

Family Theme | **Proclaiming Christ** Date | **October 12, 2025**
Study Text | **Philippians 1:1–30**

Read the Word: Philippians 1:1–30

Disciple Your Family: Discuss ways we can spread the gospel and honor Christ.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



Key Truth: Christians Seek Ways to Spread the Gospel Message
(Philippians 1:1–18)

APPLY: Partner with your church, with missionaries, and with other believers to spread the gospel.

- *How can we partner in the gospel with other believers?* (Share the gospel with people we meet; support pastors and missionaries who are spreading the gospel; give to and support the ministries of our local church; etc.)
- *Why is it easier to partner with others to spread the gospel rather than go at it alone?*

APPLY: Continue to grow in love, faith, and holiness, bearing fruit for God's glory.

- *What can we do to continue growing in love, faith, and holiness? How does that help us bear fruit for God's glory?*
- *In verse 9, Paul wrote about discernment. Why is discernment so important in today's world?*

APPLY: Look for ways to use every circumstance, whether good or bad, to advance the gospel.

- *Why can believers have joy and advance the gospel, even in difficult circumstances?* (God uses difficulty for our good and His glory; the way we handle difficulty can be a witness for Christ; etc.)
- *What are some good things in life that allow us to point others to Christ? What are some bad things in life that allow us to point others to Christ?*



Key Truth: Christians Honor Christ in Life or Death (Philippians 1:19–30)

APPLY: Live in a way that is worthy of Christ and the gospel.

- *What does it mean to live in a way that is worthy of Christ and the gospel?* (We avoid and shun sin and practice what is good and right as Christ would.)

APPLY: See life as an opportunity to serve and glorify your Savior, and death as going to be with Christ in Heaven.

- *What did Paul mean when He said to live is Christ and to die is gain?* (For the believer, life is about knowing and serving Christ. Death is gain for the believer because we go to be with Christ.)
- *Compare Paul's perspective to those who have no hope beyond this world. Why is hope so important for Christians?*

APPLY: Do not be intimidated by adversaries or difficulties you face because of living for Christ. View suffering for Him as a privilege.

- *How do you think Christ would want you to respond when difficulties come?*

- *If God often works in our lives through trials, why do you think we so often seek comfort and security?*
- *How can a believer prevent bitterness and anger from being present during difficult seasons of life?*

Build a Foundation: Discussion questions for elementary students.

- Where was Paul when he wrote his letter to the believers in Philippi? (In prison.)
- What is joy and how is it different from happiness? (Joy is the delightful contentment that comes from knowing Jesus. Happiness is a temporary feeling based on circumstances.)
- How can you have joy when you go through hard times?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: ***Philippians 4:4***



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

Adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication (requests) are included in Jesus' Model Prayer.

Everyday Extras:

Remind family members joy is delightful contentment from knowing Jesus and happiness is a temporary feeling based on circumstances. Name some different scenarios and brainstorm ways to have joy in them. Discuss ways that Jesus could be glorified and how each situation could be used as an opportunity to share Him with others. Pray that each family member would choose joy even in hard times.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned just as the angel said, the ship was wrecked, but all 276 people swam or floated to a nearby island. God was with Paul when he was bit by a poisonous snake and God used Paul to heal the island chief's father and others on the island. Just as God was with Paul, **God Is With Us All the Time** too.