

ELMO PRES KIDS

Sunday School, May 17th, 2020



Big Idea

I press on to know Jesus and the power of his resurrection because Jesus made me his own.

Prepare

Grab your Bible, a pencil, a notebook/journal, and a device to access online content. Find a quiet place to sit. Ask the Holy Spirit to open your heart & mind to hear and apply God's Word.

Sing

Click on these links for some fun praise songs from Rend Co. Kids.

[My Lighthouse](#) & [Need to Know You](#)

Review & Preview

Review memory verse by saying it using your best cowboy accent. You could try repeating it using more accents (i.e. mouse squeak, Southern, robot, Darth Vader, British, Kermit the Frog). *"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."* *Philippians 1:6*

Last week, we learned that we may care for others by following Christ's example of self-sacrificing love. We met two ordinary guys, Timothy and Epaphroditus, who served as Christ-like role models for us. This week, we discover the joy of knowing Christ is possible because Jesus has given us his righteousness and made us his own. As a result of receiving Christ's gift of righteousness, we press on toward all of God's promises.

Watch, Read & Discuss

Find **Philippians 3** in your Bible.

In **Philippians 3:1-6**, Paul lists his achievements, both earned and inherited, that many religious Jews thought would give Paul right standing before God. But, Paul says our salvation isn't based on what we do but on what Christ has done for us.

- Do you think going to church, saying grace at meals, feeding the hungry, being good, refusing to kick cats, or having Christian parents make you a Christian? Why or why not?

Read **Philippians 3:7-10**.

Only Jesus can give us his right standing before God and remove the stain of our sin. When God looks at us, God sees Jesus' righteousness! This amazing truth is called justification. How cool is that? When you believe the work Jesus did for you on the cross and put your faith in Jesus, God declares you righteous.

- Write this definition for justification in your journal/notebook: ***Justification means our declared righteousness before God.***

Read **Philippians 3:12-16**.

Not only does God declare us righteous, Jesus helps us grow in righteousness. Paul says he presses on to “take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me” (Phil 3:12). We want to grow in righteousness not because we are trying to prove to God we deserve salvation but because Jesus has made us his own and promises to help us grow. We call this process sanctification, and it is also a gift.

- Write this definition for sanctification in your journal/notebook: ***Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness.***

Watch this video: **Lesson on Philippians 3 by Benji/Eli/Sophia’s dad, Mr. Rick Fogg**

- Philippians 3:20 says our citizenship is in heaven. How do we live out our Christian faith as citizens of God’s kingdom? Discuss your thoughts with someone in your household.
- Paul encourages the Philippians to imitate his example. Do you have a role model like Paul to imitate? What sets this person apart as a helpful Christian role-model? In your journal/notebook, write down the name of your role-model and one or two ways you may imitate this person.

Apply & Pray

- What are one to two specific ways God may be calling you to “press on toward” Him in your day to day life? Take a moment to write your goal in your journal/notebook. Pray and commit this goal to God.
- Craft: Make an Olympic medal using card-stock circles or a small paper plate. Decorate your medal with stickers, glitter, ribbon, markers, etc. Write the memory verse in the center of your medal (Philippians 1:6).
- Extension Activity: Would you like to learn more about heaven? Click on this [video link](#) from the Bible Project to hear what the Bible says about heaven.