

PRECIOUS IN HIS SIGHT

Truth #5: We are called to unity.



BIBLE VERSES

- **Ephesians 2:14-16 (NIV)**
"For Christ Himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility ..."
- **Galatians 5:13-14; 22-23**
"You were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. . . . But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."
- **Ephesians 4:3 (NIV)**
"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."
- **Colossians 3:11-15 (NIV)**
"There is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ...you were called to peace."

DISCUSSION

- **What is unity, and why is it important in our world?** *Unity in the Bible means everyone who has a relationship with Jesus is part of God's family. That means we're all on God's team, and we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. It means we don't need to be against each other or have division or arguments.*
- **What are some reasons people are divided? How can we seek unity and peace with other people in God's family?**
- **What is diversity and why is it important in our world?** *Diversity means knowing people are different and unique. Unity and diversity are both important and valuable. Unity is important because we are all an important part of God's family, and diversity is also important because God made each person unique on purpose.*
- *Think of some friends and family members. **What makes us unified with them? What makes us different?***

OBJECT LESSON

Mug Cake

Supplies and Instructions

- **Pantry Ingredients:** ¼ C. + 2 T. of flour, 2 T. sugar, ¼ tsp. baking powder, ¼ tsp. cinnamon, ¼ C. milk, 2 T. butter (melted and cooled), ½ tsp. vanilla extract (optional). Also - 1 T. sugar and ¼ tsp. cinnamon, a microwave, a large mug.
- *Hold up the individual ingredients. Ask the kids if they would want to eat flour or baking soda on their own. They wouldn't taste good at all! But what happens when we combine the ingredients in a specific way?! Let the kids help you stir the flour, sugar, baking powder and cinnamon in the mug. Then mix in the melted (and cooled) butter, milk, and vanilla. Show the kids the white sugar (1 Tablespoon) and ¼ teaspoon of cinnamon and let the kids help you mix them, then swirl the cinnamon sugar mixture into the batter.*
- *Place the mug into the microwave and heat it for one minute (if it's not fully cooked after one minute, cook in 10 second intervals, up to 30 more seconds total). Let the mug cake cool, then eat it.*

DISCUSSION

- The ingredients weren't delicious on their own, but when we combined them, we made something amazing. The recipe needed all of the ingredients in order to work out the right way. We are all part of God's family and His plan.
- We are all different, and when we come together in unity, we're an amazing picture of God's Kingdom.