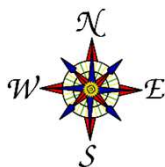


Paul's Journeys and Letters



In the time after Pentecost many messengers, often called apostles, set out to carry the teachings of Jesus far afield. Jesus' disciples, became apostles but so did others.

A man named Paul, whose original name was Saul, became an apostle. Saul hated followers of Jesus and tried to kill them, but he had a dramatic encounter on the road to Damascus and changed his mind and changed his name! When Saul became Paul, he became one of the best known apostles for spreading the word about Jesus and how you should lead your life the way that Jesus had taught.



In the first video you will see a great many of the places that Paul travelled to speaking about Jesus. The little red plane takes you on the journeys over the places in and around the Mediterranean Sea. His journeys were mostly on land but there were short and long sea trips too. Over 10 years Paul travelled over 69,000 miles.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Hy4K1pP408Y>

During and after his travels, Paul wrote many letters to different places and people that he had visited or heard about. Sometimes he wrote to places he had visited, or to answer a question from a letter someone had written to him. On occasions he wrote a letter to a place he had not been to but hoped to visit and so he wrote a letter to arrive before him. Paul always greeted the people he was writing to and if he was not known there, introduced himself.

The letters were personally taken by fiends and travellers to the distant parts around the Mediterranean as there was no postal service.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=s1mBdzjMEDk>

You can read the beginning of Paul's letter to the Romans in the New Testament where he introduces himself to the people of Rome. Romans: 1: 1 v 7. The Spark Story Bible has a section called "Paul's letters."



Can you connect Paul's letters with the places and people in the puzzle on page 2?



- ❖ I wonder how Paul managed to travel so far - what kept him going?
- ❖ I wonder how long it took for a letter to arrive ?
- ❖ I wonder what kind of questions people asked Paul?
- ❖ I wonder what question you would ask in a letter to Jesus?

Challenge

Using a piece of paper and a teabag, you can make paper look like the parchment that was used for letter writing. Here is how you do it:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=QgYigunpT94>

Once the parchment is dry why not send a note on it to someone that is special? If you don't have parchment, any paper will do to send your special note on, with a picture for decoration.

Prayer

Dear God

Jesus, you spent a lot of time on the road, meeting people and talking to them. You inspired Paul to follow in your footsteps and tell many people all about you. Help us to do like you and Paul; to use our words and feet to spread your love.

Amen



Season of Pentecost

Puzzle page

Divisions of the Bible New Testament – Paul's Letters

Romans 1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians	Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians	1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians 1 Timothy 2 Timothy	Titus Philemon
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Letters to Churches

Paul wrote nine letters to churches he had started, visited, or hoped to visit. Galatians was written to a group of churches in an area called Galatia. Each other letter was written to just one church.

Draw a line from the name of each letter to the place on the map where it went.

Romans 1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians Philippians Galatians



1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians Ephesians Colossians

Letters to Individuals

The last four letters were written to people Paul knew. To learn more about them, fill in the blanks with words from the word list below.

T_____ and T_____ were young p_____ Paul had trained.

Paul wrote to P_____, a church member in Colossae, asking him to forgive

O_____, a s_____ who had run away.

Word List: Onesimus, pastors, Philemon, slave, Timothy, Titus