

*Pray as you begin . . .*

READ together, taking turns with each verse, trying a different translation like the NLT or Message:

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:12-17

Family Connect:

March 29

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**SHARE** with each other what you see in the verses:

Underline everything it tells us to do—hint: find all the verbs

Circle every virtue of God that He wants to see in our lives

Draw a heart around every word referring to God or Christ (include pronouns)

**SONG:** Rejoice in the Lord

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice! (clap 2x)

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Rejoice, Rejoice, and again I say rejoice! (clap 2x)

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*CLAP twice after each line. Sing faster and faster with each time you repeat it.*

**MEMORIZE:** Verse 17

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Put it to a familiar tune or add motions to it. Have the kids put it together.

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:** Pick one or do all of them! Use them to springboard in what fits for your family!

**V-COAT:** Supplies—Grab one of mom's or dad's coat, stickies, markers

Look at the verses for this week and write each virtue listed on its own sticky note. Talk about what they mean. Then place them on the coat and let each family member take a turn putting it on. Hug each one to show that LOVE binds them all together.

**THANKS:** Make a family list of what everyone is thankful for. Let kids decorate it. Post it in a visible spot. Add to it throughout the week.

**CHARADES:** Let each family member take turns acting out something they normally do in any given day or week. When someone guesses what it is, they let them know they guessed correctly by saying, "I do it in the name of the Lord Jesus". The person who guesses correctly acts out theirs next. Continue until interest wains.

*Pray as you end . . .*