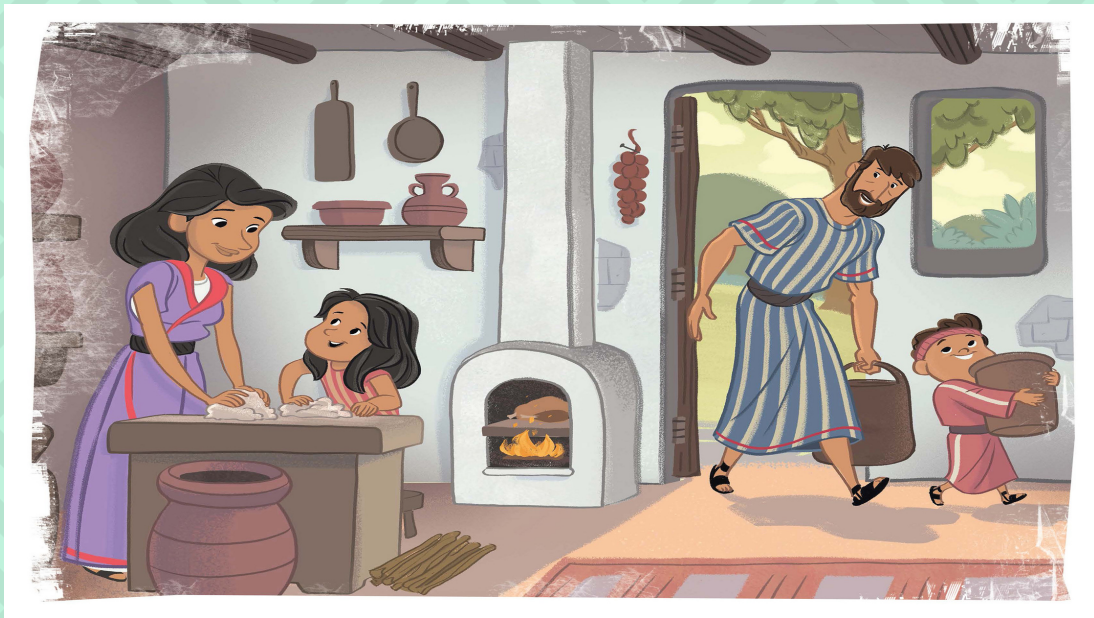


# Family Sunday School Guide



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# New Life in Jesus

1. Ask kids to tell you about their favorite clothing item, outfit, or costume that they have ever worn.
  - a. Sometimes our favorite clothes might be something really comfy. Or maybe you love a special sports jersey with the number worn by your favorite player. Today, we are going to learn about something the Bible tells us to "put away" and something else we should "put on" like clothing. But it's not actual clothes!
2. Open your Bibles. Read Colossians 2-3 or read the story on page 3.
  - a. Review Questions:
    - i. What did Paul tell believers to continue to do? (to walk in Christ)
    - ii. What should believers think about? (heavenly things)
    - iii. What did Paul tell children to do? (obey their parents)
3. Pray together and thank God for telling us how to live in His Word.

# New Life in Jesus

Paul became a Christian a few years after Jesus died and rose again. He joined the early church and traveled around, sharing the gospel with others. Paul often wrote letters to churches when he was away from them. In his letter to the church at Colossae, Paul explained how people should live as followers of Jesus.

"As you receive Jesus Christ as Lord, continue to live in Him," Paul wrote. "Build your life on Him. Be strong in your faith and always be thankful."

Paul told the believers to be careful about who they listened to. Sometimes the words of the world sound good and right, but they are not based on God's truth. Jesus died to set us free from the ways of the world.

Paul wrote, "Think about godly things, not earthly things. When you trusted in Jesus, you died with Him. Now you live in Him, so turn away from the ways of the world. Put away anger, wrath, hatred, lies, and filthy language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another. You used to live this way, but Jesus has given you a new life."

Paul said that God is making us more like Jesus. In this new life, no one is more important than anyone else; we all belong to Jesus.

Paul wrote, "You are God's chosen ones, holy and dearly loved. Put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with one another and forgive one another because the Lord has forgiven you. Above all, put on love. Let the peace of Jesus rule your hearts and be thankful."

Paul encouraged believers to remember Jesus' teachings and obey them, teaching and encouraging one another. "Sing to God with thankfulness in your hearts," Paul wrote. Children, obey your parents because this pleases God. And whatever you do, do everything in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

## Christ Connection:

God changes us when we trust in Jesus. He adopts us into His family and makes us new!  
Jesus calls us to turn away from our sinful ways and live in a way that honors Him.

# Activities

1. **Robe Relay.** Get a bathrobe. Have all family members stand in a circle. Set a timer and see how quickly you can go around the circle with each person putting on the robe, taking it off, and passing it on to the next person.
  - a. We practiced putting on the robe on and off. Today we are talking about character traits and behavior patterns that Paul told believers to put away, and new ones to put on. Paul talked about them almost like clothing. How do you think we can "take off" our sinful behavior?
2. **Key Passage Activity.** Print the memory verse page. Say the verse together several times. Then, cover a section with a sticky note and repeat the verse. Continue adding notes and saying the verse until you can say it without seeing any of the words.
3. **Watch the Story.** Watch the Bible story video provided.



**He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.**

**Colossians 1:18**

