

First In Everything

Colossians 1:15-23

Big idea - Jesus is first to create everything, first to rise from the dead, so he can be first in your life.

Memory Verse

Colossians 1:19-20 (NIV)

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile all things to himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Craft /Activity Options

Modelling Clay Creations

Need:

- Air drying modelling clay or play doh
- Plastic plate, one per child

Instructions:

- Ask the children to make something (an animal, tree, person...) on their plate just by speaking (*Let there be a giraffe!*).
- When each child has given up, hand children a lump of air-drying clay for them to make something.
- Note: you may like use other materials such glue, pom-poms, pipe cleaners, craft matchsticks etc

Or Get out the textas and draw some aspect of God's Creation

Family Discussion

Read Colossians 1:15-20

Record on a large sheet of paper everything your group learns about Jesus from this passage.

Share what you have learnt about Jesus.

(know Jesus = know God, Jesus is fully God, higher than everything, all powerful, made everything we see and everything we don't see, everything made for Jesus – he gets it all, he owns it all, Jesus keeps everything going, head of the church, first to come back to life, first in everything, made peace with God through Jesus...)

Note: if you are not using *International Children's Bible* you will need to explain the following terms:

- v15 first born = the one who gets to inherit everything now and in the new heaven and new earth
- v15 image = when you look at Jesus you see God
- v18 head = the leader of the church

Who made the world and everything in it? Who in particular does Colossians say made this world?

(God did - Father, Son [Jesus] and Spirit)

Who is everything made for?

(it is made for Jesus)

Jesus died and then he came back to life, never to die again! How can we be sure we will come back to life again too?

(we can be absolutely sure because Jesus has come back to life first, he is alive, only an alive Saviour can save us)