



09.13.09 – Colossians 1:15-23

Materials Needed: A large oversized shirt; A table that can be covered to protect it; A snack such as pudding or applesauce (individual serving package) and a spoon. (Coloring page is included for younger kids)

Opening Activity:

- Put the opened snack and spoon on the table (coffee table or low table – make sure the table is covered, it will get messy) and have the kids sit across from you.
- Ask for two volunteers that are older.
- The leader puts on the oversized shirt leaving the sleeves empty with the opening to the back and kneels down with the table and the other children in front of them. Have the volunteers come behind you and each one be one of your arms. They should not be able to see in front of them or the snack.
- The object is to have the volunteers be your arms and without being able to see feed you the snack. You can give them pointers and suggestions before they start but not during.

Read Colossians 1:15-23

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, a doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Discussion

Question 1: What happens when the head doesn't control the body? *Nothing gets done right, there are problems doing a simple task.*

Question 2: Who is the head of the church? *Jesus Christ*

Question 3: Why can Christ be our head and tell us what to do and how to act? *He died on the cross and gave his life for us and was raised from the grave.*

Clarification: So Because Christ died for us He made it possible for us to be fixed and our lives to no longer be messed up and not working right. Our sin and disobedience is forgiven and we are part made a part of His family if we accept his gift of salvation. Only when we give up our own desires and demands and let Jesus/Christ be in charge can we act right and do the things that God created us to do.

Wrap Up



Question 4: How can we accept the gift of salvation that Jesus offers us? *By believing that He died for you, asking Him to forgive your sin.*

Question 5: How does Jesus want us you respond to His gifts of salvation and forgiveness? *He want you to believe in Him, and then to give Him all of your pain and sadness and anger and fear and selfishness, let Him be in charge. Choosing to take the time to learn about Him and what He says is true is another great way to respond to Him.*

Close with prayer thanking God for loving us and for forgiving our sins and healing us inside and out. Ask that God would help us know Him and His love for us.