

Kids Church At Home June 14th

You will need sheets of paper and pencils or textas for the activity.

Start by reading the memory through verse together.

Colossians 3:17 "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Our big idea today is that God wants us to do everything in a way that pleases the Lord.

This isn't just an instruction for kids – it's for everyone, including grown ups.

What does "in word or deed" mean?

- Not just the things we do or don't do but also the things we might say to or about someone.

Are we honouring God in everything? All the time? Not just when someone is watching or can hear us?

In Colossians 3, Paul gives us a lot of instructions about living together and making life work in a way that pleases the Lord.

Activity:

- **Kids** – make a list (or draw pictures) of the things you are responsible for when you are at home

Eg. feeding the pets, packing away toys, doing the dishwasher, bins, making bed, putting away clothes, hanging up school bag.

- **Grown Ups** – make a list of things you are responsible for at home. Eg. (Talk openly with kids about this) ... providing love, care, discipline, education, house, food, clothes, managing money.

READ Col 3:20-21 together.

What does Colossians 3:20-21 say children and parents are responsible for?

- Kids obeying their parents in everything
- Fathers not to embitter their children / make it hard to obey / discourage
- Implied in v20. is that both parents will be active in asking children to do things.

Add these to your picture / list.

Why are we to do these things?

Kids - cause it pleases the Lord

Fathers - so kids don't become discouraged

Kids:

What is your normal response to when mum or dad ask you to do a job?

Do you obey? ... Do you sometimes disobey?

What might be different if you listened and did your jobs because you wanted to please Jesus?

Parents:

(NB. These can be done alone as parents if your kids are younger ... but if your kids are old enough ... they might enjoy hearing your answers to these questions!)

Fathers, are their ways you are treating your children that make it hard to obey? How can you encourage your children to obey and please the Lord?

Mums and dads ... do you require your children to obey? How are you helping them to live in a way that pleases the Lord in their obedience?

Read Colossians 3:12-14.

All together think about what your home ... what would it be like if everyone chose to live God's way and be thankful for all he has given us?

Pray together and thank God for all that he has done for you through Jesus.

Ask for help to obey in everything because this pleases the Lord. Ask him to help you and your whole family be more like Jesus each day.