



HOW DOES GOD UNITE PEOPLE WHO ARE ALL DIFFERENT?

BIBLE STORY: Encouraged and United in God (Colossians 1:24–2:3)

BIBLE TRUTH: Christians honor God by uniting in truth and love.

BIBLE VERSE: I want their hearts to be encouraged and joined together in love, so that they may have all the riches of complete understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery—Christ. *Colossians 2:2*

BONUS VERSE: Be hospitable to one another without complaining. *1 Peter 4:9*

During this week's meeting, we discussed how the Colossian church was made up of all kinds of people. Paul wrote to the Colossians to encourage them to be unified despite their differences. He told them God wants all people to know that Christ is in them.

Paul told the Colossian Christians that he was striving for the gospel so they shouldn't worry about working alone when they spread the good news about Jesus as well. If the people drew together in unity, others would be able to understand and know Christ. Jesus gives treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

This week, brainstorm some jobs and chores around the house that are better to do with other people. Create a schedule with your child for the various chores the people in your home can share.

Discuss why it is important for people to work together when completing some tasks. Talk about other ways in which Christians can work together to share the gospel. Some suggestions can include working at a food pantry, visiting a senior adult care facility, providing a neighborhood car wash. Tell your kids these jobs and activities create opportunities for Christians to band together to show others love. They can then talk to people about Jesus as they go about these activities.

