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BEARING FRUIT IN EVERY GOOD WORK

A FAMILY GUIDE

Colossians 1:3–14



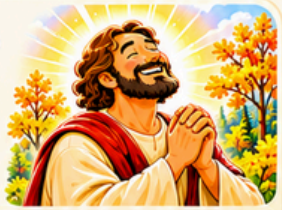
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Open your Bible and read these words together. Ask the questions, talk about what Jesus has done, and help your child see how the gospel changes the way we love people.

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1 PAUL THANKED GOD.



Paul heard that the believers trusted Jesus and loved one another. He thanked God for the grace he saw in them.

ASK:
- Why did Paul thank God for these people?
- Who are you thankful for today?

2 THE GOSPEL GROWS GOOD FRUIT.



The good news about Jesus does not just change what we believe. God uses it to grow love and obedience in our lives.

ASK:
- What good fruit might Jesus grow in us?
- Where can people see that fruit?

3 GOD GIVES US STRENGTH.



Paul prayed that God would strengthen His people with power so they could keep trusting and obeying Him.

ASK:
- Why do we need God's help?
- When do you need strength from Jesus?

4 JESUS HELPS US KEEP LOVING.



Endurance means trusting Jesus when life is hard. Patience means being kind when people are hard. Jesus helps us with both.

ASK:
- When is it hard to be patient?
- How can Jesus help us love well?

5 JESUS RESCUED US FIRST.



God delivered us from darkness and brought us into the kingdom of His beloved Son. In Jesus, we have forgiveness.

ASK:
- What did Jesus do for us?
- Why does His love change the way we treat others?

LET'S TALK

- What is one thing Jesus is teaching us in this passage?
- Who is one person that can be hard to love?
- How does Jesus help us keep loving?
- What is one loving step our family can take this week?

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Remember it. Practice it. Live it.



KEY VERSE

"being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy;"
Colossians 1:11 ESV

HAND MOTIONS

SAY THE VERSE. DO THE MOTIONS. REPEAT TOGETHER!

1. "being strengthened" — Show your muscles with both arms.
2. "with all power" — Stretch your arms out wide.
3. "according to his glorious might" — Lift both hands up high to God.
4. "for all endurance" — March in place and keep going.
5. "and patience with joy" — Take a deep breath, smile, and put your hands over your heart.

MAKE IT STICK

Try one (or more) of these this week as a family to remember the verse!

1. **SAY & SHOW** — Practice the verse together using all five hand motions.
2. **DRAW IT** — Draw a picture of someone showing patience and joy.
3. **MEMORY CHALLENGE** — Say the verse together and try to remember one more phrase each time.

LIVE IT OUT

Simple ways to put this verse into practice as a family this week.

1. **PRAY FOR STRENGTH** — Ask Jesus to help your family obey Him and keep loving others.
2. **CHOOSE PATIENCE** — When someone frustrates you, stop, breathe, and answer kindly.
3. **KEEP LOVING** — Do one loving thing for a person who can be hard to love.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

- When is it hardest for us to be patient?
- Why do we need Jesus' strength to keep loving people well?
- What is one loving step our family can take this week?

FAMILY PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for loving us first. Strengthen us with Your power. Help us keep loving, keep trusting, and keep responding with patience and joy. Amen.

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