

Jesus Above Everything - January 31

Parents: This month we read about Jesus calming a storm and healing the sick—miracles only God can do! We see in Colossians 1:19, that God was pleased to have his fullness dwell in Jesus and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things. Let's share this important message with our children.



Read: Colossians 1:15-20 - The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Discuss:

The Son is the image of the invisible ___ (God), the _____ (firstborn) over all creation.

Think back a couple weeks ago when we read in Mark, Chapter 4, when Jesus and His disciples were in a boat during the storm, what happened when Jesus said, "Quiet! Be still!" *The wind and waves became calm. Jesus has power over creation.*

For in Jesus what things were created? *Everything! He is above it all.* If Jesus is above everything, where should He be in our hearts? *Number one.* What can we trust Jesus with? *Everything!*

What happened when a paralyzed man was brought to Jesus by his faithful friends (Luke, Chapter 5)? *Jesus forgave him and healed him.* How could Jesus heal both the man's body and soul? *Jesus sacrificed for the man and for us when He died on the cross for our sins. We have forgiveness and reconciliation, or a restored relationship, with God because of Jesus.*

Key Point: Jesus Is Above it All

Jesus is (Tap one finger in opposite palm)
Above it All (Raise hands above head and sweep them outward)

Family Activity: Color and cut out the image of Jesus and the disciples. Tape to a popsicle stick or straw. Utilizing paper and supplies on hand make waves and a backdrop. Only adhere the top wave on either side of the project to allow for boat movement.

Prayer: Dear God, We praise You for all that You do for us. You have power over everything. We saw that as You controlled the winds and waves, healed lepers and a man who couldn't walk and even forgave sins. Help us confess our sins to You and honor You with our whole lives. We thank and love You. Amen.

Next Steps: Memorize Colossians 1:15 - The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.



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Colossians 1:15