

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **September 4, 2022** Family Theme | **Living for Christ**
Study Text | **Philippians 1:1-30**

Objective: Learners find joy and glorify God by living each day in a way that is worthy of Christ and His gospel.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: The apostle Paul likely wrote this letter to the Christians in Philippi while under house arrest in Rome, around AD 62. Paul led the way in obeying Christ's command to take the gospel to all people groups, establishing churches and teaching them to obey Christ's commands.

Bible Basics: Go over the following question and answer this week with family members. **What are the basic offices of the church?** **Answer:** The pastor is the main preacher and teacher of the church, who exercises oversight over the group (1 Timothy 3:1-7). Deacons are godly men who assist the pastor and people in carrying out the mission of the church (1 Timothy 3:8-10).

Read the Word: Philippians 1:1-30

Disciple Your Kids

Talk with your children or grandchildren about how we can have joy by advancing the gospel message and living in a way that is worthy of Christ and the gospel.



Key Truth: Believers Find Joy in Loving One Another, Partnering to Spread the Gospel, and Growing in Christ (Philippians 1:1-11)

Paul began with the traditional greeting including himself as the author, who he was writing to, and a blessing (verses 1-2). He thanked God for the Philippians' partnership in spreading the gospel (verses 3-5). God will complete what He is doing in His followers (verse 6). Paul encouraged the Philippians to continue their support of the gospel ministry and to keep growing in love for one another (verses 7-8). He prayed they would grow in Christ-like love, be able to discern what is best, and be blameless when Christ returns, filled with Christ's righteousness (verses 9-11).



Key Truth: Believers Can Glorify Christ by Living Worthy of the Gospel No Matter Their Circumstances (Philippians 1:12-30)

Paul assured the Philippians that even his imprisonment was advancing the gospel, which was his priority. His situation was causing others to preach Christ, some for the right reasons and others with wrong motives (verses 12-18). Paul expected to be delivered because of their prayers for him, but wanted to honor Christ through the way he lived or the way he died. To live is to walk with and serve Christ. To die is to be with Him in glory (verses 19-21). Paul struggled with what he wanted most, to continue the work God gave him, or to go on and be with Christ. He wanted to be with Christ, but knew his continued ministry would be best for the Philippians (verses 22-26). We strive to live in ways that honor and glorify Christ, including being faithful to the gospel message and united with other believers (verse 27). The Philippians were not to be frightened by the trials they would face for the cause of the gospel. He warned them that persecution and challenges would come their way, but this was a privilege for them in Christ (verses 28-30).

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with family members this week. Questions in **bold** will be good to use with elementary age children.

- **What does it mean to live for Christ?**
- What can we do to continue to grow in love, faith, and holiness, bearing fruit for God's glory?
- How can we respond to blessings and good circumstances in ways that advance the gospel?
- **How did God use Paul's circumstances to spread the gospel?**
- **How can we use difficult circumstances to bring Jesus glory and spread the gospel?**
- What does it mean to live in a way that is worthy of Christ and the gospel?
- What could you set aside or begin to do this week in order to more fully live in a way that is worthy of Christ?

Everyday Extras

Brainstorm with your family about ways we can act like Jesus would act. Write the suggestions on strips of paper and put them in a jar. Together, read Philippians 1:21, and pray that God will help your family to live for Christ—at home, at school, at work, and in your community. Have everyone choose a suggestion strip and find ways to “live it” during the day. Report on your successes when you are together tomorrow. Wearing a Christian t-shirt or Christian jewelry is fine, but doing what Jesus would do is even better.

As a family, pray the words of Philippians 1:9–11 over one another. Parents can lead by substituting a child's name in the verses (instead of the word *you*), but older children can do the same for their parents and for one another. Young children can supply key words as you coach them. This prayer model from God's Word can teach every family member about the way we should diligently pray for each other.

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned Paul loved Jesus and wanted everyone to know about Him. But some people did not want him sharing about Jesus. They had Paul arrested and he was in prison for two years. Paul was sent by ship to Rome to talk to the Emperor. The ship was caught in a bad storm for several weeks (Acts 27). God was with Paul and **God Is With Us All the Time** too.