

Press on in Confidence

Lesson #17

Colossians 1:1-8

HOOK: How many of you have ever planted a seed? After it's planted it doesn't stay a tiny seed, but it grows into something much bigger! If you plant an apple seed, for example, not only will it grow into a tree, but it will bear fruit—it will produce lots of apples!

BOOK: Today, when we open the Bible, we read from a different letter written by the Apostle Paul. This time Paul is writing to the Colossians. He calls them “God’s holy people” and “faithful brothers and sisters in Christ.” These Colossians believe in the gospel which means the Good News of Jesus. It's sort of like a gospel seed has been planted in their hearts and their faith in God and love for others is growing like beautiful fruit! This is not only happening in their lives, but in many others' lives, too. Paul says, “...**the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world...**” How wonderful!

LOOK: The Good News of Jesus is that He died on the cross for our sins and was raised to life again. When we believe in Jesus, we become part of God's family and have eternal life! He makes us more like Him by growing our faith and love. If we tell others about this important truth it's like we are planting gospel seeds. The fruit of the gospel changes lives! Everyone needs to know about the Good News of Jesus.

TOOK: Think for a moment about a friend or a relative in your life who may not have heard about Jesus yet. Do you have that person in your mind? Let's take a moment and pray for the people in our lives who need to hear the Good News of Jesus:

Prayer: “**Dear Lord, please help us to tell others about Jesus and plant ‘gospel seeds’. Help them to believe in Your Son and what He did on the cross for all of us. Thank You that the Good News of Jesus changes lives! Amen.**”

Bible Verse: “...**the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world...**” Colossians 1:6

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parent/child
activity

Look at a map or globe with your child and point out that the world is full of people. And everyone in the world needs Jesus! Tell him that when people hear the gospel (the Good News of Jesus) and trust Him, they become part of the family of God. The gospel is like a seed—it doesn’t stay buried in the ground, but it grows and bears fruit, like the fruit of faith and love. The gospel changes lives! Then, pray the prayer below together.



daily prayer

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