

Christian Basics

STUDENT BIBLE DISCOVERY PAGE

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Christ In The Universe

Locate each of the following Scriptures, then finish the sentences that deal with Christ as the center of the universe.

1. Colossians 1:13, 16-17	Christ is _____
2. I Peter 1:19-21	Christ existed _____
3. Ephesians 1:4-5	Through Christ we were _____
4. Romans 8:21-23; Revelation 21:1	The whole creation _____
5. Matthew 28:18	All power is _____

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Christ In Your Universe

Is Christ the center of YOUR universe? Check the areas in which Christ is in control.

He controls my

_____ thoughts

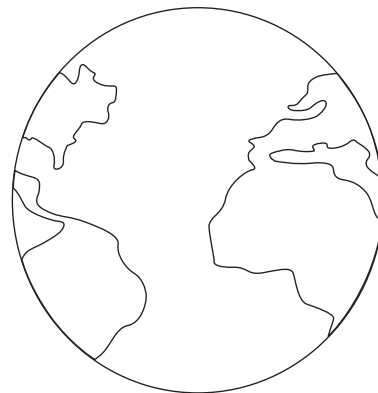
_____ actions

_____ choice of friends

_____ plans for the future

_____ reactions when the going gets rough

_____ words



If you couldn't check all of the areas in which Christ could control your life, do you know what to do to make Him the center of your universe? Check the appropriate items below.

- _____ 1. I'll ask Him to forgive me for getting out of orbit.
- _____ 2. I'll commit my life completely to His divine guidance.
- _____ 3. I'll talk to the youth director or the pastor about the changes I need to make.
- _____ 4. I'll read God's Word daily and seek Christ's will for my life.
- _____ 5. I'll recognize Christ as Lord and Sovereign of my universe.



"They that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." — Isaiah 40:31 (KJV)

"Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." — (NIV)

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR WEEK 1

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Read Psalm 19:1-6.

Step into a Time Tunnel and travel back to the past for a few moments — back to your childhood. Think about the time you stretched out in the grass and stared into the sky, fascinated by the shapes and sizes of the moving clouds. And do you remember gazing into the night sky and trying to count all the twinkling stars there?

Now . . . as you return to the present, try to recapture your childhood amazement and wonder as you observe God’s creation around you today. A mighty God created the heavens and set the world into motion. As you look and listen to your “world,” praise God for His superb craftsmanship and His awesome power that created such a magnificent world.

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Read Isaiah 40:25-31.

Turn on the TV any day of the week and it’s obvious that the nations of this world are vying for power. The power struggle goes on in such fields as technological achievements, land acquisitions, and space exploration. And even among individuals there is competition to be “Number One” in areas like athletics, popularity, finances, and success.

But there’s some comforting news for modern times: the ultimate position of “Number One” power in the universe belongs to the Holy One! And boy does He have some great news! Whenever you’re tired, struggling, or running on empty — He’s got the power you need to keep on keeping on.

Need some power today? Then reread verse 31 and call “T-H-E — P-O-W-E-R.”

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Read Psalm 119:105; John 8:12.

“Where are you, Jim?”
“Over here.”
“Over where?”
“Just beyond the big oak tree on the path.”
“What tree? What path? It’s pitch black out here and I can’t see a thing!”
“Well turn on your flashlight and find the path, Mr. Trail-Blazer!”

Have you ever been lost in the dark in unfamiliar territory without a light? It can be a frightening, confusing experience. Many people try to make it through the darkness of this world without any sense of God’s guidance and without any knowledge of the path God has chosen for them to walk.

Today, turn on the lamp of God’s Word and thank Him for the light it gives you.

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Read Revelation 3:15-18.

In the earth's planetary system, the planets closest to the sun receive the most heat and light. Even at a distance of 93 million miles from the sun, life on earth thrives because of the warmth and brilliance of sunlight.

Now, take a pencil and a piece of paper and sketch your spiritual galaxy as if you are a planet and the sun is Christ. What's your distance from the source of your LIFE? Is your temperature hot, cold, or lukewarm?

Today ask God to show you some things you could do to strengthen your relationship with His SON.

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Read Acts 8:26-35.

"What are you doing?"
"I'm traveling around the sun."
"I think you've had too much sun."

The earth travels about the sun at 66,600 miles per hour. Scientists have pointed out that to keep from falling into the sun, a planet must revolve faster as it gets closer to the sun in its orbit.

Just as planets closer to the sun move faster, so Christians closest to the SON are "quick" to do the will of God. Philip is a prime example. And his response to God's call had a dramatic effect on his new Ethiopian friend.

Today, ask God to make you more like Philip, and then "run" to do your Father's will.

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Read Ephesians 5:8-12.

"Over to the right!"
"Too far! Move the other way."
"Don't stick me!"

Remember playing "Pin the Tail on the Donkey"? Blindfolded with paper tail in hand, it was almost impossible to hit the mark on that poor beast. But take the blindfold off, and it was a cinch to nail the target.

So it is in life. Blinded by the darkness of this world, it's impossible to reach God's standard. But allow God to remove the blindfold, and we can walk confident in the Light of His saving grace.

If you're still blindfolded, ask God to shed His light on you. If you're already in the light, is your walk "on target"?

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Read I John 2:15-17.

Take a minute to rate your "love life":
1 (some) 2 3 4 5 (a lot)

1. I love _____ (person) ____
2. I love _____ (food) ____
3. I love _____ (activity) ____

4. I love _____ (possession) ____

Now rate your love-relationship with God. Obviously, a love or craving for the "things of this world" can take away from our love for God. What are some of the areas you struggle with in your relationship with God? Ask God to help you evaluate your love life in the light of verse 17.
