

# D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **December 26, 2021** Family Theme | **Unity and Wisdom in Christ** Study Text | **1 Corinthians 1:10-31**

**Objective:** Family members understand that God wants His people to be united around knowing Christ and helping others know and follow Him. We are to work to cultivate and maintain unity with other believers.

**How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible:** This lesson is set around AD 55 during the reign of Nero in Rome. Paul wrote to the believers in Corinth about some problems in the church that had been reported to him. He wrote during his three-year ministry in Ephesus.

**Bible Basics:** Memorize Colossians 3:17 this week and work with family members to do so as well.

**Read the Word:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-31

## Disciple Your Kids

Make sure family members understand that God wants His followers to focus on worshiping Christ and helping others come to know Him. He does not want Christians to argue and fight over things that don't really matter.



### **Key Truth: God Calls His Followers to Unity (1 Corinthians 1:10-11)**

Paul called the Corinthian believers to unity in what they believed and what they focused on. He wrote that it is our common commitment to and relationship with Christ that unites us. The apostle had received word that there were those in the church who were being contentious or quarrelsome. There were two apparent issues causing the division — one relating to philosophy and the other regarding loyalty. The appeal of Paul for unity was based on being one in Christ. The name and cause of Christ should unite a church more than various philosophies and points of view should ever divide a church.



### **Key Truth: Our Allegiance Belongs to Christ Above All Earthly Leaders (1 Corinthians 1:12-17)**

As was common among the lost Corinthians, people were creating allegiances toward various leaders or teachers who had influenced them, and this was causing contention. Paul urged his readers to instead give their allegiance to the one who was actually responsible for their salvation and whose name they carried — Christ.



### **Key Truth: God's Plan of Salvation Seems Foolish to the Lost World but Brings Salvation to Those Who Believe (1 Corinthians 1:18-31)**

Paul took the focus away from personalities and leaders and directed his readers' attention to what our mission should be — spreading the gospel. God's plan of salvation, the work of Christ and the preaching of the gospel, would leave those who depend on earthly wisdom baffled. But those same components would serve as the rallying cry and the unifying element for believers. This message produced one of two responses. First, there were those, especially in Corinth, who would see it as folly or foolishness. On the other hand, for those who had experienced salvation, the Cross was the powerful means by which it was accomplished. While the Jews were seeking signs or miraculous deeds and the Greeks were seeking wisdom or love of ideas, it was the message of Christ's crucifixion that Paul was declaring.

# Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- How would you define the word *unity*?
- Why is it important for churches to have unity?
- What are some issues that cause division in churches?
- What damage does it do when there is division in the body of Christ?
- Upon what is our unity based as Christians?
- How does focusing on our common mission lead to unity? What is that mission?
- With whom do you need to work for unity in your family or church?
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## Everyday Extras

Keep the Christmas spirit going this week with extra helpings of kindness for everyone. When your family thinks about unity in Christ this week, spend a few minutes playing “Glue Game.” Pretend you are stuck together with very powerful glue and must all go together to do whatever you are doing. Everyone must walk together to the kitchen to get a glass of water. Everyone goes to walk the dog. If you sit down at the dinner table and forget the ketchup, everyone gets up to get it out of the refrigerator. Talk about the concept of being united without having to be all the same. God is happy when His children are united — not stuck!

## Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned about a man named John. He traveled throughout the wilderness telling everyone to change their hearts to be ready to follow Jesus. He baptized so many people that he was called John the Baptist. He helped the people learn Jesus was the Light of the World and full of grace and truth. **I Can Learn About Jesus** too.