

Colossians 2:6-14

“Now What? Let’s Go!”

Scripture: Colossians 2:6-14

Memory Verse: Colossians 2:6 “As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him”

Lesson Focus: Continuing in our “*Jesus is Risen! Now What?*” theme, our answer this week is “**Let’s Go!**”. As our memory verse says, if we have received Jesus Christ by faith, then we ought to get going and live every day for Him. We will reference Dora the Explorer who always encourages her audience to join her in her adventures. We will make a similar appeal to the kids to go and join Jesus Christ on an adventure with Him!

Activities and Crafts: Coloring Picture “Walk with Jesus” for all grades, Word Search of different terms from lesson, Bring it Home Discussion for 3rd – 5th.
Craft for 1st & 2nd: Backpack

Starter Activity: Vamanos!

We will use the Spanish expression “Vamanos” to get our lesson going. Ask the kids if they know what this expression means in English.

It means “Let’s Go!”

Q: What are some places that you might say to your friends, “**C’mon, Vamanos! Let’s Go!**” (**Teachers:** Some ideas below, though consider bringing your own!)

- 1) Park, playground, or amusement park
- 2) Church
- 3) Bike ride or hike

Q: Does anyone remember the cartoon character who is famous for saying “Vamanos”?

A: Dora the Explorer!

Teachers: Have some fun talking about Dora with the kids. Most of them probably watched it as preschoolers. Ask the kids what that show was about and consider having them stick out their hands and say to you “Swiper No Swiping.” Mention how in every episode Dora GOES on some adventure and she says to you, the audience, Vamanos! *

Boys and Girls: In our text today, the Lord says the same thing to us. **Vamanos! Jesus is Risen! Let’s Go!** The Christian life is an adventure! And just like how Dora needed to bring a few things with her and encountered challenges on her journey, the same is true for Christians! Let’s open our Bibles and take a look!

Bible Study:

Colossians 2:6a: This verse teaches us about where the adventure begins: receiving Jesus by faith.

Q: What does it mean to receive something? A: You make that thing your own! Like that Christmas gift that you longed for and open up Christmas morning, you receive it and treasure it.

Jesus Christ willingly died on the cross and rose again to rescue us from sin and death! This was God's gift to you and me. But we must receive this gift by belief and faith. Then we can begin our adventure with the Lord!

Colossians 2:6b: After you receive Him, then we are to walk in Him.

Q: What do you think it means to walk in Him? *

This is where Jesus says to us, "Vamanos!" Let's go! Follow me! Live each day with me and for me! Keep going! *

Colossians 2:7: This goes back to our GROWING, GLOWING, and KNOWING from weeks prior.

Q: How many of you have ever had to help your parents with weeding around the yard? What do you think of those weeds that are "firmly rooted and established" in the ground?
A: They are HARD to yank up!

Jesus would have us be firmly rooted and established in Him! (**Teachers:** At this point consider referencing the picture of Dora with "backpack and map") Dora always had her backpack and map to tell her where to go and help her on her adventure.

Q: What do you think we need to be firmly rooted and established on our adventure with Jesus?

A: The Bible! Notice also in v. 7 it talks about being taught. Read your Bible, but also LISTEN to those who are teaching you the Bible. This is how you will be firmly rooted.

Then we will be like those weeds in the yard that cannot be yanked up!

Colossians 2:8: Here is why we must be firmly rooted like those weeds!

Q: Who is the character from Dora that is always trying to stop them? A: Swiper! (**Teachers:** At this point consider referencing the picture of Swiper and Dora)

Just like how Dora needed to be on guard for Swiper, we need to be on guard for ANYTHING that will lead us away from Jesus Christ and His word.

Dora had “magic words” that could stop Swiper (“Swiper no swiping”). We don’t have magic words, but we do have God’s word! People will try to “swipe” the truth out of us by telling us all sorts of baloney. God’s word is our baloney detector and if we don’t know God’s word, we won’t be able to spot the baloney!

Colossians 2:9-10: The baloney that the Colossian church had to be on guard for were wrong ideas about who Jesus was. (**Teachers:** In the 9/28-9/29 lesson we gave the kids a “baloney” quiz. Consider throwing these couple of Qs below at them again)

- 1) Is Jesus God?: **Colossians 1:16: Yes!**
- 2) Is Jesus Human?: **Colossians 2:9: Yes!**

Still today, there are people who will tell you Jesus didn’t actually rise from the dead or that Jesus isn’t God. Know your Bible so that you will not be yanked up by them!

Colossians 2:11-12: (**Teachers:** I would recommend skipping over any discussion of circumcision in your teaching. Have kids go to their parents if they ask you what this is!)

In every Dora adventure, she consults the map who tells her where she needs to go. (**Teachers:** At this point consider referencing the picture of the map) She starts somewhere, goes through certain places, and then gets to her final goal!

In v. 12 God’s word talks about being baptized. Q: Who knows what this?

A: This is something that Jesus told all of His followers to do to show the world that they were indeed His! Every Christian should have baptism on their own “adventure map”! If you want to get baptized, talk to your parents about this!

Colossians 2:13: This is what baptism symbolizes or represents!

Q: How many of you have been baptized before at RMC? Tell us what happened.

A1: First you were completely dunked into the water. This symbolizes how you are dead to living in sin and living against Jesus. Jesus died and was buried too!

A2: Then you are raised out of the water and everyone celebrates! This symbolizes your new life in Jesus Christ and your decision to walk with Him all of your days. Jesus was also raised from the dead!

Colossians 2:14: This verse gives us a powerful image of what happened on the cross when Jesus died there.

This verse talks about the record of wrongs/sins that we have done. Maybe you have lied to your Mom, bullied your baby sister, or stolen candy that wasn’t yours. The Bible says that God KNOWS all of these things! * The Bible also says that God will punish us in this life and the next for the wrongs that we have done.

But notice what it says was also nailed along with Jesus to the cross! Our record of wrongs! Imagine your list of sins on a sheet of paper. Some might be longer than others, but that doesn’t matter because WE ALL HAVE ONE!

The Bible teaches that Jesus offers to take all of those wrongs upon Himself. IF YOU BELIEVE in Jesus, then your whole list, past, present, AND FUTURE, were nailed to the cross along with Jesus! Wow!

Key Point: This brings us back to v. 6 where we started. This is only true for those who have received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

When you consider how much it cost Jesus to forgive your sins, that your sins were nailed to the cross with Him, you then can't help but walk in Him with tremendous joy and thanksgiving! That's the GLOW we have been talking about! "Wow, I am forgiven!"

Teachers: Consider drawing a big cross on your white board. Then hand out sticky notes to each kid. Tell them that if they are believers in Jesus Christ, all of their sins have been nailed to the cross (like it says in v. 14) and are therefore, forgiven.

Have them write down on the sticky note something wrong that they have done. (1st-2nd grade teachers, consider writing common childhood sins onto the sticky notes beforehand and pass them out if the kids are unable to write)

Then offer to have them take those sticky notes and put them on the cross! Even pretend to nail them in!

Afterwards, wrap up by going back to v. 6 and remind them that if they have received Christ Jesus the Lord, now they are to go walk in Him! Close the lesson with one final "Vamanos!" Let's go and show those around us that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior!

Bring It Home

Lesson Theme: “Now What? Let’s Go!”

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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 recently finished studying in the gospel of John) by asking the question, “*Now What?*” Today our answer was “Let’s Go! or Vamanos!”. This is an invitation to come and do something exciting. What are some examples of where you would use this expression?

Discussion Questions:

- 1) Our memory verse (**Colossians 2:6**) reminds us where our adventure as Christians must begin. According to this verse, what must happen before we can even get started on our adventure with Jesus?
- 2) Once we have received Christ Jesus the Lord, then v. 6 says we are to walk in Him. What do you think this means? What does this look like?
- 3) **Colossians 2:7** challenges us to be firmly rooted, built up, and established in the faith. Think of some examples of things in life that are firmly rooted, built-up, and established. How do we become more like these things in our faith in Jesus Christ?
- 4) In **Colossians 2:8**, we see why Paul is so eager for them to be built-up and established. Read **Jude 1:3-4** for another sober warning. Why do you think the Bible has so many warnings like this?
- 5) Read **Colossians 2:12**. How does this verse describe baptism? If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, have you thought about getting baptized? Why or why not?
- 6) Read **Colossians 2:13-14**. Imagine a list of all of the things that you have done wrong in your life. Then imagine that list getting nailed to the cross alongside Jesus. How does that make you feel? These verses teach this is what actually happened on the cross when we are joined to Him by faith! Read v. 6 one more time. How does the image of Jesus hanging on the cross with YOUR sins affect how you will “walk” in Him this week?






