

# Colossians 1:13-18

## “Now What? WHOA!”

**Scripture:** Colossians 1:13-18

**Memory Verse:** Colossians 1:13 “*He rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son*” (NASB)

**Lesson Focus:** Continuing in our “*Jesus is Risen! Now What?*” theme, our answer this week is “WHOA!”. These few verses describe both Who Jesus is and what He has done in ways that should cause us to humbly bow down in worship. We will reference superheroes and show how by comparison Jesus Christ is supreme and the only REAL superhero.

**Activities and Crafts:** Coloring Picture of a Rescue, Word Search of different terms from lesson, Bring It Home Discussion for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Craft for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jesus Is My Superhero Bookmark

**Starter Activity:** Hangman

We are going to use Hangman as a way to both introduce the lesson and review the concepts from the previous lesson. Remind them of the question we have been asking as we have been going through Colossians: “*Jesus is Risen: Now What?*”

Draw the gallows and I would recommend “rigging” it so that they win (give them enough chances by drawing hands, feet, etc).

The answers to our “Now What?” question from last week were “GROW and GLOW”. The new answer for this week is “WHOA”. Write “Jesus is Risen: Now What?” and then put all three answers as blanks underneath and have them take turns guessing with letters. Make it fun!

After the game have some brief discussion on what is meant by “WHOA”. This is an expression of awe and wonder at something that you see or experience. Ask the kids to share some things that make them say or think “WHOA”. Some ideas:

- 1) Skydivers
- 2) American Ninja Warrior Contestants
- 3) Olympian Gymnasts or Divers

These few verses of Colossians present Jesus Christ to us in a way that should startle us. When we step back and look at Who Jesus Christ actually is and what He did for us, we also should say “WHOA” in daily worship and praise of Him!

## Bible Study:

While we covered v. 13-14 last week, we will start there this week as these verses set the stage for our “WHOA” theme for this lesson.

**Colossians 1:13-14:** These verses sounds like something out of a superhero story!

Q: What is something that almost all superheroes are known for doing?

A: Rescuing! \*

When someone is *rescued* they are moved out of a place of danger and into a place of safety. **Teachers:** Consider writing on the board a few examples of a hero, the rescued, the place of danger, and the place of safety. Have the kids help you fill in each! A few examples:

HERO, RESCUED, DANGER, SAFETY

- 1) Brave neighbor, cat, stuck in a tree, back in loving owner’s arms
- 2) Firefighter, grandma, a burning house, outside
- 3) Mario, Princess, Bowser’s dungeon, her castle

Then look at v. 13 again and have the kids help you fill in each according to what this verse teaches!

- 4) God, us, power and kingdom of darkness, Jesus’s kingdom

Boys and girls: This is what the WHOLE BIBLE is about. God made us, we rebelled and were trapped in this kingdom of darkness and sin, but God the Father sent God the Son, Jesus Christ, to rescue and MOVE us out of darkness and back into His kingdom. \*

Q: How many of you have moved from one state to another? Colorado is now your new home state and you don’t live in the old one anymore.

In the same way, through simple trust and faith in Jesus Christ, our heroic rescuer, we have been MOVED OUT of the old state of Satan’s hateful control and MOVED IN to the state of Jesus Christ’s beautiful and loving control. Our position has changed and it cannot change back! This should cause us to say, “WHOA”! \*

**Colossians 1:15:** But Who is this Rescuer? The rest of our text will answer this question.

**Teachers:** Take a quarter and ask the kids whose image is on that coin (George Washington). If you have other change, consider testing the kids to see if they know who is on the penny, nickel, and dime also.

We have an *image* or likeness of this person on these coins. In the same way, when we look at Jesus Christ, we see the *image* or true likeness of God.

You want to know what God is really like? Look at Jesus!.

- 1) God's perfect holiness and goodness? Look at Jesus's perfect life. He never sinned or did anything wrong!
- 2) God's righteous anger at sin? Look at Jesus flipping over the tables in the temple when He was angry at people using the place of worship to rip others off.
- 3) God's giving love? Look at Jesus when He washed His disciples' feet.

Superhero movies are extremely popular right now. How many of you have seen some of those movies? Who is your favorite superhero? We are attracted to these stories because we all like rescue and the special effects of these movies make us say, "WHOA". But each one of these superheroes is flawed!

Ironman: Very proud and not very kind. He even starts a civil war with another hero. \*  
 Superman: Kryptonite is his weakness.

Boys and Girls: Jesus is the God-man, the Superhero of Superheroes! He is the perfect image of God and He has no weakness or fault. WHOA! \*

**Colossians 1:16:** This verse has a lot of words that say something very simple: Jesus, along with the Father and the Holy Spirit, created the WHOLE universe!

**Genesis 1:1** says, "*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*" Jesus, as the Son of God, was there! Jesus has real power to create something out of nothing! We see a sample of this when Jesus feeds the 5000!

One big problem in the superhero movies is there is no supreme Creator. In one of the Avengers movies, it is said, "In the beginning were infinity stones" (well, where did those come from?).

Boys and Girls: In the real world, there is a supreme Creator, the God of the Bible. In the beginning was God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit who created me and you. WHOA! \*

**Colossians 1:17:** In Jesus all things consist or are *held together*.

Doesn't this sound like the ultimate power? \*

- 1) Pikes Peak stands outside and is held together because of Jesus.
- 2) The sun perfectly situated in space to warm our world is because of Jesus.
- 3) You being here at church and breathing right now is because of Jesus. WHOA! \*

**Colossians 1:18:** Jesus Christ is the boss of the church! The church is not a building, but refers to you and me, all of those throughout the world who have been rescued by Jesus Christ!

We, as members of His church, are to follow Him and look up to Him!

**Key Point:** Superheroes will always have their fans and followers, but ONLY Jesus Christ wants to be in relationship with you! Thank about that! \*

In **John 10:14**, Jesus said that He is the good shepherd and that He knows His sheep, and His sheep know Him. Those sheep are the church, those who believe in Him! This superhero is not only REAL, but He wants REAL relationship with His sheep.

The same Jesus Christ Who is perfectly sinless and holy, Who made all things, Who holds all things together by His power, wants you to be with Him? WHOA! \*

Read **Revelation 3:20**. Will you surrender to Him? If you are not one of His sheep, He is knocking. Come and become one of His sheep!

ABCs of salvation:

- Admit that you are a sinner and have broken God's law (1 John 1:8)
- Believe that Jesus Christ took your sins upon Himself when he died on the cross and that He has taken your punishment upon Himself (John 3:16, Romans 5:8)
- Confess your sin and that Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior (Romans 10:9-10)

**Teachers:** If any of your kids respond to this gospel call, please be sure to pray with them and talk about it with their parents afterwards.

# Bring It Home

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**Teachers/Parents:** As we walk through the book of Colossians we plan to continually connect it back to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (which we just finished studying in the gospel of John) by asking the question, “*Now What?*” Today our answer was “WHOA” which expresses our amazement both at what Jesus Christ did for us and Who Jesus Christ actually is. What are some things that cause you to admirably say or think, “WHOA!”? Discuss.

## Discussion Questions:

- 1) We referenced superheroes a lot during our lesson. Who is your favorite superhero and why?
- 2) Read **Colossians 1:13-14**. Here we see God portrayed kind of like a superhero rescuing us from the danger of our rebellion and sin. Do you see yourself as rescued? Why or why not?
- 3) Read **Colossians 1:16-17**. These verses describe Jesus Christ clearly and unmistakably as God with divine “superpowers”. We called Him “God-man” during class. What are some of the things you notice in these verses about Who Jesus is and the power that He has that stir you to think or say “WHOA” in worship? Why?
- 4) Read **Luke 18:15-17**. When you consider Who Jesus is and the power He has as described in **Colossians 1:16-17**, what amazes you about what Jesus does here in this passage in Luke?
- 5) We discussed in class many different ways that Jesus Christ is superior to all of the superheroes that capture our culture’s attention. Can you think of any ways He is superior? Read **Revelation 3:20**. How is Jesus Christ different and superior here?
- 6) **Read 1 Samuel 12:24**. The whole point behind looking at Jesus and saying “WHOA” is so that we will respond with adoration and obedience. What are some ways you can lovingly serve God “in truth” with all your heart this week?