

Press on in Confidence
Lesson #20
Colossians 1:19-23

HOOK: Tell me, what is the opposite of “up”? That’s right—“down”. What are some other words you know that are opposites? (*Give a few kids a chance to answer.*) Those were great answers! Now, here’s our last one: What is the opposite of “friend”? It’s a word that maybe we don’t like to use or think about very often, but the opposite of “friend” is “enemy”.

BOOK: When we open the Bible, we read in Colossians where Paul is reminding the people that before they were believers they, “...**were separated from God.**” For all of us, this means without Jesus we were enemies of God and couldn’t be His friend because of our sin. God is perfect and we do wrong things all the time! But, when Jesus, who is perfect, died for our sin, He made a way for us to be holy and acceptable in God’s sight. Wow! Because of Jesus—and only Jesus—we are made right with God! Because of Jesus—and only Jesus—we don’t have to be separated from God. We can be part of His family.

LOOK: God has given us the gift of His Son Jesus who took away the sins of the world so we could be God’s friend, but we must accept this gift. If we are sorry for our sin and invite Jesus into our hearts, we can live for Him and with Him forever. Then, we are no longer an enemy of God, but we are His friend...and a member of His family.

Bible Verses: “**At one time you were separated from God. You were enemies...because of your evil ways. But because Christ died, God has brought you back to himself. Christ’s death has made you holy in God’s sight...**” Colossians 1:21-22a

Prayer: “**Thank You God for sending Your Son Jesus to die for our sins. What a wonderful thing that when we invite Jesus into our lives, we are no longer Your enemy, but we become just the opposite—we become Your friend and Your child! Amen.**”

TOOK: If there is anyone here who would like to talk more about inviting Jesus into your life, let me know. (If a child or children raises his/her hand let them stay with you while your helper engages the other kids. Spend a few minutes asking questions and listening to the child to discern if they truly understand what it means to become a Christian. When Mom comes to pick him/her up at the end of

class, share with her about your conversation. Give her the opportunity before they leave to privately pray a salvation prayer with her child, if she is comfortable. Then, rejoice together!)

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parent/child
activity

Nothing is more important in the life of your child than his/her salvation. Read the Bible with your child this week, talk about God and His attributes, pray together. If your child understands what it means to ask Jesus into their heart and they want to do that, pray with them to accept Jesus. Then, rejoice together!

“When Jesus taught about our acceptance of the Gospel, He said that we must become as children. Children were designed to hear about the things of God and have faith in them with few hurdles. So let’s be honest with them about the Gospel. It will make more sense if it is delivered holistically, and it will have a greater effect in their lives.” -Ed Stetzer, Christianity Today



daily prayer

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