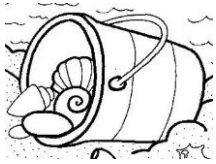


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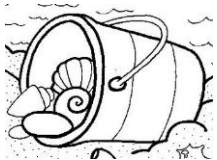
## **WEEK TWO | JESUS OUR LORD**

**DAY 1** | For in the Son all our sins are cancelled and we have the release of redemption through his very blood. He is the divine portrait, the true likeness of the invisible God, and the firstborn heir of all creation. For in him was created the universe of things, both in the heavenly realm and on the earth, all that is seen and all that is unseen. Every seat of power, realm of government, principality, and authority—it all exists through him and for his purpose! He existed before anything was made, and now everything finds completion in him.



As Paul writes about Jesus here, he wants to make sure that the people don't have too small a Jesus in mind. Try to find a natural object like a bird or a tree or the stars that you can gaze at for a while today, and remind yourself that everything in creation tells of Jesus the creator in some way.

**DAY 2** | He is the Head of his body, which is the church. And since he is the beginning and the firstborn heir in resurrection, he is the most exalted One, holding first place in everything. For God is satisfied to have all his fullness dwelling in Christ. And by the blood of his cross, everything in heaven and earth is brought back to himself—back to its original intent, restored to innocence again!

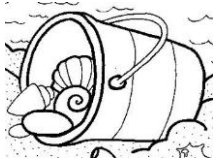


“Holding the first place in everything” is a real title from Paul's day, THE HOLDER OF THE FIRST PLACE. He trying to reassure people that difficult days, Jesus is not overwhelmed. I wonder how this might help you pray for people and situations in our chaotic times.

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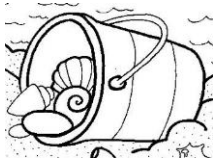
**DAY 3** | Even though you were once distant from him, living in the shadows of your evil thoughts and actions, he reconnected you back to himself. He released his supernatural peace to you through the sacrifice of his own body as the sin-payment on your behalf so that you would dwell in his presence.



Every time we turn on the news, it seems that evil is at work in the world. Technically though, evil means anything that causes harm. What does Paul say here about the consequences of evil and about Jesus' response to it?

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**DAY 4** | And now there is nothing between you and Father God, for he sees you as holy, flawless, and restored, if indeed you continue to advance in faith, assured of a firm foundation to grow upon. Never be shaken from the hope of the gospel you have believed in. And this is the glorious news I preach all over the world.



What a wonderful idea. "There is nothing between you and Father God, for he sees you as holy, flawless and restored." I wonder how easy it is for you believe this.

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**WEDNESDAY**

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Communion at St  
Barnabas  
11.45am  
Garden Church at  
St Wulstans  
Vicarage

**LUKE 8:16-18 | THE LAMP ON A STAND**

You wouldn't light a lamp and cover it with a clay pot. You're not going to hide it under your bed. No, when you light it, you're going to put it out in the open so your guests can feel welcome and see where they're going. Hidden things will always come out into the open. Secret things will come to light and be exposed. I hope you're still listening. And I hope you're listening carefully. If you get what I'm saying, you'll get more. If you miss My meaning, even the understanding you think you have will be taken from you.

