

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Name three things that are true about Jesus.
- What are some things people might do to try to make themselves right with God? Why can't people save themselves?
- In a few sentences, how would you tell someone the good news about Jesus? (See Colossians 1:19-22.)



Paul Made Much of Jesus

Colossians 1:15–2:3

MAIN POINT: JESUS IS BETTER THAN ANYONE OR ANYTHING ELSE.

When Paul was a prisoner in Rome, Paul wrote a letter to the church in Colossae. The Colossian believers knew the gospel, but false teachers had been telling them lies. Some were saying there was a secret gospel only they knew about. Paul wrote to remind them the truth about Jesus. This is what Paul wrote:

“Jesus shows us what God is like.

The Son of God existed before God created anything.

He created everything—

everything exists for Him.

Jesus holds everything together.

God was happy to send His Son to earth to rescue people from sin through His blood on the cross.”

Paul reminded the believers that their sin had separated them from God. But now, they had salvation and forgiveness through Jesus.

Paul had told them the complete gospel. Anyone who came and said there was a secret gospel was lying.

“Be encouraged and love one another,” Paul wrote. “I want you to know Jesus. All wisdom and knowledge is found in Him.”

Christ Connection: Paul encouraged believers by reminding them that Jesus is great. Jesus is God's Son, and He died on the cross to rescue people from sin. The gospel is true, and Jesus is all we need.