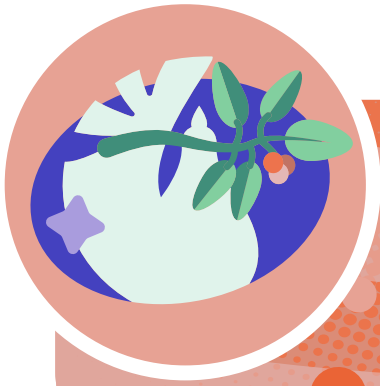


WEEK OF AUGUST 06, 2023



Above ALL

PREPARE



BEFORE
YOU BEGIN



TALK TOGETHER

DO YOU KNOW WHO THE LEADER OF YOUR COUNTRY IS? HOW ABOUT THE PRINCIPAL OF YOUR SCHOOL?

A lot of leaders exist in this world. Earth has seen many powerful kings, queens and presidents. However nothing in the universe compares to Jesus Christ. No one and nothing is more powerful, glorious or good than He is. **Jesus is above all things.**

Many years ago, the missionary Paul sat in prison. While he was there, he heard that a church in a city called Colossae was in trouble. People were trying to lead the Colossians away from Jesus!

Because he was in prison, Paul couldn't go to Colossae in person. But that didn't stop him from writing them a letter. The letter he wrote became the book of Colossians. It's the same Colossians we find in our Bible today!

In chapter 1, Paul talks to the Colossians about how nothing compares to Jesus. He is the Lord of everything. **Let's take a look and read Colossians 1:15-23.**

CONT. →



TALK TOGETHER

Family conversations with God's Word.



MORE TO EXPLORE

Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.



THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.



COLORING PAGE

Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



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, 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.

COLOSSIANS 1:15-23

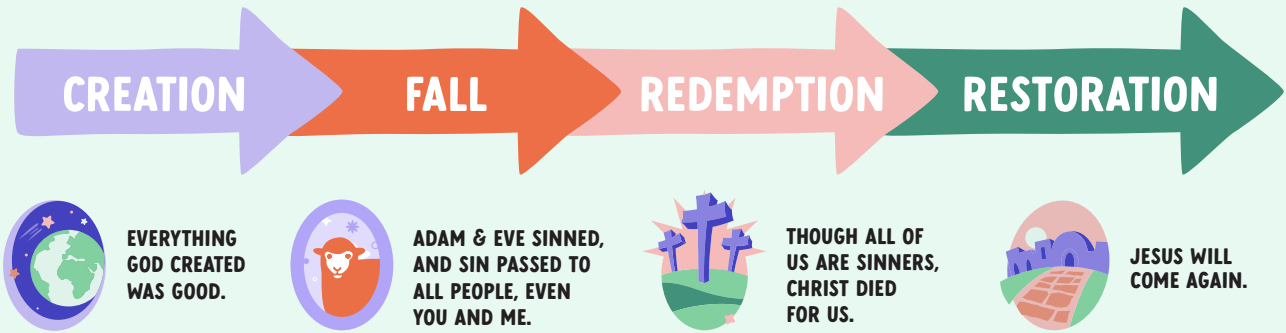
What does verse 17 say about Jesus? It says **He is before all things**. But what does that mean? **It means Jesus isn't a creation of this world. Jesus is God, the Creator of this world!**

Jesus is the image of our invisible God. He came to Earth in human form as a baby!
Jesus is the head of God's church. He leads Christians through life!
Jesus is the Savior of the world. Anyone who trusts Him as their Savior will be saved!
Jesus is superior to all, and He loves you.

Paul needed the Colossians (and us!) to understand just how glorious Jesus is. No one and nothing is greater than King Jesus! Other kings, queens or presidents are temporary creations. They can't compare with their Creator. **Jesus is above all things.**



GOD'S BIG STORY



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. It was written to Christians in Colossae, and it stresses Christ's power over all things.

WHY IS JESUS ABOVE ALL THINGS?

God's Word tells us Jesus is above all things. (Philippians 2:9-11). Jesus is not part of creation; He is God, the Creator. Everything in this universe was created to bring Him glory. He is the Savior of the world and the only one Who could take on the penalty of our sins and offer us eternal life. (2 Corinthians 5:21) No one and nothing else is like Him.

OT-NT CONNECTION

Jesus is above all. Some people think Jesus first came into being as a baby in the New Testament, but that is not so. Jesus is God, part of the Trinity. He has always existed. **Read Genesis 1:26.**

- How does God refer to Himself? (This is a hint of the Trinity- found all the way back in Genesis 1!)
- Why is it important that Jesus has always existed?

JOURNAL

In order to do this activity, you'll need to do the Read activity first. Take a look at the list of things you wrote down about Jesus. When you read your list, what do you think about? Open your journal and draw a picture, write a poem or simply write a prayer to God that focuses on how Jesus is above all things.

HOW WERE ALL THINGS CREATED THROUGH JESUS IF HE DIDN'T COME TO EARTH UNTIL THE NEW TESTAMENT?

While Jesus came to Earth as a baby in the New Testament, Jesus is part of the Trinity. He has always existed! John 1:1-3 talks about Jesus (the Word) becoming man, and that Jesus is God. God has always existed. Check out this week's OT-NT Connection for more information.

READ

Take a moment to read the entire first chapter of Colossians. Now re-read verses 15-20. Write down four things these verses say about Jesus.

★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

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♥ MEMORIZE

**AND HE IS
BEFORE ALL
THINGS, AND
IN HIM ALL
THINGS HOLD
TOGETHER.**

(COLOSSIANS 1:17)

Q: WHO IS ABOVE ALL?

A: JESUS CHRIST!

CREATE



Jesus is Lord. He is God, the Creator of all things, including you and me! Invite your child to draw a picture of themselves. Write this week's verse reference at the top of their picture. Remind them Jesus is above all things.

SHARE

Tell your kids about a time when you learned about the greatness of Jesus. What were you doing? What did you learn about Jesus that you didn't know before?

WATCH



Help your child learn their verse by watching this week's Memory Melody video!

PRAY



DEAR LORD, I KNOW YOU ARE ABOVE ALL THINGS. NOTHING COMPARES TO YOU. YOU ARE MY CREATOR, KING AND SAVIOR. I LOVE YOU. AMEN.

FIND



This week's verse is found in the book of Colossians. Help your child find the book of Colossians. Is this book in the Old or New Testament? How many chapters are there?

LOOK UP



Jesus is above all things. There is no one and nothing like Him. He is our King. Help your child look up several names the Bible gives Jesus. (Some verses contain multiple answers.)

1. **John 10:11**
2. **Isaiah 9:6**
3. **John 8:12**

WRITE



Paul wrote a letter to the Colossians to encourage them to draw closer to Jesus and the truth of God's Word. Ask your child to think of someone who could use encouragement. Help your child write that person a letter.

SING



Listen to this playlist and worship Jesus Christ, Who is above all!

**SCAN HERE TO LISTEN
WHEREVER YOU ARE!**



**AND HE IS BEFORE ALL
THINGS, AND IN HIM ALL
THINGS HOLD TOGETHER.
(COLOSSIANS 1:17)**



**WHO IS
ABOVE ALL?
JESUS CHRIST!**

NAME: _____