

GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING
GOD CREATED
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,
AND SIN PASSED TO
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN
YOU AND ME.

REDEMPTION



THOUGH ALL OF
US ARE SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL
COME AGAIN.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE: * COLOSSIANS *

This week's story comes from the book of Colossians. Colossians is an epistle, or letter. This letter lists both Paul and Timothy as its authors. This letter was written to Christians in Colossae, and it stresses Christ's power over all things.

OT-NT CONNECTION

In Colossians chapter 4, Paul says Christians should walk in wisdom. Did you know the Old Testament book of Proverbs talks a lot about wisdom? Check out **Proverbs 2:6**.

- Where does wisdom come from?
- How can you use God's wisdom to help you behave well?

WHY IS THE WAY CHRISTIANS BEHAVE IMPORTANT?

Our behavior is important because when we live life like the Bible says we should, we point others to Jesus. (1 Peter 3:15) There are people all over the world who need to know the Gospel. When we obey our parents or listen to our teacher (even when it's hard) we show the world we're different. Jesus has changed our lives, and He can change the lives of those around us too.

JOURNAL

Colossians 4 talks about living a life seasoned with salt. In other words, anyone who has given their life to Jesus should live in a way that shows others they're saved. Think of something that tastes better with salt (like french fries or salted caramel chocolate!). Invite your parent or mentor to share a salty snack with you. Talk with them about some ways each of you can live your lives "seasoned with salt." Write in your journal the ideas you come up with.

HOW CAN I MAKE THE BEST USE OF MY TIME ON EARTH?

Following Jesus means you should obey your parents! (Ephesians 6:1) The Bible tells us to respect authority. (Romans 13) However, if someone asks you to do something you know God says is wrong, choose to respectfully follow Jesus instead. God's ways are above all.

READ



Take a moment to read the entire last chapter of Colossians.

In verse 16, what did Paul ask the Colossians to do with the letter after they read it?