.

Parent note: God's promise to bless the nations appears in the Old Testament (Gen 12:1-3). Here Paul highlights the now-revealed sharing of Christ's riches to all believers through his body church.

Day 3 — Christ Is Our Hope

WEDNESDAY • LONGER READING
Colossians 1:27; Romans 8:18–25

SHORTER READING
Colossians 1:27

The main idea: Christ's presence gives believers a sure future. Sharing his glory means we will be with him and share the life he has promised when his work in us is complete. That hope does not make today's pain insignificant, it helps us trust Jesus in the middle of it. We can bring our sadness and fears to him and encourage someone else who is having a hard week.

Younger Children Ages 3–5

Who is with people who trust him?
Will Jesus keep his promises?
Can we tell him when we are sad?
Who needs encouragement today?

Older Children

What makes Christian hope certain?
How does future glory help in present trouble?
What worry can you bring to Jesus?
How can we encourage someone who hurts?

Sing: Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me — CityAlight
This song points us to Christ's presence now and his promise to bring us home.
Open lyric video on YouTube

Prayer Points

Thank Jesus for his presence, help, and promised glory.
Bring him a fear or sadness.
Pray for a hurting person by name.

Pray Together

Lord Jesus, thank you that our future is safe with you. Stay near as we hurt, strengthen our trust, and help us encourage others. Amen.

Parent note: Explain hope as a confident expectation based on Jesus' promise. Let children name real hurts without rushing past them.

Day 4 — Growing Toward Maturity

THURSDAY • LONGER READING
Colossians 1:28–29; Ephesians 4:11–16

SHORTER READING
Colossians 1:28

The main idea: In this passage, Paul shared that every believer should grow in knowing and following Christ. God uses his Word, wise teaching, encouragement, and correction to help us mature. Children can grow in Christ now, and older believers still have room to grow too. Think about something you are learning from Scripture and where it should change a choice, habit, or relationship. Ask someone in your church family to help you.

Younger Children Ages 3–5

Who did Paul tell people about?
Can children grow in knowing Jesus?
What book teaches us about him?
Who can help us learn?

Older Children

What is God's goal for every believer?
Why do we sometimes need correction?
How can knowing Jesus change our choices?
Where do you need help to grow?

Sing: Jesus Strong and Kind — CityAlight
This song reminds us to come to Jesus with our weakness and need.
Open lyric video on YouTube

Prayer Points

Thank Jesus for teaching and caring for us.
Ask for a heart willing to receive correction.
Pray for one area where you need to grow.

Pray Together

Jesus, help us know you better and put your Word into practice. Give us willing hearts and people who help us follow you. Amen.

Parent note: Perfect in verse 28 points toward maturity and completeness. Do not teach children that they must become sinless but ask for forgiveness to belong to Jesus.

Day 5 — Strength for the Next Step

FRIDAY • LONGER READING
Colossians 1:29; Philippians 2:12–13

SHORTER READING
Philippians 2:13

The main idea: Paul worked hard because Christ's power was at work in him. Depending on Jesus means asking for his help and taking the next faithful step. God supplies both the desire and the power to please him. We can ask for help with a conflict, an unkind habit, or a responsibility we avoid. Name one step of obedience, then ask someone to pray for and encourage you.

Younger Children Ages 3–5

Who gave Paul strength?
Can we ask Jesus for help?
Who helps us want what is good?
What kind thing for someone else can you do today?

Older Children

How did Paul's effort depend on Christ?
How can prayer and effort go together?
What responsibility have you avoided?
Who could help you take the next step?

Sing: Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me — CityAlight
This song directs us to rely on Christ as we work and follow him.
Open lyric video on YouTube

Prayer Points

Thank God for working in his people.
Ask for strength for one act of obedience.
Pray for someone who serves our church.

Pray Together

Father, work in our hearts and give us strength to obey. Help us take the next step and encourage someone else along the way. Amen.

Parent note: Obedience does not earn salvation or God's love. Believers respond to grace, depending on God as they act.

Day 6 — Growing Together in Wisdom

SATURDAY • LONGER READING
Colossians 2:1–5; Hebrews 10:23–25

SHORTER READING
Colossians 2:2–3

The main idea: Paul wanted believers to be encouraged and joined together in love. All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are found in Christ. Some ideas sound convincing but pull us away from what God says about Jesus. Keep your Bible open, ask honest questions, and talk with mature believers. As we worship, learn, and serve together, Jesus strengthens our faith and helps us make him known to others.

Younger Children Ages 3–5

Who gives us wisdom?
What book tells us the truth about Jesus?
Can we ask questions at church?
How can we encourage someone?

Older Children

Why does Paul connect love and understanding?
Can a convincing idea still be wrong?
How can we check what we hear about Jesus?
How will we help our church grow together?

Sing: There Is One Gospel — CityAlight
This song reminds us that the gospel unites the church and gives us a firm hope.
Open lyric video on YouTube

Prayer Points

Thank Christ for wisdom and our church family.
Ask for discernment about what we hear.
Pray for RBC to grow and share Jesus.

Pray Together

Jesus, help our church love one another, know your truth, and stand firm in faith. Give us wisdom to make you known in Rusk. Amen.

Parent note: Give children the opportunity and permission to ask questions. Teach them to compare spiritual claims with Scripture and seek help from trustworthy believers.