

Scripture Reading

Colossians 2:6–7 CEV

⁶You have accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord. Now keep on following him. ⁷Plant your roots in Christ and let him be the foundation for your life. Be strong in your faith, just as you were taught. And be grateful.

Memory
Verse
Challenge

Memorize the highlighted verses. *Who will be first to commit these verses to memory?*

Hide-and-Root Activity

Directions:

Direct children to cut out the paper roots. Then, parents hide them throughout the house. Children are to seek and find the hidden roots. As each root is found, read the word written on it together and discuss how that habit helps strengthen your relationship with Jesus and helps you grow deeper in faith.

After all the roots have been found, tape the tree somewhere visible in your house and tape the roots to the tree. This is a visible reminder of how your family can grow together in Christ this fall.

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MILITARY FAMILY MISSION

★ **HERO SQUAD**

MISSION MANUAL

ISSUED FOR
FALL MISSION
Grow Together

Activity Instructions

Step 1: As a family, read this quarter's scripture passages (back) and "Rooted in Christ" (below).

Step 2: Use the Family Discussion Questions (right) to apply these passages to your lives.

Step 3: Take the Memory Verse Challenge and complete the family activity to grow together this fall.

Rooted in Christ

In Colossians 2:6–7, Paul encourages believers to root their lives in Christ. Just as a tree depends on its roots for strength, nourishment, and stability, we depend on Christ to keep us from crashing when swayed by the temptations of the world and challenges of life.

He is our strength.

When circumstances change for your family, as they often do in the military, Jesus keeps you stable and secure.

The hidden roots of a tree reminds us that the daily actions of following Jesus often go unseen. The people we see every day don't know about the prayers we pray, the scripture we return to again and again, or the worship we give to God, but these spiritual roots sustain us.



As a family, talk about the practical ways you're making Jesus the foundation of your home.

Ask God to help each member of your family grow deeper roots so that, no matter where life takes you, you will remain grounded in his love, strengthened by faith, and thankful every day.

Family Discussion Questions

Eagle Squad

- What might happen to a tree if it didn't have roots?
- Out of the spiritual "roots" we discussed, what is one habit you want to ask God to help you grow in?

JV Squad

- Why do you think roots are such a good picture of how we follow Jesus?
- Which of the spiritual "roots" we discussed is the hardest to practice? Why?

Varsity Squad

- How can you tell when your roots are growing deeper in your faith?
- What are some things people your age root their life in besides Christ?



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Hide-And-Root

Cut out each item and follow activity instructions in your mission manual.

