

# INTRODUCTION TO PHILIPPIANS

**THEME VERSE:** Philippians 4:4 - "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice."

## WHO:

**Paul-**  
Apostle of Jesus Christ (Acts 9)

***The Church at Philippi-***  
Paul planted this church during his second missionary journey (Acts 16:12-40)

## WHERE/WHEN:

- Paul most likely wrote this letter to the Philippians when he was imprisoned in Rome in AD 60-62 (1:12-14)
- Philippi, a Greek city in the region of Macedonia, was the first town where Paul established a church

## WHY:

- To inform them about his circumstances at Rome (1:12-26)
- To exhort them to unity (2:1-2; 4:2)
- To explain why he sent Epaphroditus to them (2:25-27)
- To warn against false teachers (3:1-4:1)
- To thank the Philippians for their gift (4:10-18)

For us today - Paul shares a real example of how to find joy in every circumstance (4:4-7)

**NO MATTER WHAT**

Practice  
this verse  
all week!!

PHILIPPIANS 1:1-11

# LITTLES

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE: Philippians 1:6 -

"being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

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the Philippians tab  
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## Helpful Definitions:

**Confident -**  
sure, positive

**Joy -**  
pleasure and happiness  
rooted in Christ

## TALK & SING

- Practice naming the fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5:22-23  
Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness,  
Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control



Who in our lives can we thank  
God for? Pray and thank God for  
them now!

## GOD IS FAITHFUL TO FINISH THE WORK HE BEGAN.

Find a household job you and your little one can do together. While you are working tell them - "Did you know, God finishes the work He began! He never quits, never gives up, and never grows tired. Even though we sometimes do those things, we can praise God because He is Faithful to finish His Work!"



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## PHILIPPIANS 1:12-18

# LITTLES

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**MEMORY VERSE:** Philippians 1:18 - "What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice."

### Helpful Definitions:

#### *Gospel -*

Good News; that Jesus Christ lived, died, and rose again to give the gift of eternal life to sinners who believe, repent and follow Him

## TALK & SING

- Read and repeat John 3:16 together. Talk about the good news of who Jesus is and what He came to do!



Pray for your little one with them:  
Thank God for the gift  
of sending His Son, and ask  
that He draw them to follow him  
all of the days of their life.

### ACTIVITY: COLLECTION FOR FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

In Bainbridge & Donalsonville, Christ is proclaimed to children at the Friendship House of Jesus (FH). Take your child to the store and pick out individually packaged snacks for the FH to use this summer during their program. Share with your child what the FH does and pray for their ministry this summer. Drop off at church any Sunday.



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## PHILIPPIANS 1:19-26

# LITTLES

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**MEMORY VERSE:** Philippians 1:21 -  
"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

### Helpful Definitions:

#### **Gain -**

better, advantage

#### **Eternal Life -**

Life forever  
with God

## TALK & SING

- Read the Creation story in a children's bible, emphasizing how God created all things good, how we were made for a close relationship with our Creator, and how heaven will be an incredible place because we will be with Jesus forever. Being with Him is the best place we could ever be.

**PRAY**

Thank God for being the GOOD Creator.

Thank Him for His creation and specifically for creating your little one. Thank Him for making a way for us to have life with Him forever.

### ACTIVITY: CREATION WALK

Take a walk as a family looking for things God created and thanking him for those things. Look for big things and small things, different colored things, things you can see and things you can't see. "God is the creator and giver of life, including eternal life."



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## PHILIPPIANS 1:27-30

# LITTLES

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**MEMORY VERSE:** Philippians 1:27a "Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ..."

### Helpful Definitions:

#### **Worthy -**

deserving effort, attention,  
or respect

#### **Manner of life -**

way you do things,  
the way you live

## TALK & SING

- This week repeat these 3 truths together:
  - God created us.
  - He knows the best way to live.
  - God's word tells us how we should live.



Thank God for His Word which shows us how to live. Ask Him to write His commands on our hearts and minds. Pray Psalm 119:73 with each other: "Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands."

## PRAY

### ACTIVITY: RIGHT WAY - WRONG WAY

Find a task around the house (putting away shoes, folding a shirt) and demonstrate a right and wrong way to do it. Make it fun and silly! Talk to your child about how in God's word he shows us the right way to live. When we live according to His Word, others will see God in our actions. The only way we can live this way is by God's spirit and strength.



## MOVE

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## PHILIPPIANS 2:1-18

# LITTLES

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**MEMORY VERSE:** Philippians 2:14-15 - "Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so you may become blameless and pure, 'children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.' Then you will shine among them like the stars in the sky"

### Helpful Definitions:

**Grumbling -**  
complaining,  
rejecting God's will

**Warped -**  
straying from God's path,  
twisted and distorted

## TALK & SING

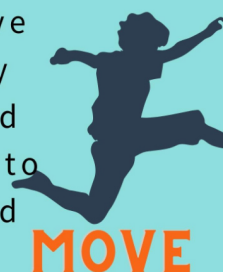
- **2:6 - Jesus is God - TRINITY: Father, Son, Spirit.** *kids - remind them that Jesus took the*
- **2:7 - Was born as a human - fully God AND fully human.** *punishment that we should have*
- **2:8 - Obeyed God by offering His life as a sacrifice - in our place!** *received!*
- **2:9 - He was raised to life & sits with God in heaven!**
- **2:10 - Everyone will bow to Jesus.**
- **2:11 - Everyone will know that Jesus is Lord!**



Thank Jesus for what He did for us. Ask him to help us live a life free of grumbling and arguing so our lives will shine like stars for others to see Jesus in our family and acknowledge Him as LORD!

### ACTIVITY: SHINE LIKE STARS

Round up a flashlight and shut off all the lights in the house. Have one person hide with the flashlight shining up to the ceiling. Try finding them by following the light. OR take a walk after dark and look up at the stars. Share with your child how living as God says to live stands out from the world. Jesus is the light of the world and he uses his followers to be lights to point others to him.



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## PHILIPPIANS 2:19-30

# LITTLES

**MEMORY VERSE:** Philipians 2:22 "But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with his father he has served with me in the gospel."

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### Helpful Definitions:

**Proven -**

shown through his  
actions

**Worth -**

of great value

## TALK & SING

- This week repeat these 3 truths together:
  - God is the Father of His people.
  - We can be a part of God's family.
  - God's family loves and serves one another.



Thank God for the gift of a church family and those that serve and teach us every week. Pray for our pastors, elders/deacons, Gkids leaders, and the whole church body - that we will grow in loving and serving one another - and that others would be drawn to Jesus through our church family.

### ACTIVITY: CARE, CONCERN & LOVE

One way we show care, concern, and love as a church here at Grace is by meeting the needs of those sometimes forgotten. This week remember the elderly in our community. Pray for them, consider collecting hygiene items for the "Jesus is \_\_\_" ministry (see app for more info), and draw a picture or write a note to encourage them. Also, mark your calendars to attend Hymn sing this month on July 31st at 6:00pm. Drop collection items at the table this Sunday.



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## PHILIPPIANS 3:1-14

# LITTLES

**MEMORY VERSE:** Philippians 3:13-14 - "One thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

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### Helpful Definitions:

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## TALK & SING

- This week repeat these 3 truths together:
  - God is Holy, perfect and without sin.
  - Nothing we can do can earn God's favor.
  - Knowing and following Jesus is the most important thing.



## PRAY

Pray that God would reveal Himself more to your family and that He would be most valued in your words, thoughts, and actions. Pray that your little one would see Jesus as the most valuable thing every day of their life.

### ACTIVITY: WOULD YOU RATHER?

Think of things your child values. Ask them "would you rather" questions to find out what they treasure the most.

"Would you rather a bowl of ice cream or a dollar bill? Would you rather a movie or going for a bike ride?" Share with your child how much more valuable, precious, and important Jesus is than all these things.



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## PHILIPPIANS 3:15-21

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# LITTLES

**MEMORY VERSE:** Philippians 3:20-21 - "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself."

### Helpful Definitions:

#### **Citizenship -**

our identity and belonging

#### **Heaven -**

the place where God is  
with Jesus

## TALK & SING

- This week repeat these 3 truths together:
  - God is in control, Sovereign.
  - God is all powerful, Omnipotent.
  - We are eagerly waiting for Jesus to return!



## PRAY

Pray with your little one that the Lord would show them their need for a Savior and that they would respond to His voice. Pray He would give them eyes and hearts for eternal things and that they would grow to be mature believers in Christ.

### ACTIVITY: FOLLOW ME

Play a game of Copy Cat, or have your child do something right alongside of you. Do a chore together, go for a walk, cook supper. Model for them how to do what they need to do. Tell your little one "We can follow others' example too as they follow Jesus."



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## PHILIPPIANS 4:1-23

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# LITTLES

**MEMORY VERSE:** Philippians 4:6-7 - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus."

## Helpful Definitions:

**Anxious -**  
worried, nervous

**Prayer -**  
talking to God

## TALK & SING

- This week repeat these 3 truths together:
  - We talk to God by praying!
  - God cares about you and wants you to talk to Him.
  - Jesus is the Prince of Peace and He gives us peace.



Pray with your little one that they would learn to pray and talk to God all throughout their day. Pray that they would grow to trust Jesus as their Savior and walk all their days in His peace!

## ACTIVITY: PRAYER SCAVENGER HUNT

Cut out the prayer location strips and place them where they go around your home. Start at your child's bedroom and follow the clues, praying at each location. Let your child lead you to each new location and take turns praying.



**MOVE**