

1st-5th Grade Small Group Lesson

Session Title: Paul Made Much of Jesus

Bible Passage: Colossians 1:15-2:3

Main Point: Jesus is better than anyone or anything else.

Key Passage: Philippians 1:20-21

Big Picture Question: When should we tell others about Jesus? We should always tell others about Jesus even when it is difficult.

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.*



What Do You Need?

Materials: 3 pieces of paper and 3 pens

Form 2 or 3 groups. Give each group paper and a pen. Explain that you will give a prompt and groups should list everything they need for that activity. For example, if the prompt is "basketball game," they might list *uniforms, basketball, court, ball, referees, coach*, and so on.

After a minute, call for volunteers to share their lists with the group. Then play again using another prompt.

Sample activity questions:

- **What do you need to make chocolate chip cookies?**
- **What do you need to make slime?**
- **What do you need to play baseball?**
- **What do you need to go camping?**
- **What do you need to go fishing?**

What do you need to be made right with God? Jesus is all we need. We trust in His work on the cross and receive Him with empty hands of faith. Paul boldly and clearly reminded the Colossians who Jesus is. Paul taught that Jesus is better than anyone or anything else, and He is all we need. We can share this good news with others.

Name Scramble



INSTRUCTIONS: Unscramble the different names the Bible uses for Jesus.

Messiah
Prince of Peace
Wonderful Counselor
Image of the Invisible God
Firstborn over all creation
Word of God
Immanuel
Christ

Scrambled names and blank lines for answers:

- Top: _____
- Top-Right: _____
- Right: _____
- Bottom-Right: _____
- Bottom: _____
- Bottom-Left: _____
- Left: _____
- Top-Left: _____

KEY PASSAGE:

Philippians 1:20-21

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- When should we tell others about Jesus? We should always tell others about Jesus, even when it is difficult.

BIBLE STORY:

PAUL MADE MUCH OF JESUS

- Paul felt joy even in difficult circumstances.
- Paul talked about Jesus no matter where he was.
- Paul wanted everyone to know and love Jesus.
- Jesus is better than anyone or anything else.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why do you think the Bible has many different names for Jesus?
- How do we know that Jesus is so great?
- Who can you tell about Jesus this week?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Play a “one-upping” game with your family. Mention something good and take turns adding to the first thing to make it better. Talk about how Jesus is the best of all.