

# D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **February 5, 2023** Family Theme | **Attitudes That Please God**  
Study Text | **Colossians 3:22 – 4:6**

**Objective:** Family members live, speak, and work (chores, school work, jobs) in ways that honor Christ and point unbelievers to Him.

**How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible:** Paul likely wrote his letter to the believers at Colossae around AD 61-62 while under house arrest in Rome.

**Bible Basics:** Review the names and order of books 1 through 31 of the Old Testament (Genesis — Obadiah) and work with family members to do so as well.

**Read the Word:** Colossians 3:22 – 4:6

## Disciple Your Kids

Discuss with family members what it is like to live, speak, and work in ways that point unbelievers to Christ and honor Him.



### **Key Truth: A Believer's Workplace Conduct Should Bring Honor to Christ (Colossians 3:22 – 4:1)**

- Although Paul was writing to slaves and their masters in the culture of that day, the same principles apply to today's workplaces.
- Workers are to give sincere obedience, not mere compliance only when the boss is around. Whatever work they are assigned, they do it in a way that would please God. They work this way out of reverence for God, not men (verses 22-23).
- Since believers are actually serving Christ as they work, God will reward those who work hard and pay back those who do wrong on the job (verses 24-25).
- God will also judge employers. They are to treat their employees fairly, remembering they are accountable to their Master in Heaven (4:1).
- Christian employers and employees should live and work as Jesus would, reflecting integrity, honesty, dependability, and mutual respect in the workplace. This gives a marvelous witness to those who do not know Christ.



### **Key Truth: Prayer and Wise Living Help Us Influence Unbelievers (Colossians 4:2-6)**

- Believers are to be devoted to prayer. They should take it seriously and keep on praying with thankful hearts (verse 2).
- Christians pray that God will open doors for us to clearly share the good news of Christ (verses 3-4).
- Believers should be wise in how they act and speak among unbelievers, always ready to represent Christ and speak for Him. They are to be gracious in their communication with everyone, especially unbelievers, and be ready to sensibly defend and explain their beliefs (verses 5-6).

# Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with family members this week. Questions in **bold** will be good to use with elementary age children.

- **What does it look like for a believer to do his or her work** (chores, school work, jobs) **in a way that honors Christ?**
- How should those in charge treat those under them?
- What does it mean to be devoted to prayer?
- How does a Christian's wise and godly conduct help reach unbelievers with the gospel?
- How can we build people up instead of tearing them down with our speech and social media posts?
- In what way can I more fully do the work assigned to me in a way that brings glory to Christ?
- **Why is it important to do our jobs** (school, jobs, extracurricular activities, etc.) **with the right attitude?**
- **How does prayer and thankfulness affect our attitude?**
- **How does your attitude influence your behavior?**

## Everyday Extras

Play "Worst Case Scenario" with your children. Propose a situation where they have a choice to obey or disobey. They can then take turns building a story about what happens if they do not make a good choice. For instance, if your children did not stay with you in the grocery store, as you asked them to, Child 1 starts by imagining that they would get lost in the store. Child 2 makes the scene worse by suggesting a stranger would stuff them in a shopping cart and head out of the store. Child 3 then makes the story worse by saying they would be dumped in the dumpster with stinky food and trash. (And yes, it could get even worse!) Our choices always have consequences. God wants what is best for everyone, so He shares His plan with us in the Bible. He wants children to obey their parents to help keep them safe.

## Preschool Highlights for &

Today your child learned Jesus used God's Word to help Him say no to sin. The Bible helps us make right choices and follow God's way. Knowing what God's Word says helps us when the Devil tries to tempt us into making wrong choices. **The Bible Is for Everyone** and we can share what God's Word says to help others say no to the Devil and sin.

# D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **February 12, 2023** Family Theme | **Called to Serve**  
Study Text | **2 Timothy 2:1-26**

**Objective:** Family members find ways to serve Christ and seek to pass the faith along to others.

**How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible:** Paul's second letter to encourage the young pastor Timothy was likely written around AD 64-65 during Paul's second Roman imprisonment.

**Bible Basics:** Review Isaiah 9:6 this week with family members.

## Read the Word: 2 Timothy 2:1-26

### Disciple Your Kids

Talk with your children and grandchildren about doing our best to please the Lord and to pass the faith along to others.



#### **Key Truth: Believers Serve Like Good Soldiers (2 Timothy 2:1-13)**

- After encouraging Timothy to follow and guard the gospel message he had been taught (1:13-14), Paul instructed Timothy to pass the gospel truth on to others with the help of God's grace. God's plan is for the gospel truth to be passed from person to person and generation to generation (verses 1-2).
- Like good soldiers, Christians are to bear up under the hardship that comes with following Christ. They do not let the affairs of daily life distract them from following and serving Christ. Their desire is to please Him. Like an athlete, they discipline themselves and live according to God's Word. Like a farmer, they are diligent in their efforts to do what Christ calls them to do. They do this with their risen Savior in mind (verses 3-8).
- Paul was modeling what he was teaching Timothy. He endured hardship and brought the message of salvation to those who needed to hear. If we die to sin and keep following Christ, we will reign with Him forever. God, however, denies those who deny Him and is always faithful to who He is (verses 9-13).



#### **Key Truth: Believers Serve to Please the Savior (2 Timothy 2:14-26)**

- Believers are not to get caught up in meaningless arguments about things that don't really matter. Instead, we are to make every effort to be worthy of God's approval, including working hard to accurately understand, apply, and explain God's Word (verses 14-15).
- We are to shun false teachers and reject erroneous doctrines. False teaching spreads rapidly and damages people's faith. God knows who is His and who is not because He knows the heart. True believers avoid evil by diligent obedience to God's Word and careful separation from false teachers (verses 16-19).
- Believers can be compared to the utensils used in a home. Some are for special purposes and others are for menial tasks. Believers can be used for special purposes by separating themselves from sin and living to serve God. We are to constantly flee from sinful things and pursue what is good and right with the help of other sincere believers (verses 20-22).
- Believers should seek to display the character of Christ in their dealings with others, especially those who are off track or don't know Christ. People will be more likely to listen and turn to the Lord as we display kindness, patience, and gentleness while sharing the truth of the gospel with them (verses 23-26).

# Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with family members this week. Questions in **bold** will be good to use with elementary age children.

- **How can we serve God like a good soldier serves his or her commander?**
- **How can we stay focused on serving God and not be distracted by the daily routines of life?**
- How can we pass the faith along to others?
- What kinds of things make believers worthy of God's approval?
- What does it mean to handle God's Word correctly?
- How do we flee from sinful desires and pursue what is good and right?
- **What are some ways you can keep fighting the good fight of faith?**

## Everyday Extras

Examine the different occupations Paul uses as word pictures (or metaphors) in 2 Timothy 2. Can you find teachers, soldiers, athletes, farmers, workmen, and servants in the chapter? Have each child secretly choose one of those jobs and act it out for the others to guess. Or allow them to draw them from a hat and carry on the conversation at dinner as if that were their occupation. At the end of dinner, everyone must guess which job was whose. Talk together about the lessons believers can learn from those occupations. Which one is easiest for your child? Which is more challenging? Remind your children that God will help them to do what His Word instructs them to do.

## Preschool Highlights for &

Today your child learned **God's Word Is True**. The Bible is the only book given to us from God. It is His letter to us and is very special. God chose certain men to write the things He wanted us to know. God gave us the stories in the Old Testament and New Testament to help us learn from them and know the right way to live.

# D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **February 19, 2023** Family Theme | **Continue in Truth**  
Study Text | **2 Timothy 3:1-17**

**Objective:** Family members be constantly growing in their understanding and practice of God's Word.

**How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible:** Paul's second letter to encourage the young pastor Timothy was likely written around AD 64-65 during Paul's second Roman imprisonment.

**Bible Basics:** Go over the following question and answer this week. **What are the Scriptures? Answer:** The Scriptures are God's inspired and inerrant message to mankind (2 Timothy 3:16). Whatever the Bible says is true is true. Whatever it says is false is false (John 17:17). There are 66 different books of Scripture, 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.

**Read the Word:** 2 Timothy 3:1-17

## Disciple Your Kids

Talk with your children and grandchildren about how we value and put into practice the Bible because it is God's Word to us.



### **Key Truth: The Days Leading Up to Christ's Return Will Be Difficult Because of People's Sin (2 Timothy 3:1-9)**

- Paul warned that the *last days* would be times of great difficulty because of people's sins. Many scholars believe the *last days* began with the events of the first century and will continue until Christ's return. In verses 2-5, Paul described what people would be like because of their sinfulness. Timothy was to avoid being influenced by those who lived such lifestyles (verses 1-5).
- False teachers manipulate and convince those who are not strong in their faith. These people's immaturity and worldliness make them especially vulnerable to the false teachers. Since false doctrine never leads to truth, the deceived are always learning but never understanding the truth (verses 6-7).
- False teachers actually oppose truth. They have *corrupt minds* and are no longer capable of recognizing truth. God, however, has limited what they can do. Their folly will be exposed to all (verses 8-9).



### **Key Truth: Believers Live by God's Inspired Word and Follow Godly Examples (2 Timothy 3:10-17)**

- In contrast to the false teachers, Timothy followed the faithful example and teaching of Paul, including how Paul endured against opposition. All who are serious about following Jesus should expect such opposition because there will always be evil people (verses 10-13).
- Paul instructed Timothy to continue in the gospel truths he had learned and believed from the Scriptures. Those Scriptures were *inspired* or *breathed out* by God, coming into existence by His very breath or Spirit. By the Holy Spirit, God supernaturally inspired the writers so that what they wrote is without error. They are beneficial for teaching God's truth, confronting people's sin, correcting people's errors, and showing people how to live righteously. They make people mature and complete, fully equipped to meet the demands of every situation in life (verses 14-17).

# Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with family members this week. Questions in **bold** will be good to use with elementary age children.

- According to 2 Timothy 3:1-9, what can we expect as we get closer and closer to Christ's return?
- Why are times difficult and perilous when sin runs rampant?
- Who do you know who sets a good example of following Christ? In what way could you follow that person's example this week?
- Why should Christians who live according to God's Word expect some opposition from the unsaved world?
- **What does it mean that the Scriptures were inspired by God?**
- **How does learning the Scriptures equip us to follow and serve God?**
- **Are Paul's warnings to Timothy still applicable in today's world?**
- **How does God's Word help us stand firm in our faith, keep our trust in Him, and continue to serve Him?**

## Everyday Extras

Did you know the Bible tells us to stay away from some people? Yes, we are supposed to be kind and polite and love one another, but the passage in 2 Timothy 3:2-5 lists some people to turn away or avoid. These are people who have soaked up the culture of the last days before Jesus comes. They reflect choices that do not honor God, so we are better off to stay away from them. Play a game of Freeze Tag with your children. Remind them that avoiding "It" will allow them to have a lot more fun instead of being frozen in place. Maybe your kids can teach you what to avoid in a video game. Watch out for banana peels and oil puddles!

## Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned Paul wrote letters to people when he couldn't be with them. People would gather to read what Paul had to say and then talk about his letters. God told Paul to tell Timothy that all Scripture (the words in the Bible) is given to us from God. We know **God's Word Is True** and we can talk about it with our family and friends.

# D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **February 26, 2023** Family Theme | **God's Word Stands**  
Study Text | **1 Peter 1:22-25; Matthew 5:18; Luke 3:1-2**

**Objective:** Family members live out God's Word with complete confidence and be ready to defend its truth.

**How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible:** This lesson applies to all of Scripture, affirming that the Old Testament and New Testament were given to us and preserved by God. We can be confident that the Bible we read is the inspired Word of God.

**Bible Basics:** Go over the following question and answer this week with family members. **Who wrote the Bible? Answer:** Holy men of God wrote the Bible, being guided in their writing by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21).

**Read the Word:** 1 Peter 1:22-25; Matthew 5:18; Luke 3:1-2

## Disciple Your Kids

Talk with your children and grandchildren about how we can be confident that our Bibles are God's Word to us.



### **Key Truth: God Has Preserved the Accuracy of His Word (1 Peter 1:22-25; Matthew 5:18)**

- Peter called the Scriptures the living and enduring Word of God. He said that all people are like the grass and flowers of a field, meaning their glory or beauty will wither away. The word of the Lord, however, will *endure forever* and offers eternal life (1 Peter 1:22-25).
- Jesus affirmed that nothing would pass from the Scriptures. They would serve their purpose (Matthew 5:18).
- The Old Testament books were carefully copied by Jewish scribes, who followed meticulous practices and routines. The Old Testament is often quoted by Jesus and the apostles. The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls verified that the Old Testament we have today is the same Scripture used and recognized by Jesus in the first century.
- The books of the New Testament were eyewitness, historical accounts of the events related to the life, death, and resurrection of Christ and the establishment of His Church. Each book has some form of apostolic authority supporting it, either in authorship or content. The large number of copies allow us to reconstruct the original and know they are accurate.



### **Key Truth: There Are Reliable Evidences for the Truth of God's Word (Luke 3:1-2)**

- Since the Christian faith is based on historical people and events, it is the most verifiable and testable faith. As we see in Luke 3:1-2, the Bible is full of historical details, making the biblical accounts historically verifiable. There are many external sources (non-biblical) that support the biblical account. Some sources are from non-Christians like the Roman historian, Tacitus, or the devoted Jewish historian, Josephus, who refer directly to Christ or His followers.
- Archaeological discoveries also support what is found in the Bible. Skeptics considered the Hittites to be biblical legend until major discoveries in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries affirmed their existence. In 2004, archaeologists unearthed a pool, believed to be called the Siloam Pool. This confirmed the biblical account of Jesus healing a blind man at a pool called Siloam in John 9. These are only two examples of many discoveries supporting biblical accounts and records.



# Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with family members this week. Questions in **bold** will be good to use with elementary age children.

- What does it mean that God has preserved His Word for us?
- **Why is it important that God has preserved His Word down through history?**
- How would you answer someone who asked how we can be sure the Bible we have today is what God and the original writers intended?
- **Why can we trust the Bible's reliability?**
- What kinds of external evidence affirm the accuracy of the Bible?
- **How does knowing God's Word doesn't change help you trust it more?**

## Everyday Extras

Ask your children to copy a passage of Scripture in their best handwriting using an ink pen. Emphasize that they should have no errors. When they have finished, ask them to count the letters in their copy to be sure it matches the number of letters in the original. That's what the early scribes did! God's Word was carefully preserved by those who loved it, but also by God Himself. He wanted us to confidently know His instructions to us. Your older children will benefit from watching Dr. Daniel B. Wallace discuss "How Many Bible Manuscripts?" (Center for the Study of New Testament Manuscripts, 2011) as he defends the reliability of Scripture. He compares early copies of other ancient Greco-Roman literature to manuscripts of the Scripture. You can find it on YouTube.

## Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned Paul encouraged Timothy to share God's truths with others, make good choices, and love God with all his heart. We can tell others the truth of what God's Word says. We can learn how to make right choices and ask God to forgive us when we make wrong ones. We can love God with all our hearts. We can know **God's Word Is True.**