

A Door for the Word (4/3/22)

Main Verses: Colossians 4:2-5

Key Verse: Colossians 4:3a (“A Door for the Word”)

'Takeaway': We can help people near and far to know about Jesus, both through the way we pray and the way we live.

Getting Started: What do your words & actions tell others about who you are & what you believe?



READ the main verses (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- What does Paul tell his readers to do?
- What specifically does he ask them to pray for?
- What is salt and what does it do?

Elementary:

- What does it mean to walk in wisdom? What does it mean for our words to be gracious and seasoned with salt?
- Why does Paul tell them to pray steadfastly? What does that mean? Paul also tells his readers to be watchful in prayer. What does that mean?
- Why is thanksgiving important in prayer? How does it relate to being watchful?
- What does Paul specifically ask them to pray for?
- Why is it important for us to walk in wisdom? Why is it important that our words always be gracious and “seasoned with salt?”

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

Toddler/PreK:

- Paul tells us to pray at all times and to remember to always be thankful in our prayers.
- We should pray for more people to hear the Good News about Jesus through those who share it.
- We should live in a way that helps others see our love for Jesus.

Elementary:

- Paul calls all Christians to a lifestyle of constant prayer. Being watchful in it helps us to not fall into temptation; thanksgiving keeps us from falling into self-indulgent prayers.
- Paul asks that we pray for God to open a door so that he could (and we can) share the gospel with more people.
- We need to interact with others in a way that honors God, walking in his wisdom, and taking care that our words are gracious and seasoned with salt, remembering that Jesus said we are the “salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13).

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK): Talk to God, thanking him for his Son and that we can know him through faith in Jesus. Ask God to help you to pray to him with thanksgiving throughout each day. Ask him to teach you how to show others about his great love for them.

(Elementary): Talk to God, thanking him that through faith in Jesus, we can know him and pray to him. Ask God to help you pray to him, always being thankful, as you walk through your days. Ask God to open opportunities for you to share his love and salvation with those people in your lives, and ask him to teach you what it means to walk in wisdom, honoring God with your attitudes, words, and actions.

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