

A man in a blue shirt and dark shorts stands barefoot on a rock in a shallow river. In the background, a large, stylized cross is visible, with its base submerged in the water and its top reaching into a cloudy sky. The scene is surrounded by lush green trees and foliage.

A PLACE TO STAND



FAMILY DEVO

COLOSSIANS

Colossians is an invitation to live in Christ.

To do this, we must understand that we will face opposition: False teachers who will want to use the Gospel for some other agenda or purpose. Those who feel they have outgrown the simple message of Christ and have lost hope in the simple Gospel. Those with “plausible” arguments based on human philosophy and materialistic wisdom.

At times the opposition will come as ridicule, isolation, and loss of influence. At other times it will come as a threat of violence, slander, and shame. There will be pressure to conform to the pattern and philosophy of the culture and the current age. In seasons like this it can become easy to try to compromise our commitment to Christ and the Gospel to win favor with those who oppose us, only to find that we are trying to appease people who will never like us.

With so much cultural change it can be difficult to find a place to stand. As followers we find that we can stand in Christ on the Gospel of Peace.

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WEEK 1

The Gospel stands in opposition to the wisdom of the world.

When we are feeling overwhelmed with attacks on the Gospel we should return to the simple Gospel.



Read Colossians 2:4-9 as a family before you talk with your kids then engage in the discussions below for each age group.



Pre-School

- What do you think it means to live a true life with Christ?
- What do you know about God?



Elementary

- What does it mean to be rooted in Christ?
- Why is it important for us to stand firm and be rooted in the Gospel?



Students

- How do your feelings impact your everyday decisions?
- In what ways does God impact your everyday decisions?
- Why is it hard to trust God's guidance sometimes?

PARENTS

During dinner this week, talk about the Gospel and how knowing the Gospel has transformed each person's life.

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WEEK 2

To stand in Christ on the hope of the Gospel will require suffering, struggle, and loss.



Read Colossians 1:24-2:3 as a family before you talk with your kids then engage in the discussions below for each age group.



Pre-School

- Who wrote the book of Colossians?
- How can you follow Jesus Christ, no matter what?
- Who could you tell about Jesus Christ this week?



Elementary

- What pieces of the Armor of God do you find easiest to put on so you can stand firm against the devil?
- What pieces of the Armor of God do you find hardest to put on?



Students

- How important is your “image” to you?
- What makes it hard to believe that God created you in His image?

PARENTS

Pray that your child(ren) will stand firm in their faith even when they suffer, struggle and experience loss.

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WEEK 3

As followers we stand in Christ on the Gospel of peace, hope and love.



Read Colossian 2:4-20 as a family before you talk with your kids then engage in the discussions below for each age group.



Pre-School

- What does inheritance mean?
- How can you keep growing in Christ?
- What are you thankful for today?



Elementary

- How do you know what you believe about God?
The world? About yourself?



Students

- What is one possession you have too much of?
- How can we learn to live more faithful lives by trusting that God will give us everything we need?

PARENTS

Talk with your kids at bedtime about how you stand firm in Christ.

HOW HAS JW FAMILIES IMPACTED YOUR FAMILY?

Hey everyone! Do you have any stories you can tell us about how JW Families, that's JW Kids and JW Students, has impacted your kids, youth, or even whole family? We'd love to hear them!

Send them to us at:

JWFAMILIES@JACOBWELLCHURCH.CHURCH

HELPFUL TOOLS FOR FAMILIES

These tools are available at www.jacobswellchurch.church

ALWAYS AVAILABLE

- **JW Kids Devotionals & Family Devotionals**
- **Parent Cue App** www.theparentcue.org
- **RightNow Media** (Video library of resources - FREE SUBSCRIPTION!)
- **JW Kids Online** (Use the app or go online to watch the lessons)
- **Resource Center** (Buy or borrow resources)
- **Share Prayer Requests** (Share prayer requests under **Care** tab on website)
- **Student Life Podcast** (New each week: Sept. – May)
- **Family Dedication**
- **Baptism Classes** (Online and In-Person)
- **Play Group** (2nd Thursday from 9:30am - 11am)
- **Support Groups**
 - Under **Care** tab on website:
Single Moms, DivorceCare, Celebrate Recovery

FAMILY EVENTS

- **Winter Extravaganza** (Winter 2022)
- **Senior Send-Off** (May 2023)
- **Summer Camp** (June 2023)
- **Splash!** (Summer 2023)
- **Christian College Fair** (October 2023)

FAMILY GUIDE

This family discussion guide is designed to create conversations about what we are learning at church and in our own spiritual growth. Use this guide around the dinner table, on the go, or even after you attend church.

This is a tool to help you incorporate spiritual practices into your lives and help you grow spiritually as a family.

