

# Weekly Resource: The Story of Jesus

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## Creator Christ

*Purpose:* to provide space to go further in study and understanding of the gospel story of Jesus Christ.

### → **What *about* the Cosmic Christ?**

Micah shared from verse 16 on Sunday that "For in him (Jesus) all things were created...all things were created by him and for him." Paul often uses the phrase "in Christ" to indicate location. Meaning, the person where restoration and redemption are found and the spiritual home for those who belong to Christ. Consider reading: John 1:1-5; Ephesians 1:15-23; Hebrews 1

- ❖ What thoughts/ideas come to your mind when you think about Jesus as Creator?
- ❖ What parts of creation are visible and bring glory to God? What parts of creation are invisible and bring us hope?

### → **What *about* the supremacy of Jesus?**

Read Colossians 1:17-18

In Sunday's message Micah shared, "...Jesus has precedence over all things in terms of time and status and is a kind of divine glue that holds creation together." Jesus is the basic operating principle controlling existence.

- ❖ How does it make you feel that God did not start things off and then abandon all of creation...but instead continues to sustain the universe?
- ❖ What do we learn about God and creation by reflecting on Jesus as the force preserves the orderly arrangement of the cosmos? How does this effect your faith?

### → **What *about* the reconciliation that Jesus provides?**

Read Colossians 1:19-23; 2:9-15; 3:1-4

- ❖ How does reconciliation or being brought back together with God in Christ break the cycle of alienation and sin in our lives?
- ❖ How does God call us to participate in the reconciliation of all creation? (see Colossians 1:23; 4:2-6)

*Weekly Prayer:* To our God, the only Ruler and King, who alone is worthy of all majesty, praise, and worship. Father, Son and Spirit, the reason for creation...we worship you and are grateful for your sustaining power. God, as your beloved creation make us participants in your ongoing gospel story. Amen.

# Children's Corner: The Story of Jesus

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\*NOTE: This resource will primarily be focused on content for ages 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade.

As we remember Micah's sermons these past few weeks, let's think about how the promises of God, Jesus' second coming, & following King Jesus connect us to the gospel. This week, let's search for clues to help us learn more about how the story of Jesus started before the creation of our world and how He continues to make sure everything works together for our good and His glory.

**\*REMEMBER** – the gospel story is the same throughout the whole Bible and all of human history = God fulfills His promises by grace to restore us & the world to Himself because God loves us so much.

**\*READ** – *Colossians 1:15-23* {the NIRV is often a good choice for younger readers}

- Look at v. 16 – What does this passage say that Christ created?
- Look at v. 19-20 – What does it say about how God feels about Christ?

### **\*SEARCHING FOR CLUES THAT POINT TO JESUS**

- Who wrote the book of Colossians and how does he describe his relationship with Jesus? (v. 1)
- Can you find the words in this passage (Col. 1:15-23) talking about Jesus existing before the creation of the world? What does that mean?
- What do we learn about Jesus in v. 21-22?

### **\*STUFF TO TALK ABOUT WITH YOUR FAMILY**

- In v. 17, it says "He holds everything together." What do you think that means?
- Consider talking with your family about:
  - *What are some ways we know that God/Jesus holds our physical earth together?*  
Ex: earth's rotation; moon/sun/earth working in harmony; ozone layer protection  
\*maybe even google some of these topics together as a family to learn more!
  - *Tell about a time when you felt scared, or hurt, or that you didn't understand why something was happening. What are some ways that you began to feel less scared, that you began to heal from your hurt feelings, or were able to feel better about a situation you didn't understand? How do you see God in those times helping hold your heart together?*

### **\*VIDEO RESOURCE**

The link below is to a YouTube video from *The Bible Project*. It covers the book of Colossians in a unique way and helps us "find those clues" to connect us to Jesus with a focus on "the Messiah Poem" from verses 1:15-20. If your kids are interested in following the entire video, please feel free to do so, but our main area of focus is from the beginning of the video to minute 2:55.

<https://youtu.be/pXTXIDxQsvc>

### **\*PRAYER**

God, thank you for loving us and for always keeping Your promises. Thank you for the hope we have in Jesus to know that You are with us now and for all eternity. Help us to keep learning how to follow Jesus and His ways. We thank you for all the ways You take care of us. We praise You for the way You created us and our earth. And we thank you for sending Jesus to bring us back to You. In Jesus' name. Amen.