

A Letter from a Friend  
Philippians Chapter 2

Praise & Worship: My Best Friend - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fD4bCYaIEc>  
Jesus, I Love You - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9i8HSsMcBiY>

Scripture References: Philippians 2:1-11; John 1:1,2,14

Memory Verses of Power (MVP): Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6 (NKJV)

Scripture Summary: Apostle Paul's letter to his friends in Philippi.

1. If knowing Jesus has made your life better through consolation, comfort, love, the Holy Spirit, mercy, gentleness, then extend the same grace to others and be as one. Be unified. (vv. 1,2)
2. Don't devalue others to make yourself look good or to gain success. Consider how your actions and speech reflects Jesus and affects others. Care about others like you care for yourself. (vv. 3,4)
3. Jesus, Son of God, was like God in every way. He was with God from the beginning. (John 1:1,2,14) Because of His unselfish love for us, He humbled Himself, came into the world, and become a man so that we could become like Him and have relationship with God the Father through Him. vv. 5-8
4. God honored Jesus and gave Him a name honored above all others. Every knee will bow in worship to Him, and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord. This will bring honor to God. vv. 9- 11.

The Lesson: Paul encourages the believers to make every effort to be unified through humility. Love others like you love yourself. Treat people the way Jesus would treat them. He tells them how Jesus, who is like God in every way, became like us so that we could have relationship with God the Father through Him. To honor Jesus, God gave Him a name honored above all others. Everyone will bow on their knees in worship to Jesus and proclaim that He is Lord of all.

Discussion Thoughts:

1. Does God want us to be unified (as one) or divided against each other? Why? vv. 1-4
2. Who humbled Himself, left heaven, became a man, died on the cross, and rose again so that we could have a relationship with God the Father? vv. 6-8
3. Who honored Jesus? v. 9 What did God give to Jesus? v. 10 (honor- to show great privilege to, elevate)
4. Who will bow their knees in worship to Jesus? Who will confess Jesus is Lord? vv. 10, 11

Encouragement: Jesus prayed that we would be one as He and the Father are one. (John 17:23b) He prayed that we would love one another as He loves us. It may not always be easy, but we can honor God and be in unity and be humble with each other because God gives us the desire and ability to do it. (Philippians 2:13)

Object Lesson: Unity - Same at the core - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gsMj7b3OXfU>

Unity – Teamwork - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7G28ee3kAFo>

Humility object lesson – Blow up a balloon. Gently poke the top of the balloon with the tip of a pin. The balloon won't pop if the pin pokes the soft spot on the top. We can withstand correction, trials, offenses, etc when we're humble. Otherwise, we explode when things don't...

Prayer: Thank You, Jesus, for teaching me to live in unity and humility with others. In Jesus Name, Amen.

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## A Lesson in Humility

The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Matthew 23:11-12 (NIV)



Complete the activity.

*The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.*

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2. 15-2-5-25 \_\_\_\_\_

3. 9-13-16-15-18-20-1-14-20 \_\_\_\_\_

4. 4-9-19-3-9-16-12-5-19 \_\_\_\_\_

5. 8-21-13-2-12-5 \_\_\_\_\_

6. 6-9-14-7-5-18 \_\_\_\_\_

7. 12-9-6-20 \_\_\_\_\_

8. 8-15-14-15-18 \_\_\_\_\_

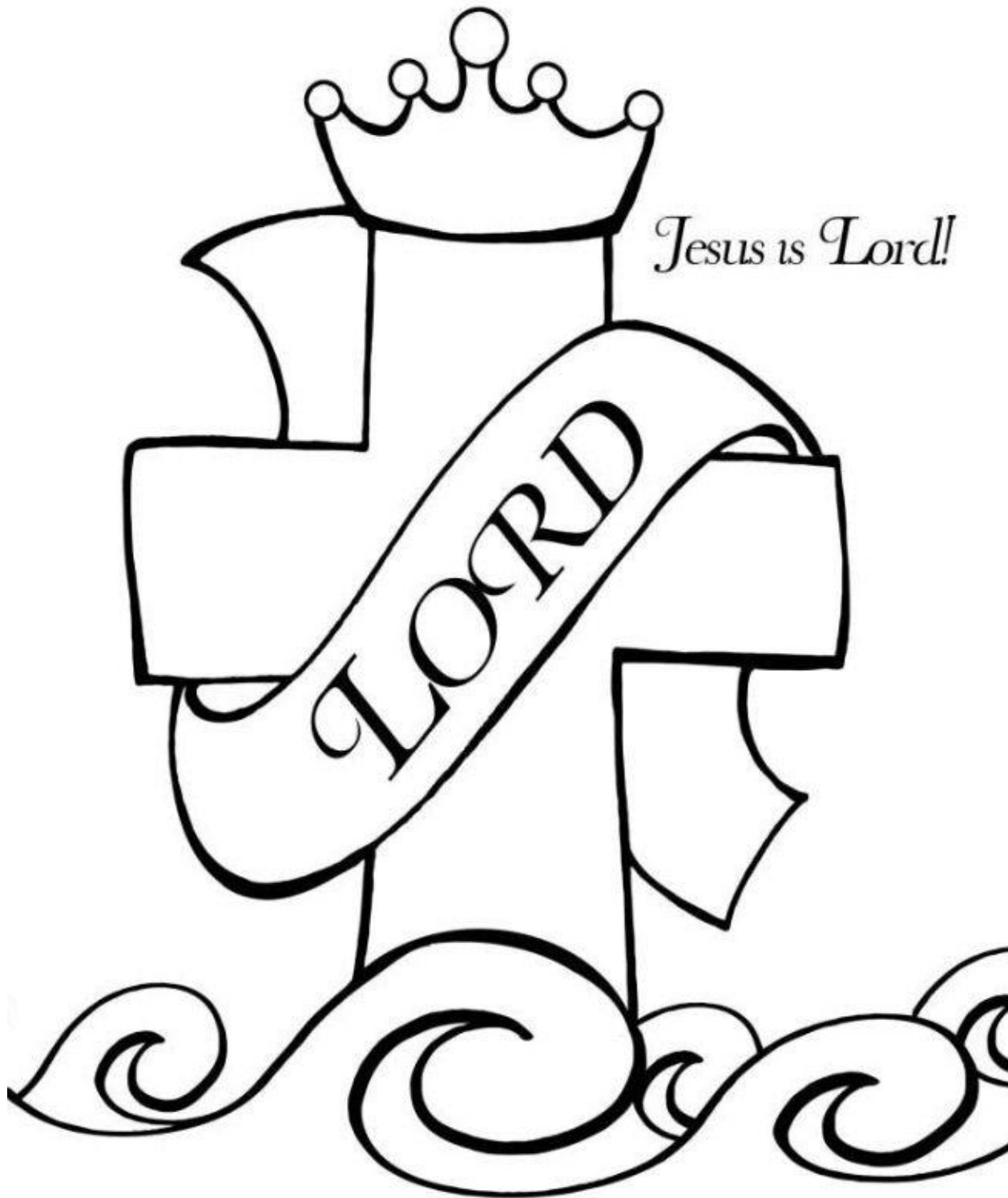
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