



Student Activities for New Testament Volume 31

Christ the Head of the Church

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MEMORY VERSE TOKENS

Duplicate the memory verse tokens (masters found on pages 10 and 11), making one token for each student in your class.

MEMORY VERSE POSTER

Enlarge and color the poster on page 12 or enlarge the poster on page 13 to use for teaching the memory verse.

STUDENT COLORING PAGES

Permission is granted to make one copy of pages 14 through 29 for each student in your class. For best results, set your copier to "text mode" and not "photo/grayscale mode" if this feature is available to you.

Lesson 1

CHRIST—HIGH OVER ALL

DISCUSSION TIME

Materials Needed: Pictures of high mountains, skyscrapers, tall towers, etc.

Talk with your class about things that are high above us to help them grasp the concept that Jesus Christ is high over all things, people and their hearts. Ask students what things they think are very high in the air. Ask what they think is the highest thing from the ground.

Explain that all these things they are talking about are literally high. See if anyone knows what it means to be figuratively high. (Someone can be high up in the air in a plane, or someone can be a high ruler in a country. The first example is literal and the second is figurative.) Try to determine if your class understands these two words, providing more examples if necessary. Tell the class that although they may already think of Jesus as being high above them in Heaven, He is high above all things as is an important and powerful ruler. Jesus is high above every person, every angel; He was high above everything, even while He lived on earth. We are going to learn about Jesus Christ's high and lofty position as we begin the book of Colossians.

POSTER: Christ—High Over All

Prepare: Enlarge page 4 or copy it to a chalkboard or dry erase board, leaving room for omitted words as shown. Create seven word cards to fit in the spaces, and print the missing words on them. Reinforce the spaces on the poster with strips of masking tape. Do the same on the back of the word cards. Next, roll another piece of tape—one for each space—and place on the back of the cards. The cards can then be attached to the poster by pressing them against the masking tape strips. Cards may be removed later without tearing the poster.

Directions: Use visual to teach the seven facts of the Bible lesson. To review truths, remove the cards, mix them up, and have students replace them correctly.

Answer Key: 1. God; 2. first; 3. Christ; 4. head; 5. rose; 6. Christ; 7. all

HANDOUT: True or False

Prepare: Duplicate the handout on page 5, making one copy for each student in your class.

Spiritual Application: This activity is designed to begin teaching students the difficult task of discernment.

Directions: Remind the class how the Colossians had a hard time distinguishing between truth and false teaching. Explain how important it is for God's children to compare what they hear and are taught with the Bible and the Holy Spirit. You may want to do the exercise as a group or individually.

Answer Key: True: 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9. False: 3, 5, 7

Lesson #2

THE FULLNESS OF GOD— IN CHRIST

REVIEW: Hidden Message

Materials Needed: Small bulletin board or styrofoam (1" thick, 18" x 14"), paper to cover board, nine 3" x 5" cards, thumbtacks, felt-tip pen.

Prepare: Cover board with paper. Print closing part of Colossians 1:18 in three columns, three words per column (see illustration below). Number cards from 1 to 9. On the reverse sides, print the nine questions listed on page 2. Cover words by thumbtacking cards onto board, number side showing.

Question	Hidden Message		
	1	2	3
	4	5	6
	7	8	9

Hidden Message		
That	in	all
things	Christ	might
have	first	place.