



Paul's Message for Everyone

What do you like best?

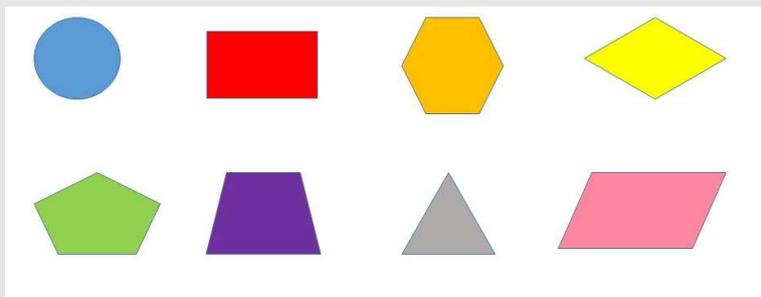
Take a look at the images below.

See if anyone else will take a look with you and make their choices as well.

In the picture below, think first of all what your favourite shape is - only the shape - don't be swayed by the colour. Remember it!

Then look at just the colours - what is your favourite colour? Remember it!

Now look at the shape and the colour as one - which image is your favourite?

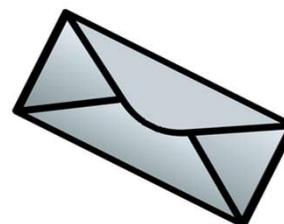


I wonder if everyone chose the same shape, colour and image? Most likely there will have been different favourites for everyone. Many people have things that they like better or less than someone else. They have different opinions.



The Apostle Paul wrote a letter to the new church in Rome because he had learnt that Christians in Rome were disagreeing as to what the church in Rome should be like.

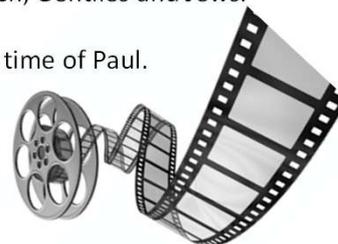
Paul wrote the letter to the Romans, even before he had visited Rome, because he wanted to remind the church about Jesus' teachings and what it meant to be a church.



You can read a small part of the Letter to the Romans in the New Testament at Romans 15 v 7 - 11 where Paul explains it is important to welcome everyone to church, Gentiles and Jews.

The short video clip explains who the Jews and Gentiles were at the time of Paul.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=oSktE3SSQIY>



The passage in Romans was reminding the new church in Rome that everyone, Jews and Gentiles were invited to come to worship God and be members of the church. Differences were not important; what was important was for everyone to work together and hear Jesus' teaching and so grow as a church.

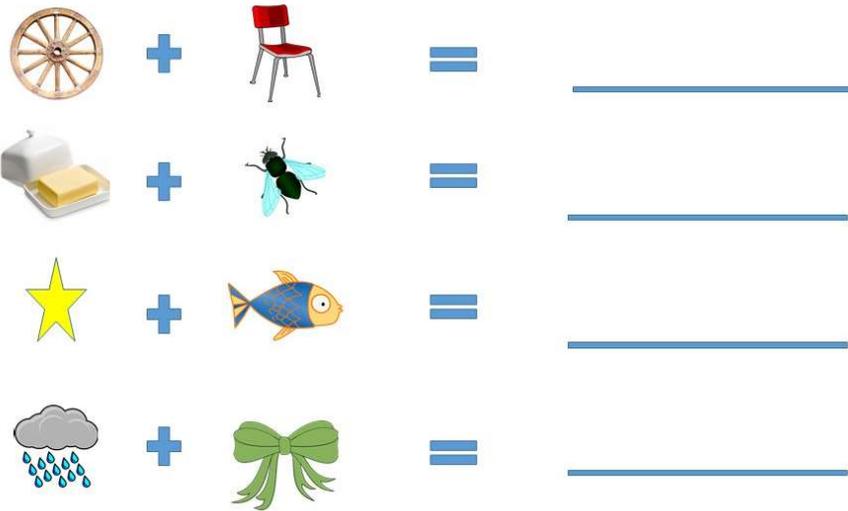


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Word pictures

Putting words together can make new words. See if you can work the puzzle out.



- ❖ I wonder what the church in Rome would have had to do to make everyone feel welcome after they got Paul's letter?
- ❖ I wonder how we can make people feel welcome when they are with us ?



A challenge

Pieces joining together

Find an old magazine, comic or picture that has detail in it, not too big or too complicated and not too many blank spaces - about A4 size would be fine for 4 players.

Put a sheet of plain paper behind the picture the same size as the picture. Cut the two pieces of paper up keeping them in line into 4 -6 pieces (somebody might be good at this and need a second piece!)

Give everyone a piece of the picture and the blank sheet which is the same shape.

Now each person can draw what they see in their piece of the picture onto to their blank piece.

When all the new parts are completed put them in place for a similar but new picture!

Prayer

God of love
Bring us together
Alongside old and new friends.
Everyone is welcome.
Amen



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