

PERSPECTIVE

Giving God My Love and Attention

Level of Biblical Learning:
God made people able to love Him.

Colossians 3:1-4

Parent Helps:

- Ask: “What would you do if I said: ‘Pay attention’ or ‘Get focused?’”
- Affirm that to pay attention means “to listen, watch, or think about something very carefully.”
- Read aloud this week’s passage, Colossians 3:1-4. Focus on verse two: “Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.” (CSB)
- Explain that people should want to love and pay attention to Jesus more than any person or thing. Jesus should be the most important of all!

Discussion Questions:

Younger Kids:

1. How do you know that Jesus loves you?
2. How can you show Jesus that you love Him?
3. How can you show others that you love Jesus?

Older Kids:

1. Why is it sometimes hard to pay attention to Jesus more than other people/things?
2. Is there a person or thing that sometimes takes your focus away from God? Who/what is it?
3. Jesus said in Matthew 22:37 to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind. That means to love God with everything! How can you show your love for God?

Apply:

- People should love God more than any person or thing. (Exodus 20:3; Matthew 22:37-38; 1 John 2:15)
- The words you speak, thoughts you think, and things you do should honor God. (1 Corinthians 10:31; Philippians 4:8; Colossians 3:17)
- People show their love for Jesus by obeying Him. (John 14:15; 1 John 2:3-6)

Activity:

How can your family share God’s love with someone this week? Make a plan and do it! Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Write an encouraging note to a church member or our church staff.
- Call an elderly friend or neighbor just to say hello. Offer to help with any needs.
- Make a care package for a college student.
- Paint rocks and leave them around town for people to find. Include your favorite Bible verse.

Pray Together:

- Tell Jesus how much you love Him, and thank Him for loving you.
- Ask God to help your family pay attention to Him. Pray that God would help you set aside distractions and spend time with Him.
- Praise God for our new Children’s Minister and his family, Timothy, Kayla, Aubrey, and Hannah Statton!