

## Book of Colossians

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<p><b>Preparation:</b> (What I need to do and items to gather before I begin to teach.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bibles to use in class</li> <li>• Black or Brown markers or crayons</li> <li>• Other colored markers or crayons (<i>other than black or brown – colors of the rainbow would be perfect!</i>)</li> <li>• White board or White poster paper (if using poster paper, cut out 2 large “t-shirt” shapes)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lesson Title:</b></p>	<p>The New Testament Book of Colossians Continue your NEW Testament Wall display by hanging the “Colossians” wall card.</p>
<p><b>Scripture Reference(s):</b></p>	<p>Colossians 3:8 Colossians 3:12-14</p>
<p><b>Emphasis or Theme:</b></p>	<p>Establishing your faith in Christ</p>
<p><b>Introducing the Story:</b> (What you might say or do before the story to help create an interest or curiosity.)</p>	<p>(Hang your “Colossians” wall card on your New Testament wall display.) <b>SAY:</b> The Book of Colossians was another written by apostle Paul. It is the 7<sup>th</sup> of Paul’s letters.  <b>BEFORE CLASS:</b> Cutout 2 large t-shirts from <u>white</u> poster paper, construction paper, or draw 2, large, “t-shirts” on your whiteboard. Mark 1 shirt “CLEAN” and the other shirt “DIRTY.” (As you teach this lesson, you will be writing words in the middle of each shirt.)</p>
<p><b>LESSON:</b> Telling the Story Through the Bible: (Outline the story here. Then describe the method you will use to tell the story. Examples might include showing pictures, props, visuals, drawing as you tell, using puppets, costumed characters, dramatic storytelling or any number of other methods.)</p>	<p><b>INTRODUCTION:</b> Give each student 1 black marker/crayon and 1 other (rainbow) colored marker/crayon. Ask each student to come up to the “CLEAN” shirt and write a word that represents a nice way to behave according to the Bible, and on the “DIRTY” shirt, write a word that represents a bad way to behave. When everyone has written a word, begin:  <b>SAY:</b> Paul had never been to Colosse, but he’d heard from a good friend that the church in that city was blossoming in faith and love. The Colossians were strong believers in Christ—but young churches had been misled before. Paul desperately wants to encourage the church to stay strong and to not listen to any persuasive arguments from false teachers who may turn them away from Jesus.  <b>ASK:</b> Have you ever been so dirty that you could not wait to get cleaned up and take a shower? (<i>pause for responses.</i>) Or maybe you’ve played outside or in a sports game and gotten your clothes super dirty that you could hardly wait to change them?  <b>SAY:</b> The Apostle Paul explains to us in the book of Colossians that that is the way a Christian would feel when it comes to sin and not obeying God. Sin can make us dirty. We may not see the physical dirt or sin with our eyes, but we can feel the dirt in our hearts.  Let’s pretend that we just put on a brand new, white shirt, like this one, (point to one of your white t-shirts). Whenever we do something kind and good in God’s eyes, our shirt stays white and bright, just like this shirt. But every time we do something that is not nice, our shirt gets dirty. (<i>Using a <u>brown</u> marker, start making scribbles on the shirt to make it look dirty.</i>) The book of Colossians helps us to understand the things that can make our “shirts” dirty - so dirty that they have to be “taken off.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ANGER:</b> We all know that anger means to be very <b>mad</b>. Anger is an emotion that God warns us to stay away from. Anger can make our shirts dirty. (<i>Using a brown colored marker, write “ANGER” on the “dirty” shirt, and add in some additional “dirt” markings.</i>) Christians should “take off” their anger, just like we would “take off” a shirt that becomes dirty like this one.</li> <li>• <b>WRATH:</b> When we are <u>extremely</u> angry, it is called wrath. <b>Wrath</b> also makes our</li> </ul>

shirts dirty, and Christians must "take off" their wrath, too. *(Using a black marker, write "WRATH" on the same shirt, and add in more "dirt" markings.)*

- **MALICE:** Malice is another word for revenge or to wanting to hurt someone. Paul tells us to "take off" our malice. *(Write "MALICE" on the shirt.)*
- **BLASPHEMY:** Blasphemy is to say terrible things about God. Christians are to never say such things but are to "take off" their blasphemy. *(Write "BLASPHEMY" on the dirty shirt.)*
- **BAD LANGUAGE:** Christians are not to say bad words or have any bad language come out of their mouths. This also includes talking badly about others. Christians are to "take off" their bad language. *(Write "BAD LANGUAGE" on the dirty shirt.)*

**ASK:** Can you think of any other things that can make our shirts dirty? *(Pause for responses and add to your t-shirt.)*

**SAY:** Wow, our first shirt sure got dirty! Look at all these things that soiled our shirt: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, bad language.

**ASK:** Would you want to wear a shirt that was this dirty with all of these bad ways of living? *(pause for responses.)* What would you do if you were wearing such a dirty shirt? *(Take it off!)*

**SAY:** Although sin can make a Christian feel dirty, obeying God makes us feel clean, like we just got out of the shower or changed out of dirty clothes. Once a person is baptized or asks God for forgiveness, the sin and wrongdoings are washed away and they become clean and new, just like this 2<sup>nd</sup> shirt, *(point to the other white t-shirt)*. Paul tells us to "take off" these things *(point to dirty shirt)*, and "put on" these new ways to live:

- **COMPASSION:** Paul tells Christians to "put on" **compassion**. They show compassion and mercy not only to their friends, but also to others who do unkind things to them. Christians try to put themselves in the other person's shoes, which means they think about how the other person would feel and then show compassion to that person, no matter who it is. *(Using a blue marker, write "COMPASSION" on the shirt.)*
- **KINDNESS:** Christians are to be **kind**. Not rude and mean. Christians treat others the way they would want to be treated - the way Jesus would treat others. Christians "put on" KINDNESS. *(Write "KINDNESS" on shirt)*
- **HUMILITY:** Christians are to be **humble** as Jesus was humble. They do not believe they are better than others. Christians do not brag about themselves. Christians "put on" humility. *(Write "HUMILITY" on shirt)*
- **MEEKNESS:** Christians are **meek**, but not weak, They are quiet and gentle, but strong in character. Christians "put on" meekness. *(Write "MEEKNESS")*
- **PATIENCE:** Christians are **patient** in all things. Christians can wait for things without getting mad or annoyed. Christians "put on" patience." *(Write "PATIENCE")*

**ASK:** There is one more word, probably the most important word, that describes a Christian. Can you think of what that word might be? *(pause for responses – we are looking for the word LOVE, but if they come up with other appropriate words, add them to the shirt until someone comes up with the word LOVE.*

**SAY:** God tells us to "put on" and clothe ourselves with **LOVE**, because LOVE is what ties all of these things together. Love means all of these things! Love means compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

**SAY:** *(pointing to this shirt . . .)* Now that's a shirt I would want to wear! Christians wear these characteristics all of the time. It does not matter the day of the week, whether they are home or away, with friends or people they do not know, or if they are in a good mood or bad. As Christians, we can always "dress ourselves" in God's love by wearing compassion, kindness,

	<p>humility, meekness, patience, and most importantly, love!</p> <p>A quick outline of Colossians – read together as a class:  Who we are in Christ (Col 1–2)  How to walk in Christ (Col 3–4)</p>
<p><b>Learning Activities:</b>  (Games, crafts artwork, songs, memory verses, or other activities that bring fuller meaning to the scripture or make application to the lives of the students.)</p>	<p>1. <b>In His Image Portrait</b></p>
<p><b>Review:</b>  (Solidify learning by repeating facts, themes, or even the story itself through games, crafts, activities, or visual aides.)</p>	<p>1. The Book of Colossians was written by which apostle? <b>PAUL</b>  2. List the things that can make our hearts “dirty.” <i>anger, wrath, malice, slander, bad language,</i>  3. List the things that can make our hearts “clean.” <i>compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience</i></p>
<p><b>Closing:</b>  (Prayer, last song, . . .)</p>	<p><b>Repeat and recite together</b>  <b>Recite:</b> <i>Hayr Mer</i></p>