

Every week in church we read a Letter from St. Paul. Paul was one of the organizers of the new church that the followers of Jesus were starting. He took the message of Jesus' life all around the ancient world. When the new churches had questions they would write to Paul, and the letters we have are the ones he wrote back to them. Many stories about the life of Paul are told by St. Luke, who was a friend of Paul's.

Here is one of the best known stories told by St Luke, of when Paul visited Athens, Greece.:

“Paul stood in front of the Areopagus (the market in the center of Athens) and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city I found an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What you worship as unknown, I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’.” (Taken from the book of Acts 17.)

Imagine you are there! Paul says “In God we live and move and have our being”, he means God is all around us, we find life and ourselves in God who is with us everywhere, even now!. Paul is asking the Athenians to feel God's presence, the feeling that gives us all life.

Here is a very famous painting by the Italian artist Raphael. Where is Paul? How are people reacting to what he says? Do you want to draw Paul giving his speech? Remember what he says!

