



Miranda's big sister was getting married. Their family had gathered in the church for the occasion.

"Mom! I can't find my flower basket!" cried Miranda. "The wedding is starting!"

"Calm down, Miranda.

It's right here," said

Miranda's mom. "Now, go!

They're looking for you."

"I now declare you husband and wife," said the minister.

Miranda had learned that God created marriage out of His love for us.

She was happy for her sister and the new life she would have with her husband. She could see how much they loved and served each other.

LESSON 5 • JANUARY 1, 2023

"Submit to one another out of [love] for Christ" (Ephesians 5:21, NIV).

All About Love



Paul told the people at the church of Ephesus to submit to each other. That means to put each other first. Wives, submit to your husbands like to the Lord. The husband leads the wife as Christ leads the church. Jesus is the Savior of the church. So like the church submits to Christ, wives should submit to husbands in all things.

Husbands love your wives like Christ loved the church and gave of Himself for her. This was so He could cleanse and sanctify her by the Word,

which would make the church beautiful. So husbands should love their wives like they love themselves. They should love them like the Lord loves the church. The church is like Christ's body – we are an extension of Him and His love. This is why a man leaves his mom and dad and goes to his wife, and they become one.

So, each husband is to love his wife, and the wife is to respect her husband. Children should obey their parents and honor them. This is a command. Fathers should not turn children to anger but teach them to love the Lord.

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Paul Teaches Love

Review the Bible Story to fill in the blanks below. Use each word in the box to complete the sentences.



1. Submit to each

Word Box:

BODY CHRIST OTHER PARENTS RESPECT WIVES

2. Husbands love your		as
	_loves the church.	
3. We are all a part of the		of Christ
which is the church		<u></u>

4. Children, obey your _____5. Wives should

their husbands.



Memory Verse:

"Love one another as [the Father] commanded us" (from 1 John 3:23, NIV).

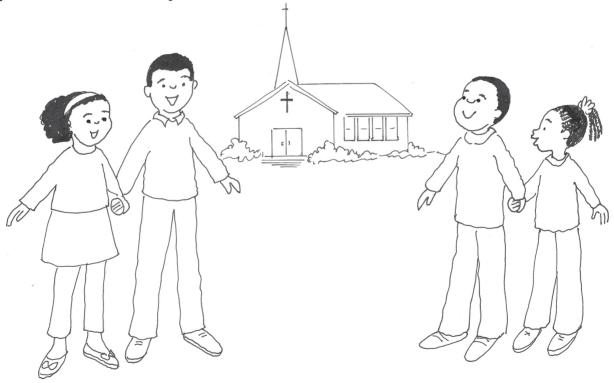
DEAR PARENTS

Your child learned today that we are to serve and love one another. Together, you can look for ways to serve others this week.



We Are the Body of Christ

We are the body of Christ, which is also called the church. We are to love one another. The children below are united in the love of Christ. Draw yourself in the picture below to show that you are a part of the body of Christ, and then color the entire picture. How can you serve someone this week? Write it down.



This week I can serve someone by ______

Name



JANUARY 8, 2023 PRIMARY LIFE APPLICATION STORY

The people at Edward's church study Scriptures and tell of the good things God has done. One man told about a problem he once had. God healed him, and the problem went away. The man stopped doing the bad thing he had done.

"I'm glad God saved you," Edward said to Pastor Wallace. "You have helped a lot of people, like my dad. You're a great pastor."

"God bless you, Edward," said Pastor Wallace. "God can use anyone to bring His message to people."

LESSON 6 • JANUARY 8, 2023

"Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice" (from Philippians 1:18, NIV).

Jesus is the Message



Paul spoke to the Philippians. He told them that some people preach about Jesus because of jealousy and competition, but some preach from kindness. The first group preaches with selfish gain. This upset Paul.

"The ones who preach with love know my purpose is to uphold the gospel," he said. "So whenever the gospel is preached, I will rejoice!"

Paul knew the prayers of believers and the Spirit of Jesus would work out to deliver him. Whether he lived or died, Jesus would get the glory through Paul's life. "But my staying is better for you; so I am sure that I will continue on to help you in your faith," he said.

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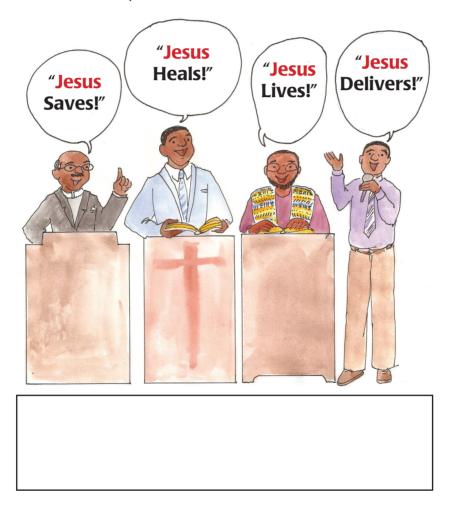
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The Message is the Same

No matter who speaks about the Good News of Christ, the message is the same. God can use anyone. Look at the preachers below. There is a shared idea in their messages. Write that word in the box in the middle. (Hint: the theme is written in red.)



Memory Verse:

"Through the power of the Spirit, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ" (from Romans 15:19, NIV).

DEAR PARENTS

Your child learned today about the Good News of Jesus. This week you can share that Good News with someone else!



Sharing the Message

The Bible Story taught us how different people share the message of Jesus. Find some of the words Paul used in the word search below. Draw a line through or circle each word you find. Then, write the name of someone you will share the Good News with this week.

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FAITH
GOSPEL
HONEST
PAUL
PREACH
REJOICE

"I can share the Good News of Jesus with

Name