



Family Worship Experience

- READ THE SCRIPTURE -



PAUL TAUGHT THE CORINTHIAN CHURCH

Read Acts 18:1, 4-11; 1 Corinthians 1–4; 15:1-11 from your Bible or from below.

Paul was on a journey to tell people about Jesus. He left the city of Athens and stopped in the city of Corinth. Every Sabbath, Paul went to the synagogue to teach. Both Jewish and Greek people heard Paul teach that Jesus is the Messiah.

The Jewish people did not believe Paul's teaching and said disrespectful things about Jesus. Paul decided he would stop teaching the Jews and would teach the Gentiles instead.

Paul left the synagogue and went to the home of a man named Titius Justus, who worshiped God and lived next door to the synagogue. Many people heard Paul teach, believed in Jesus and were baptized. God spoke to Paul through a dream in which He encouraged Paul to continue teaching and not be afraid. Paul trusted God and continued to teach in Corinth for a year and a half.

After Paul left Corinth, he heard the people in the Corinthian church were having disagreements and arguing. Paul wrote a letter to help the people know what to do and how to live together. He encouraged them to keep their focus on the gospel. Paul reminded the Corinthian church that Jesus died on the cross, was buried, and raised on the third day to save the people from their sins. He said to remember Jesus' sacrifice for them, and they should do everything out of love. Paul wanted the Corinthians to work together, stay faithful, and trust God.

People can learn by reading Paul's letter to the Corinthian church today. Christians can learn how to live as God wants them to live by praying and reading the Bible.



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-TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE-

Say: *Have you ever received a letter in the mail? I mean a real letter, not just a birthday card or a small postcard, but a real handwritten letter from someone you love and respect? How did it make you feel? Were you excited or curious to see what was inside? Not many people write letters anymore, most just send a short note or card. Back in Paul's time, letters or epistles as they were called, were quite common. Paul wrote letters to several different churches and some of those letters can be found in the Bible. In fact, this week's story is about one such letter.*

After Paul left Corinth, he heard about the arguing and disagreements that people in the Corinthian church were having between themselves. Paul knew that these arguments and disagreements between believers in the church did not please God. Paul decided to write a letter to remind the people of Corinth of what they had learned and about how they should live as God wanted them to. This letter is the book of 1 Corinthians in the Bible.

In his letter, Paul reminded the Corinthians to stay focused on Jesus and the sacrifice He made to save them from their sins. Paul encouraged the Corinthians to work together, do everything in love for one another, stay faithful, and trust God to help them. Paul reminded the Corinthians through his letter of the things they had been taught about Jesus and about how God wanted them to live in ways that pleased Him.

Although how we receive mail may not be the same as it was in Paul's time, one thing has not changed. God still wants people to learn how to live in ways that please and honor Him. God wants us to show our love for Him by doing what He says. When we read our Bible, pray, and go to church, we learn to live the way God wants us to.

Preschool Life Point: *People show love to God by doing what He says.*

Kids Life Point: *People can learn how to live as God wants them to live.*

Preschool Review Questions:

1. Where did Paul go to teach every Sabbath?
2. Why did Paul decide to stop teaching the Jewish people?
3. What did God tell Paul to do through his dream?

Elementary Review Questions:

1. Why did Paul stop teaching the Jews?
2. How did Paul help the people in Corinthian church?
3. What things can you do to learn about how God wants you to live?

Pray: *God, please forgive us when we do not live our lives in ways that please and honor you. Help us to read your Word and pray so that we may learn how to live in ways that please you. Thank You for giving us teachers like Paul, who will help us learn more about You. Amen.*



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- LEARN SCRIPTURE -

The weekly Bible verse below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.

PRESCHOOL (paraphrase): Do those things that are pleasing to God.

1 John 3:22

KIDS: Now I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, that there be no divisions among you, and that you be united with the same understanding and the same conviction. *1 Corinthians 1:10*



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- SING -

Sing a *Bible Studies for Life* song or one of your family's favorite worship songs.