



Welcome back Lockdown Lookouts...

Good news - after your help last week I stuck to the right thing - King Jesus! How did you get on being rooted and built up in him? But I want to know why I need to be told to keep sticking with Jesus. Is there something which might make me stop doing that?

I need your help again to understand more of Paul's letter to the Colossians. Are you ready to look out for me, Lookouts?

Yours

Jail Bird Joe

Opening Prayer

'Dear Heavenly Father, help us to know you better as we read from the Bible now, and to love Jesus more. Amen.'

Challenge

Play Buckaroo - online! Go to <http://frivgames.racing/buckaroo.html> You may need to allow Adobe Flash Player on your web browser.

Each time Buckaroo bucks say this to your children '*No matter how hard you try, when you try to add things - it doesn't work!*'

We are going to see the problem of trying to add things to Jesus.

Read Colossians 2:9, 16-18

Paul helps us to see why he wants us to stick with Jesus, and not follow other things...

9 'For in Christ all the fullness of God lives in bodily form, 10 and in Christ you have been brought to fullness...16 Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious celebration...Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind...'

Chat it through

- **Jesus was a real man, but he was also fully... (O D G) (v9) - rearrange the letters.** (Answer - GOD. Everything which makes God the Father, God, is also true of Jesus.)
- **For the person who trusts Jesus, what has happened to them? (v10)** (Answer - They have been brought to fullness. They have everything they need for full life with God forever).

But people were saying that to be a proper Christian and have full life, you needed more!

- **What did people say the Colossians needed as well as Jesus? (16-18) Fill in these spiritual sums by rearranging the letters or filling in the blanks...**

Jesus + special _ _ _ _ (s e u r l) = full life

Jesus + special e _ p _ r _ e _ c _ s = full life

They were saying you needed to trust Jesus, and do special religious things, or follow special religious rules. Or you needed to trust Jesus, and have special experiences. But that is really saying Jesus was not enough for full life with God! To say you need more than Jesus, is really take away from him!

- **What special religious rules might people say we need to do?** (It might be you need to go to a minister to have your sins forgiven, or pray to special people (like saints) or be in a special building, or you have to say certain words to be heard by God or read the Bible in a certain way.)
- **What special experiences might people say we need to?** (It might be you have had to have feel a funny feeling in church, or had a dream about Jesus, or been to a special place)
- **Why don't we need to trust those extra things as well?** (Jesus is God's fullness and brings us full life, we don't need to trust anything else to bring that life!)

Pray it through

Today why not go on a prayer walk if you are able. Or go for a walk, and pray as you are out.

- If you see something which makes you happy - say 'Thank you Father for...'
- If you see a church building, or the house of someone in your church - pray for them to stick with Jesus.

- If you see a friend's house (or any house), why not pray the person in it would come to follow Jesus too
- If you see a care home, pray for the people in it
- Basically - pray for what you see! It doesn't have to be long, or really loud!

NOW un pause the video on YouTube to continue...

Craft

Get an old jar. Clean it out, and decorate it. You might want to paint it, stick tissue paper on it, or simply put a piece of paper around it, and decorate it. Somewhere on the outside, write 'Jesus'

Now get some lolly sticks, or if you don't have lolly sticks cut up some strips of an old cereal packet.

On each strip write along it, something which you have in Jesus...

It might be: Love, forgiveness, life, friendship, hope, future, happiness, strength, God. I am sure you can think of lots!

Put them in the jar to remind you of the fullness of life you have in Jesus!

You can get some ideas below (though ignore the words they are from something else!)

