Colossians 1:1-2 Dear Colossians

A letter from God ...

- I. Inspired Messengers
 - A. Apostle Paul
 - B. Brother Timothy
- II. To Holy Ones
 - A. In Christ
 - B. At Colossae
- III. And to Us
 - A. Understand
 - B. Apply
- ... to generations of saints.

Children, Listen ...

- 1. Who wrote the letter to the church at Colossae?
- 2. What do you know about him and his relationship to Jesus?
- 3. Why did he have to set things straight about Who Jesus is?
- 4. How can we make sure we stick to the truth about Jesus when some people try to change the Gospel and make Jesus into someone He is not?

Ears to Hear

So, you're a former pagan newly converted to Christianity, living in your hometown Colossae. Jesus ascended nearly thirty years ago, but the power of the Gospel that was brought to you by a faithful saint impacted you as the Holy Spirit opened your eyes to the truth. You've surrendered your life to the Lord. Everything has radically changed for you which has been a tremendous challenge. Thankfully you are part of a community of believers that will reinforce your faith and the new moral code you are committed to live by. But some things are still a little confusing about your new faith, and you and your fellow believers need clarity. New perspectives on the person and work of Jesus are being promoted by some very persuasive individuals who call themselves Christians, but what they are saying doesn't seem to jive with the Gospel you had originally received. Thankfully the elders have just received a letter from the once notorious persecutor of the church, now known as the trusted apostle Paul. You are ready to tune your ears to hear what the inspired author has to say as he sets things straight about the supremacy of Christ and what it means to live under His Divine authority.

Welcome to Paul's Letter to the Colossians.