

HOME connection

NT Unit: Living In Christ, Lesson 1

D6 Family Theme:
UNITY IN CHRIST

Objectives:

Know: God desires for His followers to be united around their mission in Christ.

Think: View all believers as teammates in the mission to spread the gospel.

Do: Cultivate unity with other believers in order to spread the gospel.



READ: LISTEN TO GOD

1 Corinthians 1:10-31. A casual study of the New Testament reveals the emphasis that God places on unity within His body, the church. Despite upbringing, heritage, and varying preferences, unity is always His perfect plan.



PRAY: TALK TO GOD

The common spiritual bond we share through Christ is greater than anything that may otherwise divide us. Pray that you and your family will focus on the commonalities you share with other believers in Christ instead of the earthly differences.



DO: WALK WITH GOD

Option 1: All followers of Christ come from different backgrounds, however we are all united under God through our mission to further His kingdom. Show your children a box of crayons, and explain to them how each crayon is a different color. Encourage them to draw a picture, and ask them what the purpose of each crayon is. They share the same purpose—to draw. Hold up their drawing and point out all of the different colors. Explain to them that even though all the crayons are different they are united in their purpose to work together to make a more colorful drawing. In the same way, each Christian is different, but we all work together to make God's name known.

Option 2: Play a simple game of "Greater Than." Write the following scenarios on a board or a piece of paper, asking your family which is greater.

- *-5 or -10* (-5 is greater)
- *3/4 or 7/10* (3/4 is greater)
- *8 cups or 1 quart* (8 cups is greater)
- *63 cm or 6 m* (6 meters is greater)
- *Unity or diversity* (unity is greater)

THIS WEEK IN D6 CURRICULUM:



PRE-
SCHOOL

Today your child learned the Bible tells us God created the world and everything in it. God loves everyone in the world and He wants everyone to know about His Son, Jesus. Even though people in the world look and dress differently and speak in different languages, they all need to know about Jesus. **Everyone Needs Jesus.**



K & 1
GRADE



2 & 3
GRADE



4 & 5
GRADE

Today your student learned Paul planted a church in Corinth. When they became divided on many issues, Paul wrote them a letter encouraging the believers to live as Christ followers. He urged the Christians in Corinth to remain united by focusing on Christ rather than the messengers. We can learn from Paul's letter to remember to have unity in Christ.



YOUNG
TEEN



HIGH
SCHOOL

Teens were reminded that Christ desires for His church to be unified and not to get distracted with unimportant and counterproductive divisions. They were encouraged to focus on and unite around the mission of sharing the gospel rather than the things that might divide them. As the world seems to focus on personal identity, remind your teen of the importance of finding his or her identity in Christ. This is the only identity that will bring true joy and fulfillment in life.



YOUNG
ADULT

Group members discussed the importance of being united in Christ and were challenged to develop unity with other believers in order to spread the gospel.



ADULT

FUSION and *FUSION*Next groups examined what Paul had to say about unity to the believers in Corinth.