

One Simple Way to Share the Gospel with Kids

Colossians Family {Bible} Time #4 at OurFamilyForHisGlory.com

Before you start, gather these supplies:

- Mirror
- Masking tape/painter tape
- Shaving cream (or substitute with erase board markers, finger paints, sticky oatmeal, whipped cream, mud, etc. – obviously take note of the mess it will most likely make, and make sure you will be able to get it off in the end.)
- Bible

Read Colossians 1:15-23 together – using your “props” to tell the story...

When reading about how Christ is the image of God (vs. 15), **have them look into the mirror.** Briefly explain what an “image” is.

When talking of how all things were created by Him and for Him (vs. 16&17) **have your children try to grab a pile of air and “create” something out of it.** Talk about how only God can create something out of nothing, and how only He can hold all things together.

When reading of how Christ is the firstborn from the dead (*first to be raised from the dead to never die again*), and of His blood shed on the cross (vs. 18-20) **tape a cross to the mirror.**

When reading of how we were alienated from God, enemies of Him in our minds because of our sins (vs.21) have them think of sins that they have done. (*This wasn't too hard for my kids to think of, as they'd been kicking and shoving each other off and on since we headed out the door with a Bible and a mirror. – Just keeping it real.*) **For every sin they think of, they should put a glob of shaving cream on the mirror.**

Talk about how sometimes sin is fun, and can even look beautiful at the time. Other times sin just makes a big sticky mess. But, no matter how they may feel or look, **all those evil deeds separate us from God.**

When reading about how we have been reconciled to (*made right with*) God through Christ's death on the cross and how we are made holy in his sight (vs. 22) – have them go quickly **wash off their hands. As they are gone, remove the tape from the mirror.** As they return, they will be amazed by **the cross that shines through. Talk about how Christ's death on the cross made a way for us to be made right with God... our sins are gone... we are blameless and holy... without sin!**

Read the last verse (vs. 23) which talks about being firm in the faith, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel (which is the good news of Jesus that we just shared with them!). **Have each child look into the mirror, and talk about how God sees them through the incredible work of Jesus on the cross.** They too can be firm in their faith and servants of Him.

