

English Bible for the Deaf

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We can not explain all of the difficult words on each page, so here is a list of difficult words that we had to use a lot in the Bible and that we only explain on this page. They are marked with a •bullet.

Difficult words explained only once:

- Christ: the *Son of God who came to pay for our *sins. His name is Jesus.
- could: today you can, yesterday or tomorrow you could.
- got: today you get, yesterday you got.
- Israelites: the people of God in the *Old Testament.
- king: the *leader or *ruler of a *nation or *land. [see drawing]
- know: is when you are sure of something or when you have seen it.
- Lord: another name for God.
- saw: when I open my eyes, I see, yesterday I saw.
- son: the boy child of a mother and father.
- temple: the building or *house of God where people came to *worship Him.
- took: today I take something, yesterday I took it.
- would: today you will, yesterday or tomorrow you would.

^aActs of the ^bapostles

1

Jesus ^cpromised that the ^dHoly_Spirit will come

^{1 e}Theophilus, in my first book I have ^fwritten about all the things that Jesus did and what He said people must do, when He was here on ^gearth, ² the things He did before He went to ^hheaven. But before God [•]took Jesus to heaven, Jesus ⁱchose 12 men to be his ^japostles and He and the ^kHoly_Spirit told them what they must do when Jesus had gone away. ³ After Jesus had ^lsuffered and died, He started to live again and He came to the ^mapostles and showed them that He is ⁿalive. He ^oappeared to them many times in 40 days and He told them that God is ^pKing over everyone. ⁴ Jesus stayed with the ^qapostles and He told them not to go away from Jerusalem. He said they

^a **acts:** are the things that you do.

^b **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^c **promise:** the things that God said He will do.

^d **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^e **Theophilus:** he was a friend of Luke, Luke wanted to tell him about Jesus.

^f **written:** the words that someone put down with a pen in a book or on something.

^g **earth:** the world, the *ground and *land.

^h **heaven:** is where the *throne of God is and where his *angels *worship Him.

ⁱ **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

^j **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^k **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^l **suffer:** is when you have pain or you worry because you have big problems.

^m **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

ⁿ **alive:** not dead but living.

^o **appear:** is when God or an *angel comes to someone and talks to him.

^p **King:** God is King, everyone must *serve and *worship Him.

^q **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

must wait ^runtil the Father had given them the ^sHoly_Spirit because that is what the Father had ^tpromised them. Jesus had told them this and ⁵ He said: 'John the Baptist ^ubaptised you with water, but God will ^vbaptise you with the ^wHoly_Spirit. You will not wait a long time.'

God takes Jesus to ^xheaven

⁶ ^yWhile the ^zapostles were with Jesus before He died, they asked Him:

'Lord, will You make ^aIsrael a strong ^bnation again with their own •king?'

⁷ Jesus said to them: 'You can not •know when the Father will do the things that He wants to do, only He knows when He will do it. ⁸ But the ^cHoly_Spirit will come into you and He will give you power. Then you will tell all the people about Me in Jerusalem and in all the places in ^dJudea and in ^eSamaria and all the places in the world.'

⁹ After Jesus had said these things, God •took Him to ^fheaven and the ^gapostles were watching. Jesus went into a cloud and they did not see Him any more. ¹⁰ Jesus was going away and the ^hapostles were looking up at the

^r **until:** the time to the end when something stops.

^s **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^t **promise:** the things that God said He will do.

^u **baptise:** is when someone *pours water over your head or puts you under water to show that God has *forgiven your *sins.

^v **baptise_with_the_Holy_Spirit:** is when the *Spirit of God comes in a person and fills him.

^w **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^x **heaven:** is where the *throne of God is and where his *angels *worship Him.

^y **while:** when, at the same time.

^z **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^a **Israel:** the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^b **nation:** all the people from a *country or *land.

^c **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^d **Judea:** the *province in the *south of *Israel, where Jerusalem is. [see map]

^e **Samaria:** a *province or city in *Israel, the *Jews did not love the people of *Samaria.

^f **heaven:** is where the *throne of God is and where his *angels *worship Him.

^g **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^h **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

ⁱsky, when they •saw 2 men with white clothes standing with them. ¹¹ The 2 men asked them: 'Men of Galilee, why do you look at the ^jsky? God •took Jesus to ^kheaven, but this Jesus will come again in the same way as you have seen Him go into heaven.'

The ^lbelievers ^mchoose Matthias in the place of Judas

¹² The ⁿapostles walked from the ^oMount_of_Olives to Jerusalem, it was as far as a person may have walked on the ^pSabbath day. ¹³ When they came into Jerusalem, they went up to the room in the house where they lived. The names of those ^qapostles were: Peter, John and James, Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the •son of Alphaeus, Simon the ^rpatriot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ The ^sapostles always ^tprayed together with a few women and with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and his brothers were also with them. ¹⁵ One day there were about 120 ^ubelievers together and Peter, the ^vleader, ^wgot up and said to them:

¹⁶ 'Friends, long ago the ^xHoly_Spirit told ^yKing David to ^zwrite about Judas

ⁱ **sky:** is above us, where the sun and stars are.

^j **sky:** is above us, where the sun and stars are.

^k **heaven:** is where the *throne of God is and where his *angels *worship Him.

^l **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^m **choose:** is when you take the one that you want to take.

ⁿ **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^o **Mount_of_Olives:** a small *mountain with olive trees near the city of Jerusalem.

^p **Sabbath day:** the *holy 7th day of the week when the •Israelites had to rest.

^q **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^r **patriot:** a person who loves his people and his *country and wants to fight to help them.

^s **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^t **pray:** is to talk to God.

^u **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^v **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^w **got up:** today you stand or get up, yesterday you got up.

^x **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^y **King David:** the *Old_Testament says •Christ •would come from the family of David.

^z **write:** is when you take a pen and put words in a book or on something.

in the ^aOld Testament and that is what has happened now. Judas went to the ^bJewish leaders and he told them how they can ^ccatch Jesus. ¹⁷ Judas was one of us and he has worked with us, ¹⁸ but then he •took the money that the ^dJewish leaders gave him and he ^ebought a ^ffield. A few days later he ^gfell on his face and his ^hstomach ⁱburst open and his inside came out. ¹⁹ When the people of Jerusalem heard what had happened, they said the name of that ^jfield in their own language will be Akeldama, it ^kmeans "field of blood".

²⁰ We read these words in the book of ^lPsalms:

"His house must be ^mempty,
no one must live there."^m

And:

"Someone ^oelse must do his work."^p

^a **Old Testament:** the first part of the Bible that was *written in the *Hebrew language.

^b **Jewish leaders:** the *important *Jews who told the •Israelites what they had to do.

^c **catch:** is to get him.

^d **Jewish leaders:** the *important *Jews who told the •Israelites what they had to do.

^e **bought:** today I give you money and buy something from you, yesterday I bought it.

^f **field:** outside of town where there are no houses.

^g **fell:** today you fall to the *ground, yesterday you fell.

^h **stomach:** is where your food goes into after you have eaten it.

ⁱ **burst:** is when something like a *skin-bag breaks because it is too full and all the water flows out.

^j **field:** outside of town where there are no houses.

^k **mean:** is what someone says, what people must understand.

^l **Psalms:** one of the books in the *Old Testament that has •songs.

^m **empty:** is when there is nothing in it.

ⁿ **Acts 1:20** these words are also in the *Old Testament in *Psalm 69:26.

^o **else:** another person or other things.

^p **Acts 1:20** these words are also in the *Old Testament in *Psalm 109:8.

²¹ Now we must get another man in the place of Judas to help us tell the people about Jesus. He must be someone who was with us all the time when Jesus did his work on ^qearth, ²² from the time when John ^rbaptised Jesus ^suntil He went to ^theaven. He must be a ^uwitness with us to the people that Jesus was dead but that He is ^valive again.'

²³ They gave the names of 2 men, Joseph and Matthias. Joseph also had 2 other names, it was Barsabbas and Justus. ²⁴ Then they ^wprayed and said: 'Lord, You [•]know what every person thinks. Please show us whom You have ^xchosen ²⁵ to ^yserve as an ^zapostle in the place of Judas who ^aleft his work and is not an apostle anymore.'

²⁶ They ^bdrew_lots and God showed them that He wanted Matthias to be an ^capostle with the other 11 apostles.

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God gives the ^dHoly_Spirit to ^ebelievers

¹ All the ^fbelievers were together on the day of ^gPentecost. ² They all heard

^q **earth:** the world, the *ground and *land.

^r **baptise:** is when someone *pours water over your head or puts you under water to show that God has *forgiven your *sins.

^s **until:** the time to the end when something stops.

^t **heaven:** is where the *throne of God is and where his *angels *worship Him.

^u **witness:** someone who [•]saw what happened or heard what a person said.

^v **alive:** not dead but living.

^w **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^x **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

^y **serve:** is to *pray to God, to live and work for Him.

^z **apostle:** one of the *leaders of the *church who have seen Jesus.

^a **left:** is when someone went away.

^b **draw_lots:** is how people asked God to show them what He wants.

^c **apostle:** one of the *leaders of the *church who have seen Jesus.

^d **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^e **believers:** people who [•]know that Jesus is the [•]Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^f **believers:** people who [•]know that Jesus is the [•]Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^g **Pentecost:** a *feast to thank God on the 50th day after they started to *harvest *wheat.

something that came from ^hheaven, it was like a strong wind that was blowing. They •could hear it everywhere in the house. ³ Then they •saw something ⁱwhich looked like ^jtongues of fire, and a tongue of fire came onto every ^kbeliever. ⁴ The ^lHoly_Spirit came in all of them and they started to speak in other languages. The Holy Spirit helped them to speak in those languages. ⁵ There were ^mJews from other parts of the world who ⁿworshiped God and who stayed in Jerusalem. ⁶ When they heard the ^osound of this strong wind, many of them came together at the house. They all were ^psurprised because they heard the ^qbelievers speaking in their languages and languages from other ^rlands of the world. ⁷ They were ^samazed and said: 'All these people who are talking in ^tdifferent languages come from Galilee. ⁸ We do not •know what is happening, we can all hear them speak in the language of our own home ^uland. ⁹ We are ^vJews who come from ^wdifferent ^xlands, from Parthia, Media and Elam. Some of the other Jews come from Mesopotamia, ^yJudea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia, Pamphylia,

^h **heaven:** is where the *throne of God is and where his *angels *worship Him.

ⁱ **which:** what or that one.

^j **tongue:** the part in your mouth that can move to help you talk or eat.

^k **believer:** a person who •knows that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave his *sins.

^l **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^m **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

ⁿ **worship:** is to *pray to God and *serve Him.

^o **sound:** something that hearing people can hear.

^p **surprise:** is when you did not think something •would happen, but then it happened.

^q **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^r **lands:** *countries, like South Africa and Kenya.

^s **amazed:** is when you see something that you did not think •could happen.

^t **different:** not the same.

^u **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

^v **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^w **different:** not the same.

^x **lands:** *countries, like South Africa and Kenya.

^y **Judea:** the *province in the *south of *Israel, where Jerusalem is. [see map]

Egypt, parts of Libya near Cyrene, Rome, ¹¹ Crete and Arabia. Some of us were born as ^zJews and some of us have started to ^abelieve in the God of the Jews. But we all hear them speaking in our own languages, telling us about the wonderful things that God has done.'

¹² They all were ^bamazed and ^cconfused. They asked each other: 'What is happening?'

¹³ But some people ^dmocked the ^ebelievers and said: 'They are ^fdrunk.'

Peter speaks to the people

¹⁴ Then Peter ^gstood up with the other 11 ^hapostles. He talked ⁱloudly so that all the people •could hear him and he said: ^jJewish friends and everyone who lives in Jerusalem, you must understand what is happening here and you must listen ^kcarefully to what I am telling you. ¹⁵ These people are not ^ldrunk, it is the 3rd hour (9 o'clock) in the morning. ¹⁶ What you see here are the things that the ^mprophet Joel said. ¹⁷ He ⁿwrote:

"God said: When the last days come,
I will give my ^oSpirit to everyone.

^z **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old Testament.

^a **believe:** is when you •know that God will do what He said He will do.

^b **amazed:** is when you see something that you did not think •could happen.

^c **confuse:** is when you can not think what is right or what is wrong.

^d **mock:** is when people *laugh at a person and *humiliate him.

^e **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^f **drunk:** is when a person drinks too much wine and he does not •know what he is doing.

^g **stood:** today I stand, yesterday I stood.

^h **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

ⁱ **loud:** is not soft, you can hear a person who *shouts loudly from far away.

^j **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old Testament.

^k **careful:** is when you make sure that you do something right.

^l **drunk:** is when a person drinks too much wine and he does not •know what he is doing.

^m **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

ⁿ **wrote:** is when someone •took a pen and put words on paper or in a book or *letter.

^o **Spirit of God:** the *Holy Spirit whom we can not see.

Your •sons and your ^pdaughters
will tell God's ^qmessage to other people.

Your ^ryoung men will see things
that the •Lord will show them,
and your old men will see it
in their dreams when they sleep.

¹⁸ Yes, in the last days I will give my ^sSpirit
to every man and woman who work for Me,
and they will tell the ^tmessage of God to everyone.

¹⁹ I will show ^umiracles in the ^vsky
and miracles on ^wearth.

There will be blood and fire and clouds of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be dark and the moon
will be as red as blood.

And then the ^xgreat and ^yimportant
^zday_of_the_Lord will come.

²¹ God will ^asave everyone who ^bprays to Him
and ^creally asks Him to help them." ^d

^p **daughter:** the girl of a father and mother.

^q **message:** the words that God says to people.

^r **young:** not old.

^s **Spirit of God:** the *Holy_Spirit whom we can not see.

^t **message:** the words that God says to people.

^u **miracle:** a wonderful thing that only God can do.

^v **sky:** is above us, where the sun and stars are.

^w **earth:** the world, the *ground and *land.

^x **great:** big or good and more *important.

^y **important:** something that you think about all the time, you do not forget it.

^z **day_of_the_Lord:** the last day when God will come to *judge everyone.

^a **save:** is when God *forgives a person's *sins and gives them *eternal_life.

^b **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^c **really:** is *true, not a *lie.

^d **Acts 2:17-21** these words are also in the *Old_Testament in Joel 2:28-32.

²² Peter said: 'People of ^eIsrael, you must listen ^fcarefully. You •know that God sent Jesus of Nazareth to do ^ggreat things and ^hmiracles and ⁱsigns. God showed the people that it was He who sent Jesus to you. ²³ Long ago God ^jknew and He ^kdecided that He •would give Jesus to you, and you gave Him to bad people who ^lcrucified and killed Him. ²⁴ But God ^mraised Jesus and freed Him from the power of ⁿdeath. He made Jesus ^oalive again, death •could not hold Jesus. ²⁵ •King David said things about himself and also about Jesus. David said:

"I always see the •Lord near me,

He is here next to me,

I will not be ^pafraid.

²⁶ That is why I am very happy
and why I say beautiful things about God.

Yes, I am sure that my body will live.

²⁷ God will not forget me in the ^qgrave,
He will not let me die and go to ^rhell.

²⁸ You have showed me how to live,
I will always be happy when you are with me." ^s

^e **Israel:** the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^f **careful:** is when you make sure that you do something right.

^g **great:** big or good and more *important.

^h **miracle:** a wonderful thing that only God can do.

ⁱ **sign:** something that comes from God *which people can see.

^j **knew:** today I •know, I have seen it, yesterday I knew.

^k **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

^l **crucified:** is when they have killed a person by hanging him on a *cross.

^m **raised:** is when God let someone stand up in the past.

ⁿ **death:** is to be dead, after someone has died.

^o **alive:** not dead but living.

^p **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^q **grave:** a place where they *bury the body of a dead person.

^r **hell:** the place where all people who were not *saved by God, will be *punished.

^s **Acts 2:25-28** these words are also in the *Old_Testament in *Psalm 16:8-11.

²⁹ Then Peter said: 'Friends, you all •know that our ^tforefather David died and he was ^uburied and that his ^vtomb is here with us. ³⁰ But David was a ^wprophet and he ^xknew that God had ^ypromised him that one of his ^zdescendants will one day be •king and sit on his ^athrone.

³¹ David •saw what •would happen later and he said that •Christ will live again. David said God would not let his body die and stay in the ^bgrave.

³² God has ^craised Jesus and made Him ^dalive again. We have all seen Him and we are ^ewitnesses.

³³ God •took Jesus up into ^fheaven and He said Jesus may sit next to Him, at the most ^gimportant place. Then the Father gave the ^hHoly_Spirit to Jesus, because the Father had ⁱpromised that, and Jesus gave the Holy_Spirit to us. This is what you see and hear now.

³⁴ David did not go to ^jheaven, so he was not talking about himself when he said:

"The •Lord God said to my Lord:

^t **forefather:** the first father or *grandfather of a family.

^u **buried:** is when they put a dead person into a *grave or *tomb.

^v **tomb:** a big *grave where they can *bury more than one dead person.

^w **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^x **knew:** today I •know, I have seen it, yesterday I knew.

^y **promise:** the things that God said He will do.

^z **descendants:** the children and families who come from the same *forefather.

^a **throne:** the beautiful chair that a •king sits on. [see *drawing]

^b **grave:** a place where they *bury the body of a dead person.

^c **raised:** is when God let someone stand up in the past.

^d **alive:** not dead but living.

^e **witness:** someone who •saw what happened or heard what a person said.

^f **heaven:** is where the *throne of God is and where his *angels *worship Him.

^g **important:** something that is better and *greater, that you love more than all the other.

^h **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

ⁱ **promise:** the things that God said He will do.

^j **heaven:** is where the *throne of God is and where his *angels *worship Him.

Sit here next to Me
at the most ^kimportant place.
³⁵ I will ^hhumiliate your ^menemies,
they will come and lie down
so you can put your feet on them."ⁿ

³⁶ All the people of ^oIsrael must •know and it is for sure: You have ^pcrucified Jesus, but God said that this Jesus will be the •Lord and the •Christ.'

More people start to ^qbelieve

³⁷ When the people heard these words, they were ^rsad and ^supset. They asked Peter and the other ^tapostles: 'Friends, what must we do?'

³⁸ Peter said to them: 'You must ^uturn your lives to God and live as He wants. You must all be ^vbaptised in the name of Jesus •Christ. Then God will ^wforgive your ^xsins and God will give you the ^yHoly_Spirit. ³⁹ God has ^zpromised this to you and to your children and to all the people who are not

^k **important:** something that is better and *greater, that you love more than all the other.

^l **humiliate:** is to say or do very bad things to someone to make him feel bad.

^m **enemies:** the people who hate you or fight *against you.

ⁿ **Acts 2:34-35** these words are also in the *Old_Testament in *Psalm 110:1.

^o **Israel:** the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^p **crucified:** is when they have killed a person by hanging him on a *cross.

^q **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^r **sad:** is when you are not happy, you want to cry.

^s **upset:** is when you are angry or *sad because something bad has happened.

^t **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^u **turn to God:** is to stop doing bad things and to start *serving God.

^v **baptise:** is when someone *pours water over your head or puts you under water to show that God has *forgiven your *sins.

^w **forgive:** is when God does not *punish people for the *sins that they have done.

^x **sin:** bad things that people do *which God hates.

^y **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^z **promise:** the things that God said He will do.

^aJews. Yes, God has promised this to all the people who the •Lord our God will call to come to Him.'

⁴⁰ Peter also told them many other things and he ^bwarned the people and he said they must listen ^ccarefully. He said: 'You must ask God to ^dsave you, you must not be like the people of the world, you must not ^esin.'

⁴¹ Many people listened to Peter and ^faccepted his words and they were ^gbaptised. There were about 3 000 people who started to ^hbelieve on that day.

What the ⁱbelievers did every day

⁴² The ^jbelievers did the things that the ^kapostles ^ltaught them and they came together and ^mprayed together. ⁴³ The ⁿJews •saw the ^omiracles and ^psigns that the ^qapostles did and they were ^ramazed. They ^sknew that it was

^a **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^b **warn:** is to tell someone he must be *careful and not do something wrong.

^c **careful:** is when you make sure that you do something right.

^d **save:** is when God *forgives a person's *sins and gives them *eternal_life.

^e **sin:** bad things that people do *which God hates.

^f **accept:** is when you take the *gift that someone gives you.

^g **baptise:** is when someone *pours water over your head or puts you under water to show that God has *forgiven your *sins.

^h **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

ⁱ **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^j **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^k **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^l **taught:** I teach a person when I tell him things that he must •know, yesterday I taught him.

^m **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

ⁿ **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^o **miracle:** a wonderful thing that only God can do.

^p **sign:** something that comes from God *which people can see.

^q **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^r **amazed:** is when you see something that you did not think •could happen.

^s **knew:** today I •know, I have seen it, yesterday I knew.

God who gave power to the apostles to do it. ⁴⁴ All the ^tbelievers were together and they did not keep their money and food for themselves, they gave it to other believers. ⁴⁵ They ^usold their ^vfarms and homes and gave the money to people who were poor. ⁴⁶ They went to the •temple every day and they did not eat alone, they ate together in each other's homes and they were all very happy. ⁴⁷ They ^wpraised God and all the people in Jerusalem liked them. The •Lord ^xsaved more people every day and the group of ^ybelievers became bigger every day.

3

A ^zcripple man can walk again

¹ One day Peter and John went to the •temple. It was the time of day when people came to the temple to ^apray, about the 9th hour (3 o'clock) in the ^bafternoon. ² There were people who ^ccarried a ^dcripple man to the •temple door, he was cripple from the day that he was born. Every day his people put him down at a door of the temple, at the Beautiful ^eGate and the cripple man ^fbegged and asked the people at the temple for money. ³ The ^gcripple man •saw Peter and John when they were going into the •temple and he asked

^t **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^u **sold:** is when you gave something to a person and he gave you money for it.

^v **farm:** a place where people *plant *wheat and *vegetables and have sheep and cows.

^w **praise:** is when you say God is wonderful and good.

^x **save:** is when God *forgives a person's *sins and gives them *eternal_life.

^y **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^z **cripple:** is when a person or an animal can not walk.

^a **pray:** is to talk to God.

^b **afternoon:** late in the day when the sun goes down and it becomes dark.

^c **carried:** is when you have taken something from one place to another.

^d **cripple:** is when a person or an animal can not walk.

^e **gate:** a big door that people can go *through.

^f **beg:** is when you ask people to give you food or money.

^g **cripple:** is when a person or an animal can not walk.

them for money. ⁴ Peter and John looked at him and Peter said: 'Look at us.'

⁵ The man looked at them and he ^hhoped that they •would give him something. ⁶ Then Peter said: 'I do not have money, but I will give you something that I have. Jesus of Nazareth sent me and He gave me the power to say to you: Stand up and walk.'

⁷ Then Peter •took the man's right hand and he helped him to stand. ⁱImmediately the man's feet and legs became strong ⁸ and he jumped up and he started to walk and he went with Peter and John into the •temple. He was walking and jumping and ^jpraising God. ⁹ All the people •saw him walking and ^kpraising God. ¹⁰ They all ^lknew that he was the ^mcripple man who always sat at the Beautiful ⁿGate and asked for money. They were ^oamazed at what had happened.

Peter ^ppreaches to the people

¹¹ The man who was ^qcripple, kept on holding on to Peter and John. They were in ^rSolomon's_Porch and all the people ran and came to them. The people were very ^ssurprised. ¹² When Peter •saw all the people, he started to talk to them and he said: 'Friends, why are you so ^tsurprised about what has happened? Why do you look at us like this? Do you think we have the power to let this man walk again? Or do you think we •could do it because we are

^h **hope:** is when you wish that something good will happen.

ⁱ **immediately:** now, not later.

^j **praise:** is when you say God is wonderful and good.

^k **praise:** is when you say God is wonderful and good.

^l **knew:** today I •know, I have seen it, yesterday I knew.

^m **cripple:** is when a person or an animal can not walk.

ⁿ **gate:** a big door that people can go *through.

^o **amazed:** is when you see something that you did not think •could happen.

^p **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^q **cripple:** is when a person or an animal can not walk.

^r **Solomon's_porch:** was 2 *rows of *pillars with a *roof over it, *east of the •temple.

^s **surprise:** is when you did not think something •would happen, but then it happened.

^t **surprise:** is when you did not think something •would happen, but then it happened.

so ^ureligious? ¹³ No, it is the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the ^vGod_of_Jacob who did it. Yes, the God of our fathers ^whealed this man and He showed that Jesus is the ^xKing. When Jesus was standing before ^yPilate, Pilate wanted to let Him go free. But you gave Jesus to the ^zRomans and you asked them to kill Jesus, you did not want to ^aaccept Him.

¹⁴ You did not want to ^baccept the ^cRighteous One who was ^dholy. You asked ^ePilate to let a ^fmurderer go free ¹⁵ but you killed the One who gives ^geternal_life to people. God made Him ^halive again and we are ⁱwitnesses that He lives. ¹⁶ This ^jcrippled man heard the name of Jesus and he ^kbelieved in Jesus, that is why Jesus ^lhealed him and you can all see that he can now walk.

¹⁷ Friends, I •know that you and your ^mleaders did not know what you were doing. ¹⁸ But God told all the ⁿprophets long ago to talk and to bring the

^u **religious:** religious people *pray a lot and read the Bible and try to do what God says.

^v **God_of_Jacob:** the *living God who *saved his people, the •Israelites.

^w **heal:** is when *believers make a sick person well with the power of Jesus.

^x **King:** God is King, everyone must *serve and *worship Him.

^y **Pilate:** the *Roman *governor in *Israel in the time of Jesus.

^z **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^a **accept:** is when a person *believes that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgives his *sins.

^b **accept:** is when a person *believes that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgives his *sins.

^c **Righteous One:** •Christ, the Person who has no *sins.

^d **holy:** is to *belong to God so that He can use someone or something in a *special way.

^e **Pilate:** the *Roman *governor in *Israel in the time of Jesus.

^f **murderer:** a person who has killed someone.

^g **eternal_life:** is to live with God *forever, it will never stop.

^h **alive:** not dead but living.

ⁱ **witness:** someone who •saw what happened or heard what a person said.

^j **cripple:** is when a person or an animal can not walk.

^k **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^l **heal:** is when *believers make a sick person well with the power of Jesus.

^m **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

ⁿ **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^omessage that the •Christ of God will ^psuffer and will die. And God has now done what He said, it happened like God said. ¹⁹ That is why you must now ^qturn your lives to God and do what He wants. Come to God and He will ^rforgive all your ^ssins. ²⁰ Then you will •know that •Christ is the ^tKing and He will give you ^upeace. God has ^vchosen Jesus to be the Christ, and He will send Jesus to you again. ²¹ But now Jesus must stay in ^wheaven ^xuntil the time that God makes all things new, as his ^yholy ^zprophets ^apromised long ago.

²² ^bMoses said: "The •Lord your God will send you a ^cprophet, he will be one of you, just as He ^dchose me. You must listen to everything that he tells you. ²³ Everyone who does not listen to that ^eprophet, must •know: The •Lord will take them away from the people of God."

²⁴ Samuel and all the other ^fprophets who came later, also told us what will happen at this time. ²⁵ You are the children of the ^gprophets and of the

^o **message:** the words that God says to people.

^p **suffer:** is when you have pain or you worry because you have big problems.

^q **turn to God:** is to stop doing bad things and to start *serving God.

^r **forgive:** is when God does not *punish people for the *sins that they have done.

^s **sin:** bad things that people do *which God hates.

^t **King:** God is King, everyone must *serve and *worship Him.

^u **peace:** is what you feel when God takes away all your *sins and worries.

^v **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

^w **heaven:** is where the *throne of God is and where his *angels *worship Him.

^x **until:** the time to the end when something stops.

^y **holy:** is to *belong to God so that He can use someone or something in a *special way.

^z **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^a **promise:** the things that God said He will do.

^b **Moses:** a man of God in the *Old Testament, God gave his *laws to him.

^c **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^d **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

^e **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^f **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^g **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^hcovenant that God made with your ⁱforefathers, these ^jpromises were also for you. God said to Abraham: "All the people on ^kearth will get my ^lblessings because of your family." ²⁶ That is why God sent his ^mServant Jesus to you first. He wants to ⁿbless you, He wants each one of you to stop doing things that are wrong.'

4

Peter and John before the ^oJewish_council

¹ Peter and John were talking to the people when the ^ppriests and the ^qofficer of the ^rtemple-guards and ^sSadducees came to them. ² They were very angry and ^tupset because Peter and John told the people that if they ^ubelieve in Jesus, then they will live again after they have died. ³ The ^vtemple-guards ^warrested Peter and John and put them in ^xjail ^yuntil the next day because ^zevening came and it was getting dark. ⁴ But many people who heard what

^h **covenant:** is when God *promises to help people and they promise to do what He says.

ⁱ **forefathers:** the father's *grandfathers and first fathers of a family or *nation.

^j **promise:** the things that God said He will do.

^k **earth:** the world, the *ground and *land.

^l **blessing:** something good that God gives to people when He helps them.

^m **Servant_of_the_Lord:** the Person that •would come to *save the people of God.

ⁿ **bless:** is when God helps people and does good things for them.

^o **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

^p **priest:** someone who worked for God at the •temple.

^q **officer:** a *leader of *soldiers or *guards.

^r **temple-guard:** a *soldier who worked at the •temple.

^s **Sadducees:** *Jews who did not *believe that people •would live again after they had died.

^t **upset:** is when you are angry or *sad because something bad has happened.

^u **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^v **temple-guard:** a *soldier who worked at the •temple.

^w **arrest:** is when *soldiers or *guards take a person and put him in *jail.

^x **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^y **until:** the time to the end when something stops.

^z **evening:** at the end of the day, before people go to bed.

Peter and John said, started to ^abelieve in •Christ. There were about 5 000 men who believed in Jesus. ⁵ The next morning the ^bJewish_leaders and family leaders and the ^cteachers_of_the_Laws came to Jerusalem. ⁶ Annas was the ^dhigh-priest and with him was Caiaphas, John, Alexander and all the other men who were family of the high-priest. ⁷ They said that Peter and John must stand in the ^emiddle of the ^fleaders and they asked them: 'Who gave you the power when you ^ghealed the ^hcripple man? Who sent you to do it, what name did you use?'

⁸ Peter was full of the ⁱHoly_Spirit and he said: '^jLeaders of our people and family leaders, ⁹ you ^kaccuse us today because we have done something good to a sick man, and you want to •know how we have ^lhealed the ^mcripple man. ¹⁰ There is something that you and all the •Israelites must •know. It was Jesus of Nazareth who has ⁿhealed this man. You have ^ocrucified Jesus, but God has ^praised Him again, He is ^qalive. ¹¹ This Jesus

^a **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^b **Jewish_leaders:** the *important *Jews who told the •Israelites what they had to do.

^c **teachers_of_the_Laws:** *Jews who *taught the people about the *laws of Moses.

^d **high-priest:** the *leader of all the *priests who worked for God. [see *drawing]

^e **middle:** *between 2 things, your body is in the middle of your 2 arms.

^f **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^g **heal:** is when *believers make a sick person well with the power of Jesus.

^h **cripple:** is when a person or an animal can not walk.

ⁱ **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^j **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^k **accuse:** is when you say that a person has done something wrong.

^l **heal:** is when *believers make a sick person well with the power of Jesus.

^m **cripple:** is when a person or an animal can not walk.

ⁿ **heal:** is when *believers make a sick person well with the power of Jesus.

^o **crucified:** is when they have killed a person by hanging him on a *cross.

^p **raised:** is when God let someone stand up in the past.

^q **alive:** not dead but living.

"is the stone and you are the ^rbuilders.
You did not want to use this stone,
but He is the most ^simportant stone of all."^t

¹² Only Jesus has the power to ^usave us. His name is the only name in all the world that can save a person, God has not given any other name to save us.'

¹³ The ^vJewish_leaders were ^wsurprised when they •saw that Peter and John were not ^xafraid to talk about Jesus. They ^yknew that Peter and John did not go to school and they did not •know the ^zlaws of Moses well and that they have not learned to speak before other people. They also ^aknew that Peter and John were ^bdisciples of Jesus. ¹⁴ But they •saw that the ^ccripple man was ^dhealed, he was standing with Peter and John and that is why they •could say nothing ^eagainst the ^fapostles. ¹⁵ Then they told Peter and John to go and wait outside the ^gJewish_council and they talked to each other. ¹⁶ They said: 'What can we do with these men? Everyone in Jerusalem •knows that God has helped them to do this ^hmiracle, and we can not say it did not happen.

^r **builder:** a person who builds or makes houses or other buildings.

^s **important:** something that you think about all the time, you do not forget it.

^t **Acts 4:11** these words are also in the *Old_Testament in *Psalm 118:22.

^u **save:** is when God *forgives a person's *sins and gives them *eternal_life.

^v **Jewish_leaders:** the *important *Jews who told the •Israelites what they had to do.

^w **surprise:** is when you did not think something •would happen, but then it happened.

^x **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^y **knew:** today I •know, I have seen it, yesterday I knew.

^z **laws of Moses:** the *rules that God gave to his people in the *Old_Testament.

^a **knew:** today I •know, I have seen it, yesterday I knew.

^b **disciples:** people who *believe in Jesus •Christ and *follow Him.

^c **cripple:** is when a person or an animal can not walk.

^d **heal:** is when *believers make a sick person well with the power of Jesus.

^e **against:** is when you do not want to be with a person, you want to fight him.

^f **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^g **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

^h **miracle:** a wonderful thing that only God can do.

¹⁷ But we must stop them, they must never tell anyone about Jesus again.'

¹⁸ They called Peter and John to come and stand before them again and they told Peter and John that they may never speak or ⁱpreach about Jesus again. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered them: 'What do you think: Must we

listen to you or must we listen to God? What does God want? You can ^jdecide. ²⁰ But we can not keep ^kquiet about what we •saw and heard, we will go on telling people about Jesus.'

²¹ The ^lJewish_leaders ^mwarned Peter and John again and they let them go, because the leaders did not •know why they •could ⁿpunish Peter and John. The leaders were also ^oafraid of the people because everyone ^ppraised God for what happened. ²² They also let Peter and John go away because the ^qcripple man, who was ^rhealed by this ^smiracle, was more than 40 years old.

The ^tprayer of the ^ubelievers

²³ The ^vJewish_leaders said Peter and John can go home. They went to the other ^wbelievers and told them everything that the ^xchief_priests and family

ⁱ **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^j **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and •choose to do it.

^k **keep quiet:** is when you don't speak or make a •noise.

^l **Jewish_leaders:** the •important •Jews who told the •Israelites what they had to do.

^m **warn:** is to tell someone he must be •careful and not do something wrong.

ⁿ **punish:** to let someone •suffer because they think he has done wrong.

^o **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^p **praise:** is when you say God is wonderful and good.

^q **cripple:** is when a person or an animal can not walk.

^r **heal:** is when •believers make a sick person well with the power of Jesus.

^s **miracle:** a wonderful thing that only God can do.

^t **prayer:** the words you say when you talk to God.

^u **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who •forgave their •sins.

^v **Jewish_leaders:** the •important •Jews who told the •Israelites what they had to do.

^w **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who •forgave their •sins.

^x **chief_priests:** the •leaders of the people who worked for God.

^yleaders said to them. ²⁴ When the ^zbelievers heard this, they ^aprayed to God and said: '•Lord, you have made the ^bheaven and the ^cearth, the sea and everything in the world. ²⁵ Your ^dHoly_Spirit has talked to David, our ^eforefather, and David ^fwrote:

"Why are all the ^gGentiles angry?

Why did they make plans that did not help them?

²⁶ The •kings of the world have ^hrebelled,

and the ⁱrulers have come together

to make plans ^jagainst God

and his ^kanointed one."^l

²⁷ This is what ^mreally happened here in Jerusalem. •King Herod and Pontius ⁿPilate with the ^oGentiles and the •Israelites came together ^pagainst your

^y **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^z **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^a **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^b **heaven:** is where the *throne of God is and where his *angels *worship Him.

^c **earth:** the world, the *ground and *land.

^d **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^e **forefather:** the first father or *grandfather of a family.

^f **wrote:** is when someone •took a pen and put words on paper or in a book or *letter.

^g **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^h **rebel:** is when a person does not want to listen to God.

ⁱ **ruler:** a •king or *leader who tells the people of his *nation what they must do.

^j **against:** is when you do not want to be with a person, you want to fight him.

^k **anointed:** is when they *pour *olive oil over a person to make him •king.

^l **Acts 4:25-26** these words are also in the *Old_Testament in *Psalm 2:1-2.

^m **really:** is *true, not a *lie.

ⁿ **Pilate:** the *Roman *governor in *Israel in the time of Jesus.

^o **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^p **against:** is when you do not want to be with a person, you want to fight him.

^qholy ^rServant, Jesus, the One who You have ^sanointed. ²⁸ They did what You had ^tdecided long ago. What you decide will happen.

²⁹ •Lord, they keep on saying that they will ^upunish us. You must please help us now, help us, your ^vservants, not to be ^wafraid, to tell the people about your ^xmessage. ³⁰ Show the people your power and ^yheal them, let ^zsigns and ^amiracles happen when we say the name of your ^bholy ^cServant Jesus.'

³¹ When they ^dfinished ^epraying, God did a ^fmiracle and the house where they were started to ^gshake. They were filled with the ^hHoly_Spirit and they were not ⁱafraid, they ^jpreached the word of God all the people about Jesus.

The ^kbelievers help other believers

³² The group of ^lbelievers all felt the same way about everything. They did

^q **holy:** is to *belong to God so that He can use someone or something in a *special way.

^r **Servant_of_the_Lord:** the Person that •would come to *save the people of God.

^s **anoint:** is when they *pour *olive oil over someone so that he can work for God.

^t **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

^u **punish:** to let someone *suffer because they think he has done wrong.

^v **servant:** someone who *believes in God and *serves Him.

^w **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^x **message:** the words that God says to people.

^y **heal:** is when *believers make a sick person well with the power of Jesus.

^z **sign:** something that comes from God *which people can see.

^a **miracle:** a wonderful thing that only God can do.

^b **holy:** is to *belong to God so that He can use someone or something in a *special way.

^c **Servant of God:** someone who *serves God.

^d **finish:** is to stop after you have done everything.

^e **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^f **miracle:** a wonderful thing that only God can do.

^g **shake:** is when I hold something and I push and pull it a few times.

^h **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

ⁱ **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^j **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^k **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^l **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

not keep any of their own things for themselves. They said the poor ^mbelievers can take it. ³³ The ⁿapostles ^opreached with power and they told the people that after Jesus has died, God made Him ^palive again. God was very good to all the ^qbelievers. ³⁴ They had everything that they needed. The ^rbelievers who had ^sfarms or houses ^tsold it and they gave the money ³⁵ to the ^uapostles, who gave the money to the poor people who needed something. ³⁶ There was a man, his name was Joseph, but the ^vapostles named him Barnabas. The name Barnabas ^wmeans 'someone who helps other people and makes them strong'.

Barnabas was a ^xLevite, he came from the ^yIsland of Cyprus. ³⁷ He was one of the ^zbelievers who ^asold his house and gave the money to the ^bapostles.

5

Ananias and Sapphira tell ^clies to the ^dapostles

¹ There was a man, his name was Ananias and his ^ewife's name was

^m **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

ⁿ **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^o **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^p **alive:** not dead but living.

^q **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^r **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^s **farm:** a place where people *plant *wheat and *vegetables and have sheep and cows.

^t **sold:** is when you gave something to a person and he gave you money for it.

^u **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^v **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^w **mean:** is what someone says, what people must understand.

^x **Levite:** a person from the *Levi *tribe, only they •could work at the •temple.

^y **island:** a small *piece of *land in the sea.

^z **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^a **sold:** is when you gave something to a person and he gave you money for it.

^b **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^c **lie:** something that a person says, but it is not *true, it is *false.

^d **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^e **wife:** the woman married to a man, her *husband.

Sapphira. They also had some ^fland and they ^gsold it and gave the money to the ^hapostles ² but they ⁱlied, they did not give all the money, they kept part of the money for themselves when Ananias gave some of the money to the ^japostles. ³ Peter said to him: 'Ananias, why did you listen to ^kSatan? Why did you do what Satan told you to do? Why did you ^llie to the ^mHoly_Spirit? You said you gave us all the money you have, but you did not, you kept part of the money for yourself. ⁴ It was your ⁿfield before you ^osold it. And when you sold it, you were free to do with your money what you wanted to do. Why did you ^plie and say it was all the money? That was wrong. You did not ^qlie to the people, you have lied to God.'

⁵ When Ananias heard this, he died and ^rfell onto the ^sground. And all the people who heard of this, were ^tafraid. ⁶ Some of the ^uyoung men came and they put ^vcloths over his body and went and ^wburied him. ⁷ After about 3 hours, Ananias's ^xwife came to them, she did not know what had happened.

^f **land:** a *field or a *farm.

^g **sold:** is when you gave something to a person and he gave you money for it.

^h **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

ⁱ **lie:** is when you say something that is not *true, it did not happen.

^j **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^k **Satan:** a name for the *devil.

^l **lie:** is when you say something that is not *true, it did not happen.

^m **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

ⁿ **field:** *land where *farmers *sow *wheat or *plant other plants.

^o **sold:** is when you gave something to a person and he gave you money for it.

^p **lie:** is when you say something that is not *true, it did not happen.

^q **lie:** is when you say something that is not *true, it did not happen.

^r **fell:** today you fall to the *ground, yesterday you fell.

^s **ground:** the brown *earth or sand that you walk on.

^t **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^u **young:** not old.

^v **cloth:** a *piece of *material that they use to make clothes or *tents.

^w **buried:** is when they put a dead person into a *grave or *tomb.

^x **wife:** the woman married to a man, her *husband.

⁸ Peter said to her: 'Tell me, did you ^ysell the ^zfield for as much money as Ananias said?'

She said: 'Yes, that is how much money we •got.'

⁹ Peter said to her: 'Why did you and your ^ahusband ^bagree to ^clie to the ^dSpirit of God? The ^eyoung men who ^fburied your husband are standing at the door and they will also take you and bury you.'

¹⁰ She died ^gimmediately and she ^hfell onto the ⁱground at Peter's feet. When the ^jyoung men came in and •saw that she was dead, they ^kcarried her out and ^lburied her next to her ^mhusband. ¹¹ All the ⁿbelievers and many other people heard about what had happened to Ananias and Sapphira. They were all ^oafraid.

The ^papostles ^qheal many people

¹² The •Lord gave the ^rapostles power to do many ^ssigns and ^tmiracles in

^y **sell:** is when you give something to a person and he gives you money for it.

^z **field:** *land where *farmers *sow *wheat or *plant other plants.

^a **husband:** the man who is married to a woman, his *wife.

^b **agree:** is when you say yes, you think it's right.

^c **lie:** is when you say something that is not *true, it did not happen.

^d **Spirit of God:** the *Holy_Spirit whom we can not see.

^e **young:** not old.

^f **buried:** is when they put a dead person into a *grave or *tomb.

^g **immediately:** now, not later.

^h **fell:** today you fall to the *ground, yesterday you fell.

ⁱ **ground:** the brown *earth or sand that you walk on.

^j **young:** not old.

^k **carried:** is when you have taken something from one place to another.

^l **bury:** is when they put the body of a dead person into a *grave or *tomb.

^m **husband:** the man who is married to a woman, his *wife.

ⁿ **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^o **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^p **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^q **heal:** is when *believers make a sick person well with the power of Jesus.

^r **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^s **sign:** something that comes from God *which people can see.

^t **miracle:** a wonderful thing that only God can do.

front of the people. All the ^ubelievers came every day to ^vSolomon's_Porch.
¹³ The other people were ^wafraid to come and sit with them, but they
^xrespected the ^ybelievers. ¹⁴ Later the •Lord ^zsaved more and more people and
they came with the ^abelievers to ^bworship the Lord, men and women. ¹⁵ The
people of Jerusalem ^ccarried the sick people out into the streets. They laid
the sick people on ^dsleeping-mats and beds and ^ehoped that Peter •would
walk past them and that his ^fshadow would fall onto the sick people. ¹⁶ There
were also many people from towns near Jerusalem that started to bring their
sick people and people who had ^gevil_spirits in them. And the •Lord ^hhealed
them all.

The ⁱJewish_leaders ^jarrest the ^kapostles

¹⁷ Then the ^lhigh-priest and the ^mSadducees and other ⁿleaders became

^u **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^v **Solomon's_porch:** was 2 *rows of *pillars with a *roof over it, *east of the •temple.

^w **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^x **respect:** is when you show someone that he is *important and you listen to him.

^y **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^z **save:** is when God *forgives a person's *sins and gives them *eternal_life.

^a **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^b **worship:** is to *pray to God and *serve Him.

^c **carried:** is when you have taken something from one place to another.

^d **sleeping-mat:** a bed that they *carried sick people on. [see *drawing]

^e **hope:** is when you wish that something good will happen.

^f **shadow:** is where the sun is not shining in the day, like under a tree.

^g **evil_spirit:** a bad *spirit that comes from the *devil.

^h **heal:** is when *believers make a sick person well with the power of Jesus.

ⁱ **Jewish_leaders:** the *important *Jews who told the •Israelites what they had to do.

^j **arrest:** is when *soldiers or *guards take a person and put him in *jail.

^k **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^l **high-priest:** the *leader of all the *priests who worked for God. [see *drawing]

^m **Sadducees:** *Jews who did not *believe that people •would live again after they had died.

ⁿ **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^ojealous. They ^pdecided to do something bad to the ^qbelievers. ¹⁸ They ^rarrested the ^sapostles and put them into ^tjail. ¹⁹ But an ^uangel of the •Lord came in the night and he opened the doors of the ^vjail and he ^wled the ^xapostles out. ²⁰ He said to the ^yapostles: 'Go to the •temple and ^zpreach to the people about Jesus so that they can have ^aeternal_life.'

²¹ The ^bapostles went to the •temple very early the next morning and they started to teach the people.

The ^chigh-priest called all the people of the ^dJewish_council and the ^eleaders_of_Israel together to talk. They sent ^fguards to the ^gjail to go and get the ^hapostles. ²² But when the ⁱguards came to the ^jjail, they •saw the ^kapostles

^o **jealous:** is when you don't like someone because he has something that you don't have.

^p **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

^q **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^r **arrest:** is when *soldiers or *guards take a person and put him in *jail.

^s **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^t **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^u **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^v **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^w **led:** is to lead a person, yesterday, you walked in front and he walked *behind you.

^x **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^y **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^z **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^a **eternal_life:** is to live with God *forever, it will never stop.

^b **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^c **high-priest:** the *leader of all the *priests who worked for God. [see *drawing]

^d **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

^e **leaders_of_Israel:** the *important people who told the •Israelites what they had to do.

^f **guard:** a person who must keep *thieves in *jail. [see *drawing]

^g **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^h **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

ⁱ **guard:** a person who must keep *thieves in *jail. [see *drawing]

^j **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^k **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

were not there. They came back and said to the ¹Jewish_leaders: ²³ 'When we came to the ^mjail, the jail was closed. All the doors were ⁿlocked and the ^oguards were standing at the doors. But when we opened the doors, there was no one inside.'

²⁴ When the ^pofficer of the ^qtemple-guards and the ^rchief_priests heard what he said, they were very ^ssurprised, they did not know what to think. ²⁵ Then someone came and said: 'The men that you put in ^tjail are standing in the ^utemple and they are ^uteaching the people.'

²⁶ The ^vofficers and ^wguards went to the ^xapostles and asked them to come back to the ^yJewish_leaders, but they did not ^zarrest them, they were ^aafraid that the people ^bwould ^bthrow them with stones. ²⁷ They ^cbrought the ^dapostles and asked them to stand before the ^eJewish_council. The

¹ **Jewish_leaders:** the *important *Jews who told the •Israelites what they had to do.

^m **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

ⁿ **lock:** is when you close a door with a key so that other people can not open the door.

^o **guard:** a person who must keep *thieves in *jail. [see *drawing]

^p **officer:** a *leader of *soldiers or *guards.

^q **temple-guard:** a *soldier who worked at the •temple.

^r **chief_priests:** the *leaders of the people who worked for God.

^s **surprise:** is when you did not think something •would happen, but then it happened.

^t **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^u **teaching:** is to help people understand, to teach them.

^v **officer:** a *leader of *soldiers or *guards.

^w **guard:** a person who must keep *thieves in *jail. [see *drawing]

^x **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^y **Jewish_leaders:** the *important *Jews who told the •Israelites what they had to do.

^z **arrest:** is when *soldiers or *guards take a person and put him in *jail.

^a **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^b **throw:** when I throw a stone at you, it goes from my hand to you.

^c **brought:** today I bring, yesterday I brought.

^d **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^e **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

^fhigh-priest said to them: ²⁸ 'We have ^gwarned you and told you that you must not teach the people about Jesus. But now look what you have done. People all over the city of Jerusalem have heard you ^hteaching and you have told them that it was us who had killed Jesus.'

²⁹ Peter and the ⁱapostles answered and said: 'We must listen to God more than we obey people. ³⁰ You have killed Jesus on a ^jcross, but the God of our ^kforefathers made Him ^lalive again. ³¹ God made Jesus our ^mLeader and ⁿSaviour and God has given Him ^oglory and said He may sit next to God at the most ^pimportant place, so that the •Israelites can ^qturn to God and live as He wants and that He can ^rforgive their ^ssins. ³² We are here to tell you about these things that we have seen and God the ^tHoly_Spirit is also the ^uwitness that this is ^vtrue, the Holy_Spirit who is the ^wgift of God to those people who listen to God.'

³³ The ^xJewish_leaders became very angry when they heard this and they

^f **high-priest:** the *leader of all the *priests who worked for God. [see *drawing]

^g **warn:** is to tell someone he must be *careful and not do something wrong.

^h **teaching:** is to help people understand, to teach them.

ⁱ **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^j **cross:** 2 wooden poles like an X on *which they killed people. [see *drawing]

^k **forefathers:** the father's *grandfathers and first fathers of a family or *nation.

^l **alive:** not dead but living.

^m **Leader:** Jesus is the first One who has *received *eternal_life, *believers *follow Him.

ⁿ **Saviour:** Jesus, the One who *saves us from *sin and *hell.

^o **glory:** the glory of God *shines like a light and shows that He is *King who *rules over all.

^p **important:** something that you think about all the time, you do not forget it.

^q **turn to God:** is to stop doing bad things and to start *serving God.

^r **forgive:** is when God does not *punish people for the *sins that they have done.

^s **sin:** bad things that people do *which God hates.

^t **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^u **witness:** Someone who •saw what happened and heard what a person said.

^v **true:** is not a *lie, it is the same as what *really happened or what you will do.

^w **gift:** something that God has given to a person.

^x **Jewish_leaders:** the *important *Jews who told the •Israelites what they had to do.

^ydecided to kill the ^zapostles. ³⁴ Then one man in the ^aJewish_council ^bstood up, his name was Gamaliel. He was a ^cPharisee and a ^dteacher_of_the_Laws and all the people ^erespected him. He asked the ^fapostles to go out of the room for a short time. ³⁵ Then Gamaliel said to the ^gJewish_council: 'Friends, you must be ^hcareful and ⁱbeware of what you want to do with these men. ³⁶ You •know that some time ago there was a man with the name of Theudas. He told the people that he was a very ^jimportant_leader and about 400 men ^kfollowed him. But someone killed him and all the men who followed him ran away. We have not heard from Theudas and his men again, they are gone.

³⁷ Then there was a man, Judas from Galilee. He ^lrebelled_against the ^mgovernment when the ⁿRomans were ^ocounting all the people and he said all the people must rebel with him. But they also killed Judas and all his people ran away.

³⁸ And now, what must we do with these men today? We must let them go and we must not do bad things to them. If their plans and the things they say

^y **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

^z **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^a **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

^b **stood:** today I stand, yesterday I stood.

^c **Pharisees:** a group of *Jews who tried to do everything that the *laws of Moses say.

^d **teachers_of_the_Laws:** *Jews who *taught the people about the *laws of Moses.

^e **respect:** is when you show someone that he is *important and you listen to him.

^f **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^g **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

^h **careful:** is when you look out for something that might be *dangerous.

ⁱ **beware:** is when you look *around and you are *careful of *dangerous things.

^j **important_leader:** a person who tells other people what to do and they must listen to him.

^k **follow:** is when you learn from a *teacher and you *obey him.

^l **rebel_against:** is when a person does not listen to his *leaders but fights *against them.

^m **government:** the *leaders of a *nation who *rule a *country.

ⁿ **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^o **count:** if want to •know how many there are, you count them and say: '1, 2, 3, 4...'

come from people, then their plans will ^pdisappear and it will stop. ³⁹ But if it is God who told them to do this, then you can not stop them. You might see later that you are fighting ^qagainst God.'

The ^rJewish_council listened to Gamaliel. ⁴⁰ They said that the ^sapostles must come back to them and they said the ^tguards must ^ubeat them with ^vwhips. Then they told the ^wapostles that they must not ^xpreach about Jesus. After that, they let the apostles go. ⁴¹ The ^yapostles went away from the ^zJewish_council and they were very happy that God ^abelieved that they are good ^benough to be ^cpunished because they ^dbelieve in Jesus. ⁴² They went to the •temple every day and to the houses of people, telling them the ^eGood_News that Jesus is the •Christ.

^p **disappear:** is when something was there, but now it is gone, no one will see it again.

^q **against:** is when you do not want to be with a person, you want to fight him.

^r **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

^s **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^t **guard:** a person who must keep *thieves in *jail. [see *drawing]

^u **beat:** is when you hit someone or something very hard.

^v **whip:** a long *piece of *leather used to *beat a person when they *punish him. [see *drawing]

^w **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^x **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^y **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^z **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

^a **believe:** is when someone thinks he •knows what is right.

^b **enough:** when you do not want any more.

^c **punish:** to let someone *suffer because they think he has done wrong.

^d **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^e **Good_News:** the *message that God loves us and that Jesus *forgives all of our *sins.

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The ^fbelievers ^gchoose 7 men to help the poor people

¹ There were more and more people who started to ^hbelieve in •Christ. Some of the ⁱbelievers in Jerusalem were speaking the ^jGreek language and other believers were speaking the ^kAramaic language. The Greek-speaking believers had a problem. They said that the ^lwidows of men who were speaking Greek, did not get ^menough food when the ⁿapostles gave food to the poor believers every day. ² Then the 12 ^oapostles called all the ^pbelievers together. They said to them: 'We are apostles who must teach people the ^qGood_News. It is wrong that we are stopping our work because we are so busy giving food to poor people the whole day long. We do not have time to ^rpreach the ^smessage of God. ³ Friends, now you must ^tchoose 7 ^ubelievers. Everyone must •know that they are good men, and they must be full of the

^f **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^g **choose:** is when you take the one that you want to take.

^h **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

ⁱ **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^j **Greek:** the language of the people who live in Greece. The *New_Testament was *written in Greek.

^k **Aramaic language:** the language that the *Jews started to speak when they were in Babilon.

^l **widow:** a woman whose *husband has died.

^m **enough:** when you do not want any more.

ⁿ **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^o **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^p **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^q **Good_News:** the *message that God loves us and that Jesus *forgives all of our *sins.

^r **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^s **message of God:** the *Good_News that God loves everyone and wants to *save them.

^t **choose:** is when you take the one that you want to take.

^u **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^vHoly_Spirit and ^wwisdom. We will ask them to help and give food to the poor people. ⁴ Then we can do the work of ^xapostles and ^ypray for people and tell them the ^zmessage of God.'

⁵ All the ^abelievers were happy when they heard what the ^bapostles said and they ^cchose 7 men. The first was Stephen, he had strong ^dfaith and he was full of the ^eHoly_Spirit. They also chose Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas. Nicolas was not a ^fJew but when he lived in the city of Antioch, he started ^gworshiping God with the Jews. ⁶ The ^hbelievers said these 7 men must stand before the ⁱapostles and the apostles ^jprayed for them and put their ^khands on the 7 men. ⁷ More and more people started to ^lbelieve the ^mmessage of God and the group of ⁿbelievers in Jerusalem became bigger. Many ^opriests also became believers.

^v **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^w **wisdom:** is to •know what God wants and that what He says is the right thing to do.

^x **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^y **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^z **message of God:** the *Good_News that God loves everyone and wants to *save them.

^a **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^b **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^c **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

^d **faith:** is to *believe in God.

^e **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^f **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^g **worship:** is to *pray to God and *serve Him.

^h **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

ⁱ **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^j **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^k **hands on a person:** is to *pray for a person before sending him to work for God.

^l **believe:** is when you •know that God will do what He said He will do.

^m **message of God:** the *Good_News that God loves everyone and wants to *save them.

ⁿ **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^o **priest:** someone who worked for God at the •temple.

The ^pJewish_leaders ^qarrest Stephen

⁸ God was very good to Stephen and He gave Stephen the power to do ^rmiracles and ^ssigns to help people. ⁹ There were ^tJews from the ^uSynagogue of the Free Men, who were ^vslaves long ago, but then the ^wRomans said they •could be free. They came from the ^xlands of Cyrene, Alexandria, Cilicia and Asia. They started to ^yargue with Stephen. ¹⁰ But they •could not say that Stephen was wrong, because the ^zHoly_Spirit gave Stephen ^awisdom and he said the right words. ¹¹ Then the ^bJews paid some men to say ^cfalse things ^dagainst Stephen. They said: 'We have heard Stephen saying bad things against ^eMoses and against God.'

¹² The people of the ^fsynagogue made the people and the family ^gleaders and the ^hteachers_of_the_Laws very angry with Stephen. They all ran to

^p **Jewish_leaders:** the *important *Jews who told the •Israelites what they had to do.

^q **arrest:** is when *soldiers or *guards take a person and put him in *jail.

^r **miracle:** a wonderful thing that only God can do.

^s **sign:** something that comes from God *which people can see.

^t **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^u **Synagogue:** a building where *Jews come together to *pray. This synagogue was for *Jews who were *slaves before.

^v **slave:** someone who *belongs to another person and must work for him.

^w **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^x **lands:** *countries, like South Africa and Kenya.

^y **argue:** is when you talk to and fight with a person, using words.

^z **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^a **wisdom:** is to •know what God wants and that what He says is the right thing to do.

^b **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^c **false:** is when something is a *lie, it is not *true.

^d **against:** is when you do not want to be with a person, you want to fight him.

^e **Moses:** a man of God in the *Old_Testament, God gave his *laws to him.

^f **synagogue:** a building where *Jews come together to *pray.

^g **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^h **teachers_of_the_Laws:** *Jews who *taught the people about the *laws of Moses.

Stephen and ⁱgrabbed him and •took him to the ^jJewish_council. ¹³ They •got ^kfalse_witnesses who said that Stephen kept on saying bad things ^lagainst the •temple and against the ^mlaws of Moses. ¹⁴ The ⁿfalse_witnesses said: 'We have heard Stephen say that Jesus of Nazareth will break down the •temple and He will change the things that ^oMoses ^ptaught us.'

¹⁵ Everyone in the ^qJewish_council looked at Stephen. They •saw his face change, it looked like the face of an ^rangel.

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Stephen talks to the ^sJewish_council

¹ The ^thigh-priest asked Stephen: 'Is it ^utrue what these people say?'

² Then Stephen said: 'My friends, you must listen ^vcarefully. God, who is ^wKing, has ^xappeared to our ^yforefather Abraham when he lived in the ^zland of Mesopotamia, before Abraham lived in the town of Harran. ³ God said to

ⁱ **grab:** is when you *quickly take someone or something and you hold it.

^j **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

^k **false_witness:** someone who says he •saw what happened, but *lies.

^l **against:** is when you do not want to be with a person, you want to fight him.

^m **laws of Moses:** the *rules that God gave to his people in the *Old_Testament.

ⁿ **false_witness:** someone who says he •saw what happened, but *lies.

^o **Moses:** a man of God in the *Old_Testament, God gave his *laws to him.

^p **taught:** I teach a person when I tell him things that he must •know, yesterday I taught him.

^q **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

^r **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^s **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

^t **high-priest:** the *leader of all the *priests who worked for God. [see *drawing]

^u **true:** is not a *lie, it is the same as what *really happened or what you will do.

^v **careful:** is when you make sure that you do something right.

^w **King:** God is King, everyone must *serve and *worship Him.

^x **appear:** is when God or an *angel comes to someone and talks to him.

^y **forefather:** the first father or *grandfather of a family.

^z **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

Abraham: "You must go away from your ^aland and from your family, you must go into the land that I will show you." ⁴ And Abraham went away from the ^bland of the Chaldeans and he lived in the land of Harran.

After Abraham's father died, God let Abraham come to this land where you live now. ⁵ God did not give any ^cland to Abraham, not ^deven a small ^epiece of land. But God ^fpromised that He will give the land to the ^gchildren_of_Abraham. At that time Abraham did not have any children.

⁶ God said: "Abraham's ^hdescendants will not live in their own ⁱland, they will be ^jstrangers in another land and the people of that land will ^koppress Abraham's people and they will be ^lslaves for 400 years." ⁷ God also said: "But I will ^mpunish the people who have ⁿoppressed Abraham's ^odescendants. When that happens, Abraham's descendants will go and they will ^pserve Me in this ^qland that we live in now."

⁸ God made a ^rcovenant with Abraham, and the ^ssign for this covenant was

^a **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

^b **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

^c **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

^d **even:** also.

^e **piece:** a piece of an apple is part of the apple.

^f **promise:** the things that God said He will do.

^g **children_of_Abraham:** •Israelites or people who *believe in God.

^h **descendants:** the children and families who come from the same *forefather.

ⁱ **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

^j **stranger:** someone who stays in another *country or town, not with his own people.

^k **oppress:** is when someone does bad things to other people and they can not fight back.

^l **slave:** someone who *belongs to another person and must work for him.

^m **punish:** is to make someone *suffer to help him stop doing wrong.

ⁿ **oppress:** is when someone does bad things to other people and they can not fight back.

^o **descendants:** the children and families who come from the same *forefather.

^p **serve:** is to *pray to God, to live and work for Him.

^q **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

^r **covenant:** is when God *promises to help people and they promise to do what He says.

^s **sign:** something that people can see to show them something *important.

^tcircumcision. And when Abraham became the father of Isaac, he circumcised Isaac when Isaac was 8 days old. And Isaac circumcised ^uJacob and Jacob circumcised his 12 •sons, our ^vforefathers.

⁹ Because these ^wforefathers were ^xjealous of their brother Joseph, they ^ysold him to people of the ^zland_of_Egypt, but God was with Joseph. ¹⁰ God has ^asaved Joseph when he had big problems. God gave Joseph a lot of ^bwisdom so that the •king of Egypt ^crespected Joseph and made him the ^dgovernor over all the people and things in Egypt, and over the king's ^epalace.

¹¹ And when it became very dry in Egypt and Canaan, the people had no food and they ^fsuffered a lot. Our ^gforefathers also did not have food ¹² and when Jacob heard there was food in Egypt, he sent his •sons, our ^hforefathers, to Egypt for the first time. ¹³ When they •got there the 2nd time, Joseph told his brothers and the people who he was and then the •king of Egypt also heard of Joseph's family.

¹⁴ Then Joseph said his father Jacob and all the people of his family must come to Egypt, they were 75 people. ¹⁵ Jacob went down into Egypt and he

^t **circumcision:** was the *sign of the *covenant, the *foreskin of a boy or a man that was cut off.

^u **Jacob:** another name for *Israel.

^v **forefathers:** the father's *grandfathers and first fathers of a family or *nation.

^w **forefathers:** the father's *grandfathers and first fathers of a family or *nation.

^x **jealous:** is when you don't like someone because he has something that you don't have.

^y **sold:** is when you gave something to a person and he gave you money for it.

^z **land_of_Egypt:** the *country where the •Israelites were *slaves long ago.

^a **save:** is when you have very big problems and someone comes and helps you.

^b **wisdom:** is to •know what God wants and that what He says is the right thing to do.

^c **respect:** is when you show someone that he is *important and you listen to him.

^d **governor:** an *officer who *rules a *country or *province because a •king sent him to do it.

^e **palace:** the big and beautiful home of a •king.

^f **suffer:** is when you have pain or you worry because you have big problems.

^g **forefathers:** the father's *grandfathers and first fathers of a family or *nation.

^h **forefathers:** the father's *grandfathers and first fathers of a family or *nation.

and our ⁱforefathers died there later. ¹⁶ The •Israelites •took the bodies of Jacob and his •sons back to the town of Shechem and they ^jburied their bodies in the ^ktomb that Abraham ^lbought from the family of Hamor in the town of Shechem.

¹⁷ When the time came for God to do what He had ^mpromised Abraham, the •Israelites were ⁿalready a very big ^onation in Egypt, they were many people.

¹⁸ Then another man became •king in Egypt. He did not •know who Joseph was and what he did. ¹⁹ The new •king was bad, he said our ^pforefathers must ^qthrow their babies outside to die.

²⁰ ^rDuring that time ^sMoses was born, he was a beautiful baby. His father and mother kept him ^tsafe and looked after him in their home for 3 months.

²¹ When they put him outside, the ^udaughter of the •king of Egypt ^vfound him and she •took him home and she ^wraised him like her own •son. ²² ^xMoses learned all the ^ywisdom of the people of Egypt, he ^zknew the right things to say and do.

ⁱ **forefathers:** the father's *grandfathers and first fathers of a family or *nation.

^j **buried:** is when they put a dead person into a *grave or *tomb.

^k **tomb:** a big *grave where they can *bury more than one dead person.

^l **bought:** today I give you money and buy something from you, yesterday I bought it.

^m **promise:** the things that God said He will do.

ⁿ **already:** is when something is *finished or has happened before.

^o **nation:** all the people from a *country or *land.

^p **forefathers:** the father's *grandfathers and first fathers of a family or *nation.

^q **throw:** when I throw a stone at you, it goes from my hand to you.

^r **during:** when, at the same time.

^s **Moses:** a man of God in the *Old Testament, God gave his *laws to him.

^t **safe:** is when and where you do not have to worry, you will not have problems.

^u **daughter:** the girl of a father and mother.

^v **found:** today I find something, yesterday I found it.

^w **raise:** is to let children grow up and to teach them

^x **Moses:** a man of God in the *Old Testament, God gave his *laws to him.

^y **wisdom:** is to •know what is the right thing to say or do at the right time.

^z **knew:** is when you had learned things so that you •would not do something wrong.

²³ When ^aMoses was 40 years old, he ^bdecided to ^cvisit his own people, the •Israelites. ²⁴ He •saw an Egyptian man who was hitting an •Israelite. ^dMoses helped the Israelite, he ^ebeat the Egyptian and killed him. ²⁵ ^fMoses ^gthought that the •Israelites •would understand that God wanted to use him to ^hsave them, but they did not understand.

²⁶ The next day ⁱMoses •saw 2 •Israelites who were fighting. He wanted to help them make ^jpeace and he said: "Friends, you are Israelites, why do you fight with each other?" ²⁷ But the one who started the problem, pushed ^kMoses away and said: "Who ^lchose you to ^mrule and ⁿjudge over us? ²⁸ Do you want to kill me like you killed the Egyptian man yesterday?"

²⁹ When ^oMoses heard this, he ran away and he went to live in the ^pland of Midian, he was a ^qstranger there and he became the father of 2 •sons.

³⁰ It was 40 years later when an ^rangel ^sappeared to ^tMoses in the

^a **Moses:** a man of God in the *Old_Testament, God gave his *laws to him.

^b **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

^c **visit:** is when you go to your friend or someone and talk to him.

^d **Moses:** a man of God in the *Old_Testament, God gave his *laws to him.

^e **beat:** is when you hit someone or something very hard.

^f **Moses:** a man of God in the *Old_Testament, God gave his *laws to him.

^g **thought:** today I think, yesterday I thought.

^h **save:** is when you have very big problems and someone comes and helps you.

ⁱ **Moses:** a man of God in the *Old_Testament, God gave his *laws to him.

^j **peace:** is when there is no one who wants to fight *against you.

^k **Moses:** a man of God in the *Old_Testament, God gave his *laws to him.

^l **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

^m **rule:** is when the *leader or the •king of the people tells them what to do.

ⁿ **judge:** is when you *decide that someone has done wrong and that he is *guilty.

^o **Moses:** a man of God in the *Old_Testament, God gave his *laws to him.

^p **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

^q **stranger:** someone who stays in another *country or town, not with his own people.

^r **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^s **appear:** is when God or an *angel comes to someone and talks to him.

^t **Moses:** a man of God in the *Old_Testament, God gave his *laws to him.

^udesert at ^vMount Sinai. The angel was in the flames of a burning ^wbush.

³¹ ^xMoses was ^ysurprised when he •saw the burning ^zbush and he went closer to see better, when he heard the voice of the •Lord who said: ³² "I am the God of your ^aforefathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

^bMoses ^ctrembled and he was too ^dafraid to look at the fire.

³³ The •Lord said to him: "Take off your ^esandals, the place where you are standing on is ^fholy. ³⁴ I •saw how my people ^gsuffered in Egypt and I heard them crying. I came down to ^hsave them. Come here, I want to send you to Egypt." '

³⁵ Stephen then said: 'You must remember, the •Israelites did not want ⁱMoses to be their ^jleader. They said: "Who has ^kchosen you to be ^lruler and ^mjudge over us?" But God sent him, He sent ⁿMoses to be ^oruler and ^psaviour.

^u **desert:** big dry place of sand with very little water.

^v **Mount:** a *mountain where the *ground is not flat, where it goes up high. [see *drawing]

^w **bush:** a *plant or a small tree that has many *leaves. [see *drawing]

^x **Moses:** a man of God in the *Old_Testament, God gave his *laws to him.

^y **surprised:** is when you did not think something •would happen, but then it happened.

^z **bush:** a *plant or a small tree that has many *leaves. [see *drawing]

^a **forefathers:** the father's *grandfathers and first fathers of a family or *nation.

^b **Moses:** a man of God in the *Old_Testament, God gave his *laws to him.

^c **tremble:** is when you are cold or *afraid and your body *shakes.

^d **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^e **sandals:** shoes that are open, you put them on your feet when you walk. [see *drawing]

^f **holy:** is to *belong to God so that He can use someone or something in a *special way.

^g **suffer:** is when you have pain or you worry because you have big problems.

^h **save:** is when you have very big problems and someone comes and helps you.

ⁱ **Moses:** a man of God in the *Old_Testament, God gave his *laws to him.

^j **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^k **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

^l **ruler:** a •king or *leader who tells the people of his *nation what they must do.

^m **judge:** is when you *decide that someone has done wrong and that he is *guilty.

ⁿ **Moses:** a man of God in the *Old_Testament, God gave his *laws to him.

^o **ruler:** a •king or *leader who tells the people of his *nation what they must do.

^p **saviour:** a person who helps and *saves other people.

God did this when the ^qangel ^rappeared to ^sMoses in the ^tbush.

³⁶ Then ^uMoses •took the •Israelites out of Egypt and for 40 years he did ^vmiracles and ^wsigns in the ^xland_of_Egypt and at the Red Sea and in the ^ydesert. ³⁷ It was this man, ^zMoses, who said to the •Israelites: "God will send a ^aprophet to you and this prophet will be one of your own people. He will be a ^bprophet like me."

³⁸ ^cMoses was with our ^dforefathers in the ^edesert where he ^fspoke to them. He was also with the ^gangel on ^hMount Sinai. There the angel ⁱspoke to Moses and Moses ^jreceived the ^kmessage of God, and Moses gave it to us, the

^q **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^r **appear:** is when God or an *angel comes to someone and talks to him.

^s **Moses:** a man of God in the *Old_Testament, God gave his *laws to him.

^t **bush:** a *plant or a small tree that has many *leaves. [see *drawing]

^u **Moses:** a man of God in the *Old_Testament, God gave his *laws to him.

^v **miracle:** a wonderful thing that only God can do.

^w **sign:** something that comes from God *which people can see.

^x **land_of_Egypt:** the *country where the •Israelites were *slaves long ago.

^y **desert:** big dry place of sand with very little water.

^z **Moses:** a man of God in the *Old_Testament, God gave his *laws to him.

^a **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^b **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^c **Moses:** a man of God in the *Old_Testament, God gave his *laws to him.

^d **forefathers:** the father's *grandfathers and first fathers of a family or *nation.

^e **desert:** big dry place of sand with very little water.

^f **spoke:** today I talk or speak, yesterday I spoke.

^g **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^h **Mount:** a *mountain where the *ground is not flat, where it goes up high. [see *drawing]

ⁱ **spoke:** today I talk or speak, yesterday I spoke.

^j **receive:** is when you take something that someone gives to you.

^k **message:** the words that God says to people.

message that gives ^leternal_life. ³⁹ But our ^mforefathers did not listen to ⁿMoses. They did not want to listen to what he said and they wanted to go back to the ^oland_of_Egypt. ⁴⁰ They said to Aaron: "You must make ^pgods for us that can lead us ^qfurther, because we do not •know what had happened to ^rMoses who ^sbrought us out of Egypt."

⁴¹ Then they made an ^tidol that looked like a ^ubull-calf and they gave ^vofferings to the idol. They were very happy with the idol that they made and they had a ^wfeast.

⁴² Then God ^xturned his back on them and He went away from them. He did not stop them when they wanted to ^yworship the stars in the ^zsky. It is ^awritten in the book of the ^bprophets:

"People of ^cIsrael,
you did not give ^dofferings to Me

^l **eternal_life**: is to live with God *forever, it will never stop.

^m **forefathers**: the father's *grandfathers and first fathers of a family or *nation.

ⁿ **Moses**: a man of God in the *Old_Testament, God gave his *laws to him.

^o **land_of_Egypt**: the *country where the •Israelites were *slaves long ago.

^p **god**: an *idol that people made and *prayed to. [see *drawing]

^q **further**: far, to go on longer.

^r **Moses**: a man of God in the *Old_Testament, God gave his *laws to him.

^s **brought**: today I bring, yesterday I brought.

^t **idol**: a *false *god that *Gentiles made and *prayed to. [see *drawing]

^u **bull-calf**: a *young *male (man) of a cow.

^v **offering**: a *gift that people gave to an *idol or *false *god when they *prayed to it.

^w **feast**: is when people come together to thank their *idol and *pray to it.

^x **turn your back**: is when you don't want to be with someone anymore.

^y **worship**: is to *pray to an *idol or *false *god.

^z **sky**: is above us, where the sun and stars are.

^a **written**: the words that someone put down with a pen in a book or on something.

^b **prophet**: a man of God who tells people what God says.

^c **Israel**: the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^d **offering**: a *special *gift that people give to God to thank Him or *pray to Him.

when you were in the ^edesert for 40 years.

⁴³ No, you have taken
the ^ftent_of_Molech with you,
and you have ^gworshiped the star
of your ^hgod_Rephan.
You have made those ⁱimages
and worshiped them.
That is why I will send you away
to the ^jland_of_Babylon." ^k

⁴⁴ Stephen also said: 'Our ^lforefathers had the ^mtent of the •Lord and the 10
ⁿcommandments that were in the tent, with them when they were in the
^odesert. That was the same ^ptent of the •Lord that God told ^qMoses to make, it
looked like the tent that God showed Moses. ⁴⁵ Our fathers ^rbrought that ^stent

^e **desert:** big dry place of sand with very little water.

^f **tent_of_Molech:** a place where *Gentile people *worshiped the *god *Molech.

^g **worship:** is to *pray to an *idol or *false *god.

^h **god_Rephan:** an *idol that *Gentile people *worshiped.

ⁱ **image:** a *statue that *Gentile people made and *worshiped like a *god.

^j **land_of_Babylon:** the *land where the •Israelites were *slaves for 70 years.

^k **Acts 7:42-43** these words are also in the *Old_Testament in Amos 5:25-27.

^l **forefathers:** the father's *grandfathers and first fathers of a family or *nation.

^m **tent of the •Lord:** the place where God *appeared to his people, before they built the
•temple. [see *drawing]

ⁿ **commandment:** a *law in the Bible that says what people must do.

^o **desert:** big dry place of sand with very little water.

^p **tent of the •Lord:** the place where God *appeared to his people, before they built the
•temple. [see *drawing]

^q **Moses:** a man of God in the *Old_Testament, God gave his *laws to him.

^r **brought:** today I bring, yesterday I brought.

^s **tent of the •Lord:** the place where God *appeared to his people, before they built the
•temple. [see *drawing]

of the •Lord into this ^tland when Joshua •took over the land, when God ^uchased away the people who lived here before, so that our ^vforefathers •could live here. And the tent was in this ^wland ^xuntil the time when ^yKing David lived. ⁴⁶ God was good to David and David wanted to build a house of ^zworship, a •temple, where the ^achildren_of_Jacob •could ^bserve God. ⁴⁷ But it was David's •son, Solomon, who built a •temple for God.

⁴⁸ But we ^cknow: God lives in the highest ^dheaven, He does not live in •temples that people build. This is what the ^eprophet said:

⁴⁹ "The •Lord said:

The ^fheaven is my ^gthrone,
the ^hearth is the place where I put my feet.

Do you think that you can build Me
a house where I can live?

The Lord says:

Do you think I must have a place
where I can rest?

⁵⁰ I have made everything with my hands." ⁱ

^t **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

^u **chase away:** is when you make someone run away or *flee, he can not stay.

^v **forefathers:** the father's *grandfathers and first fathers of a family or *nation.

^w **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

^x **until:** the time to the end when something stops.

^y **King David:** the *Old Testament says •Christ •would come from the family of David.

^z **worship:** is to *pray to God and *serve Him.

^a **children_of_Jacob:** the •Israelites.

^b **serve:** is to *pray to God, to live and work for Him.

^c **know:** is when you have learned things so that you don't do something wrong.

^d **heaven:** the *sky, sun, moon and stars and everything above us.

^e **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^f **heaven:** the *sky, sun, moon and stars and everything above us.

^g **throne:** the beautiful chair that a •king sits on. [see *drawing]

^h **earth:** the world, the *ground and *land.

ⁱ **Acts 7:49-50** these words are also in the *Old Testament in Isaiah 66:1-2.

⁵¹ Stephen said to the ^jJewish_leaders: 'You are ^kstubborn and you are the same as people who do not ^lbelieve in God, you think like they think. You do not listen to God and you are always ^magainst the ⁿHoly_Spirit, the same as your ^oforefathers. ⁵² Your fathers did bad things to all the ^pprophets, your ^qforefathers have killed people who said that a ^rRighteous One will come. And now you have ^sbetrayed and ^tmurdered that Righteous Person. ⁵³ It was ^uangels who gave the ^vlaws of God to you, but you did not listen to God's laws.'

The ^wJewish_council kills Stephen with stones

⁵⁴ When the ^xJewish_council heard what Stephen said, they became very angry and ^yupset. They bit their teeth together because they were so angry with Stephen. ⁵⁵ But Stephen was full of the ^zHoly_Spirit, he looked up to ^aheaven and he •saw God the ^bKing. He also saw Jesus standing at the most

^j **Jewish_leaders:** the *important *Jews who told the •Israelites what they had to do.

^k **stubborn:** is when you do not want to listen to God or other people.

^l **believe:** is when you •know that God will do what He said He will do.

^m **against:** is when you do not want to be with a person, you want to fight him.

ⁿ **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^o **forefathers:** the father's *grandfathers and first fathers of a family or *nation.

^p **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^q **forefathers:** the father's *grandfathers and first fathers of a family or *nation.

^r **Righteous One:** •Christ, the Person who has no *sins.

^s **betray:** is when your friend is not *faithful and does something bad to you.

^t **murder:** is to kill another person when there is no *war.

^u **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^v **laws:** the *rules that God gave to his people that say how they must live.

^w **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

^x **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

^y **upset:** is when you are angry or *sad because something bad has happened.

^z **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^a **heaven:** is where the *throne of God is and where his *angels *worship Him.

^b **King:** God is King, everyone must *serve and *worship Him.

^cimportant place next to God. ⁵⁶ Stephen said: 'I can see into ^dheaven, it is open and I see the ^eSon of man standing at the most ^fimportant place next to God.'

⁵⁷ But the ^gJewish_council did not want to listen to what Stephen said, they ^hshouted_loudly and they put their hands over their ears. They ran to Stephen ⁵⁸ and they pulled him out from the town, then they started to ⁱthrow stones at him. There was a ^jyoung man, Saul. He looked after the clothes of the ^kwitnesses. ⁵⁹ ^lWhile the ^mJewish_council ⁿthrew Stephen with stones, Stephen ^oprayed and said: ' Lord Jesus, I am dying, please take my ^pspirit.'

⁶⁰ Then he ^qfell to his ^rknees and he ^sshouted_loudly: '•Lord, please do not ^tpunish these people for this ^usin that they are doing, because they do not •know what they are doing.'

And then Stephen died.

^c **important place:** the best place next to God.

^d **heaven:** is where the *throne of God is and where his *angels *worship Him.

^e **Son of man:** another name for •Christ, the *Son of God.

^f **important place:** the best place next to God.

^g **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

^h **shout_loud:** is to speak very hard so that people can hear you from far away.

ⁱ **throw:** when I throw a stone at you, it goes from my hand to you.

^j **young:** not old.

^k **witness:** someone who •saw what happened or heard what a person said.

^l **while:** when, at the same time.

^m **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

ⁿ **threw:** today I *throw a stone at you, yesterday I threw a stone.

^o **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^p **spirit:** not your body but inside of you, what you think and feel.

^q **fell:** today you fall to the *ground, yesterday you fell.

^r **knee:** the *middle of your leg, where it bends. [see *drawing]

^s **shout_loud:** is to speak very hard so that people can hear you from far away.

^t **punish:** is to make someone *suffer to help him stop doing wrong.

^u **sin:** bad things that people do *which God hates.

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¹ Saul was there when they killed Stephen and he said it was right.

Saul ^varrests some of the ^wbelievers

On that day the ^xJewish_leaders started to ^yarrest the ^zbelievers in Jerusalem. All the believers ran away and ^afled to places in ^bJudea and ^cSamaria. But the ^dapostles did not go away, they stayed in Jerusalem.

² There were men who loved the •Lord and ^eserved Him, they ^fburied Stephen. They cried and ^gmourned because Stephen was dead. ³ Saul wanted to stop people ^hbelieving in Jesus, he wanted to ⁱdestroy the ^jchurch. He went into the houses of people and ^karrested the ^lbelievers and he put them into ^mjail.

^v **arrest:** is when *soldiers or *guards take a person and put him in *jail.

^w **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^x **Jewish_leaders:** the *important *Jews who told the •Israelites what they had to do.

^y **arrest:** is when *soldiers or *guards take a person and put him in *jail.

^z **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^a **fled:** when you ran away.

^b **Judea:** the *province in the *south of *Israel, where Jerusalem is. [see map]

^c **Samaria:** a *province or city in *Israel, the *Jews did not love the people of *Samaria.

^d **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^e **serve:** is to *pray to God, to live and work for Him.

^f **buried:** is when they put a dead person into a *grave or *tomb.

^g **mourn:** is when you are *sad and cry because someone has died.

^h **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgives your *sins.

ⁱ **destroy:** is to break something down and stop it.

^j **church:** the people who *believe in Jesus and *worship God.

^k **arrest:** is when *soldiers or *guards take a person and put him in *jail.

^l **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^m **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

The ⁿbelievers and ^oapostles ^ppreach the ^qGood_News in ^rSamaria

⁴The ^sbelievers ran away and ^tfled to other places and in every place they went to, they told people the ^uGood_News. ⁵ Philip went to a town in ^vSamaria and he told the people about •Christ. ⁶ When the people heard what he said and when they •saw the ^wmiracles that he did, many people came and they listened ^xcarefully to him. ⁷ There were many people who had ^yevil_spirits in them and the evil_spirits went out of them. The spirits ^zshouted when they went out of the people. There were also many ^acripple people who •could not move their arms or legs and Philip ^bhealed them. ⁸ The people of that town were very happy because of what was happening.

Simon the ^cmagician

⁹ There was a man in the town, his name was Simon. For a long time he had used ^dmagic to do many things ^ewhich ^famazed the people of ^gSamaria.

ⁿ **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^o **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^p **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^q **Good_News:** the *message that God loves us and that Jesus *forgives all of our *sins.

^r **Samaria:** a *province or city in *Israel, the *Jews did not love the people of *Samaria.

^s **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^t **fled:** when you ran away.

^u **Good_News:** the *message that God loves us and that Jesus *forgives all of our *sins.

^v **Samaria:** a *province or city in *Israel, the *Jews did not love the people of *Samaria.

^w **miracle:** a wonderful thing that only God can do.

^x **careful:** is when you make sure that you do something right.

^y **evil_spirit:** a bad *spirit that comes from the *devil.

^z **shout:** is when you speak very *loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

^a **cripple:** is when a person or an animal can not walk.

^b **heal:** is when *believers make a sick person well with the power of Jesus.

^c **magician:** a person who says he can do *miracles, like a *witch-doctor.

^d **magic:** is doing things with *evil powers that other people can not do.

^e **which:** what or that one.

^f **amazed:** is when you see something that you did not think •could happen.

^g **Samaria:** a *province or city in *Israel, the *Jews did not love the people of *Samaria.

Simon said that he was a very ^himportant person. ¹⁰ All the people and the children said that he was ⁱimportant. They said he was the power of God and they named him: 'The ^jGreat Power of God'.

¹¹ The people said Simon was ^kimportant because he had ^lamazed them for a long time with his ^mmagic. ¹² But when Philip came, he told them the ⁿGood_News that God is ^oKing and the ^pmessage of Jesus •Christ. They ^qbelieved what Philip said and they were all ^rbaptised, men and women. ¹³ Simon himself also ^sbelieved and he was ^tbaptised. He stayed close to Philip because he was ^uamazed when he •saw the ^vsigns and ^wmiracles that Philip did. ¹⁴ The ^xapostles in Jerusalem heard that people in ^ySamaria had ^zaccepted the ^amessage of God and they sent Peter and John to Samaria.

^h **important:** is when a person can tell other people what they must do.

ⁱ **important:** is when a person can tell other people what they must do.

^j **great:** big or good and more *important.

^k **important:** is when a person can tell other people what they must do.

^l **amazed:** is when you see something that you did not think •could happen.

^m **magic:** is doing things with *evil powers that other people can not do.

ⁿ **Good_News:** the *message that God loves us and that Jesus *forgives all of our *sins.

^o **King:** God is King, everyone must *serve and *worship Him.

^p **message:** the words that God says to people.

^q **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^r **baptise:** is when someone *pours water over your head or puts you under water to show that God has *forgiven your *sins.

^s **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^t **baptise:** is when someone *pours water over your head or puts you under water to show that God has *forgiven your *sins.

^u **amazed:** is when you see something that you did not think •could happen.

^v **sign:** something that comes from God *which people can see.

^w **miracle:** a wonderful thing that only God can do.

^x **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^y **Samaria:** a *province or city in *Israel, the *Jews did not love the people of *Samaria.

^z **accept:** is when you *believe what someone tells you and you think he is right.

^a **message of God:** the *Good_News that God loves everyone and wants to *save them.

¹⁵ Peter and John went into ^bSamaria and they ^cprayed that God •would give the ^dHoly_Spirit to the ^ebelievers. ¹⁶ They asked this because the ^fHoly_Spirit had not come into these ^gbelievers ^hyet. They were ⁱbaptised only in the name of Jesus. ¹⁷ Peter and John put their ^jhands on the ^kbelievers and the ^lHoly_Spirit came into them. ¹⁸ Simon •saw that the ^mHoly_Spirit came into the ⁿbelievers when the ^oapostles put their hands on them, and he wanted to give money to the apostles. ¹⁹ He said: 'Give me this power also so that I can put my ^phands on someone and he will get the ^qHoly_Spirit.'

²⁰ But Peter said to him: 'Go to ^rhell, you and your money. You think you can buy this ^sgift of God with money, but you can not. ²¹ God can not use you in his work, because your heart is not right before God. ²² Tell the •Lord that you are

^b **Samaria:** a *province or city in *Israel, the *Jews did not love the people of *Samaria.

^c **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^d **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^e **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^f **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^g **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^h **yet:** up to that time.

ⁱ **baptise:** is when someone *pours water over your head or puts you under water to show that God has *forgiven your *sins.

^j **hands on a person:** is when the *apostles *prayed that a person must get the *Holy_Spirit.

^k **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^l **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^m **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

ⁿ **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^o **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^p **hands on a person:** is when the *apostles *prayed that a person must get the *Holy_Spirit.

^q **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^r **hell:** the place where all people who were not *saved by God, will be *punished.

^s **gift:** something that God gives to *believers so that they can help the *church.

sorry about these bad things that you think and ask Him to ^tforgive you. ²³ I can see that you are ^ujealous and you can not stop doing things that are wrong.'

²⁴ Then Simon said: 'Please ^vpray to the •Lord so that what you said will not happen to me.'

²⁵ The ^wapostles ^xcontinued to ^ypreach and to tell people the ^zmessage of the •Lord. After that they went back to Jerusalem. On their way to Jerusalem they told the ^aGood_News to people in many towns in ^bSamaria.

Philip and the man from the ^cland of Ethiopia

²⁶ An ^dangel of the •Lord said to Philip: 'You must ^eprepare and go ^fsouth to the road from Jerusalem to the town of Gaza. Not many people go along that road.'

²⁷ Philip did what the ^gangel said, he went and on that road he •saw a man from the ^hland of Ethiopia, he was a very ⁱimportant ^jofficial of the ^kqueen of

^t **forgive:** is when God does not *punish people for the *sins that they have done.

^u **jealous:** is when you don't like someone because he has something that you don't have.

^v **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^w **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^x **continue:** is when something goes on and on and does not stop.

^y **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^z **message:** the words that God says to people.

^a **Good_News:** the *message that God loves us and that Jesus *forgives all of our *sins.

^b **Samaria:** a *province or city in *Israel, the *Jews did not love the people of *Samaria.

^c **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

^d **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^e **prepare:** is to get something ready before the time.

^f **south:** when you look to the *east where the sun comes up, south is to your right.

^g **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^h **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

ⁱ **important:** is when a person can tell other people what they must do.

^j **official:** a person who works for the •king or *government.

^k **queen:** a woman who *rules a *land, like a •king. The name of the queen of Ethiopia was Candace.

Ethiopia and he was ^lemasculated. He was the ^mmanager of the ⁿtreasury of the queen. The ^oofficial came to Jerusalem to ^pworship God. ²⁸ Now he was on his way home, he was sitting on his ^qwagon and reading the book of the ^rprophet Isaiah. ²⁹ The ^sHoly_Spirit told Philip to go closer to the ^twagon.

³⁰ When Philip came near the ^uwagon, he heard the man reading the book of the ^vprophet Isaiah. Philip asked him: 'Do you understand what you read?'

³¹ The man said: 'I do not understand, someone must ^wexplain this to me.'

Then he told Philip to get onto the ^xwagon and to sit next to him. ³² He was reading these words in the ^yOld_Testament:

'He was like a sheep when someone

wants to kill it,

he did not say a word.

He was like a sheep when someone

wants to ^zshave his ^awool.

He did not open his mouth.

³³ The people ^bmocked him,

^l **emasculate:** is to cut off some of a man's *private parts so that he can not have sex.

^m **manager:** the *leader of the people who work for a person.

ⁿ **treasury:** the place where they keep money and *valuable things.

^o **official:** a person who works for the •king or *government.

^p **worship:** is to *pray to God and *serve Him.

^q **wagon:** a car with wheels that donkeys or *oxen pull. [see *drawing]

^r **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^s **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^t **wagon:** a car with wheels that donkeys or *oxen pull. [see *drawing]

^u **wagon:** a car with wheels that donkeys or *oxen pull. [see *drawing]

^v **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^w **explain:** is when you help someone understand something.

^x **wagon:** a car with wheels that donkeys or *oxen pull. [see *drawing]

^y **Old_Testament:** the first part of the Bible that was *written in the *Hebrew language.

^z **shear:** cut off the *wool of sheep.

^a **wool:** the hair of a sheep, people use it to make clothes.

^b **mock:** is when people *laugh at a person and *humiliate him.

they ^chumiliated him,
but when he wanted to say
that he did not do something wrong,
they did not listen to him.
He can not have children
because his ^dlife on ^eearth has ended.^f

³⁴ The ^gofficial asked Philip: 'Please tell me, was the ^hprophet talking about himself or about someone ⁱelse?'

³⁵ Then Philip started to tell the man about the ^jGood_News of Jesus and he ^kexplained it to him. He started at this part of the ^lOld_Testament. ³⁶⁻³⁷ As they were going along the road, they came to water. The ^mofficial said: 'Look, there is water, can you ⁿbaptise me, or is there something that stops you?' ^o

³⁸ The ^pofficial stopped the ^qwagon. He and Philip went down into the water and Philip ^rbaptised him. ³⁹ When they came out of the water, the

^c **humiliate:** to let someone feel very bad and *shy.

^d **life:** the time that you live on *earth, from your birth *until you die.

^e **earth:** the world, the *ground and *land.

^f **Acts 8:32-33** these words are also in the *Old_Testament in Isaiah 53:7-8.

^g **official:** a person who works for the •king or *government.

^h **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

ⁱ **else:** another person or other things.

^j **Good_News:** the *message that God loves us and that Jesus *forgives all of our *sins.

^k **explain:** is when you help someone understand something.

^l **Old_Testament:** the first part of the Bible that was *written in the *Hebrew language.

^m **official:** a person who works for the •king or *government.

ⁿ **baptise:** is when someone *pours water over your head or puts you under water to show that God has *forgiven your *sins.

^o **Acts 8:37** There is not a verse 37 in the *oldest *manuscripts.

^p **official:** a person who works for the •king or *government.

^q **wagon:** a car with wheels that donkeys or *oxen pull. [see *drawing]

^r **baptise:** is when someone *pours water over your head or puts you under water to show that God has *forgiven your *sins.

^sSpirit_of_the_Lord •took Philip away and the ^tofficial did not see him again, but he was very happy as he went on his way home. ⁴⁰ Later Philip was in the town of Azotus. He went to the city of Caesarea and ^upreached the ^vGood_News in all the towns ^wuntil he came there.

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Saul starts to ^xbelieve in •Christ

¹ Saul ^ycontinued to try to kill the ^zbelievers. He went to the ^ahigh-priest ²and asked him to ^bwrite ^cletters to the ^dleaders of the ^esynagogues in the city of Damascus to say that he may ^farrest the ^gbelievers, men and women, and bring them to Jerusalem. The believers were named: 'The Way Of The •Lord'. ³ ^hWhile Saul was on the road near the city of Damascus, a ⁱbright light started to shine ^jaround him from the ^ksky. ⁴ Saul ^lfell onto the ^mground and

^s **Spirit of God:** the *Holy_Spirit whom we can not see.

^t **official:** a person who works for the •king or *government.

^u **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^v **Good_News:** the *message that God loves us and that Jesus *forgives all of our *sins.

^w **until:** the time to the end when something stops.

^x **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^y **continue:** is when something goes on and on and does not stop.

^z **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^a **high-priest:** the *leader of all the *priests who worked for God. [see *drawing]

^b **write:** is when you take a pen and put words in a book or on something.

^c **letter:** a *message that a person *writes and sends to another person. [see *drawing]

^d **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^e **synagogue:** a building where *Jews come together to *pray.

^f **arrest:** is when *soldiers or *guards take a person and put him in *jail.

^g **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^h **while:** when, at the same time.

ⁱ **bright:** is like the sun or a light that shines, it is not dark.

^j **around:** in front of me, to my right, to my back and to my left.

^k **sky:** is above us, where the sun and stars are.

^l **fell:** today you fall to the *ground, yesterday you fell.

^m **ground:** the brown *earth or sand that you walk on.

he heard Someone say: 'Saul, Saul, why do you fight ⁿagainst Me?'

⁵ Saul asked: 'Sir, who are You?'

The Person said: 'I am Jesus and you are fighting ^pagainst Me. ⁶ Now get up and go into the city, and someone will tell you what you must do.'

⁷ The men who were with Saul were so ^qafraid that they were standing still, they did not speak because they heard the voice of the Person who talked, but they did not see anything. ⁸ Saul ^rgot up from the ^sground, his eyes were open but he •could not see anything. The people who were with him, •took his hand and ^tled him into the city of Damascus. ⁹ Saul was blind for 3 days and he did not eat or drink anything. ¹⁰ There was a ^ubeliever in the city of Damascus, his name was Ananias. The •Lord talked to Ananias in a ^vvision and He said to him: 'Ananias.'

Ananias answered: 'Here I am Lord, I am listening to You.'

¹¹ The •Lord said to Ananias: 'Get up and go to the house of Judas in ^wStraight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus, his name is Saul. You will see he is ^xpraying. ¹² ^yWhile Saul was ^zpraying, he •saw in a ^avision that a man will come to him and put his ^bhands on him so that he can see again. That man is you, Ananias.'

ⁿ **against:** is when you do not want to be with a person, you want to fight him.

^o **Sir:** when you speak to an *important man, you say 'Sir' to him.

^p **against:** is when you do not want to be with a person, you want to fight him.

^q **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^r **got up:** today you stand or get up, yesterday you got up.

^s **ground:** the brown *earth or sand that you walk on.

^t **led:** is to lead a person, yesterday, you walked in front and he walked *behind you.

^u **believer:** a person who •knows that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave his *sins.

^v **vision:** is when God shows you something or talks to you, sometimes it is like a dream.

^w **straight:** is when I walk and I do not *turn left or right but I go in front of me.

^x **pray:** is to talk to God.

^y **while:** when, at the same time.

^z **pray:** is to talk to God.

^a **vision:** is when God shows you something or talks to you, sometimes it is like a dream.

^b **hands on a person:** the *believers put their hands on people to *heal them.

¹³ But Ananias said to the •Lord: 'Lord, many people have talked to me about this man, he has done very bad things to the ^cbelievers in Jerusalem.

¹⁴ Saul came here to ^darrest the people who ^eworship and ^fserve You. The ^ghigh-priest gave him ^hletters to do that.'

¹⁵ The •Lord said to Ananias: 'You must go to Saul, I have ⁱchosen him to work for Me, to tell my ^jmessage to ^kGentiles and their •kings and to the •Israelites. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he will ^lsuffer because he works for Me.'

¹⁷ Ananias went and he came into the house and he put his ^mhands on Saul and said: 'Saul, my friend, you have seen the •Lord Jesus on the road to this city and it was the Lord who sent me to you so that you can see and that the ⁿHoly_Spirit can come into you.'

¹⁸ ^oImmediately something ^pfell from Saul's eyes, it looked like ^qscales. Then Saul •could see again. He ^rgot up and Ananias ^sbaptised him. ¹⁹ Then Saul ate some food and he felt strong again.

^c **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^d **arrest:** is when *soldiers or *guards take a person and put him in *jail.

^e **worship:** is to *pray to God and *serve Him.

^f **serve:** is to *pray to God, to live and work for Him.

^g **high-priest:** the *leader of all the *priests who worked for God. [see *drawing]

^h **letter:** a *message that a person *writes and sends to another person. [see *drawing]

ⁱ **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

^j **message:** the words that God says to people.

^k **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^l **suffer:** is when you have pain or you worry because you have big problems.

^m **hands on a person:** the *believers put their hands on people to *heal them.

ⁿ **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^o **immediately:** now, not later.

^p **fell:** today you fall to the *ground, yesterday you fell.

^q **scales:** the small *pieces on the *skin of a fish.

^r **got up:** today you stand or get up, yesterday you got up.

^s **baptise:** is when someone *pours water over your head or puts you under water to show that God has *forgiven your *sins.

Saul ^tpreaches in the city of Damascus

Saul stayed with the ^ubelievers in the city of Damascus for a few days.

²⁰ Then he started to ^vpreach about Jesus in the ^wsynagogues. He said: 'This Jesus is the ^xSon of God.'

²¹ All the people who heard what Saul said, were very ^ysurprised. They said: 'Is Saul the man who tried to kill people who ^zworship Jesus in Jerusalem? Is he the man who came here to ^aarrest the people who worship Jesus and take them to the ^bchief_priests? Yes, he is.'

²² Saul started to ^cpreach more powerfully and he showed the ^dJews in the city of Damascus that Jesus is the •Christ. They •could not answer him.

Saul ^eflees from the city of Damascus

²³ After a long time the ^fJews made plans to kill Saul, ²⁴ but someone told Saul about their plans. The ^gJews ^hguarded the ⁱgates of the city all day and all night, they wanted to get Saul and kill him. ²⁵ But people, who were

^t **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^u **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^v **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^w **synagogue:** a building where *Jews come together to *pray.

^x **Son of God:** Jesus •Christ, He comes from God the Father and He is God the Son.

^y **surprise:** is when you did not think something •would happen, but then it happened.

^z **worship:** is when someone *prays to Jesus and *serves Him.

^a **arrest:** is when *soldiers or *guards take a person and put him in *jail.

^b **chief_priests:** the *leaders of the people who worked for God.

^c **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^d **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^e **flee:** is to run away or try to run away.

^f **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^g **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^h **guard:** is when a *soldier must make sure that no person goes in or out of a door or *gate.

ⁱ **gate:** a big door that people came *through to get into a town or city. [see *drawing]

^jbelievers like Saul, helped him to get away in the night. They put Saul in a ^kbasket and they put the ^lbasket ^mthrough a hole in the city wall. Then they slowly let the basket down to the ⁿground.

Saul goes back to Jerusalem

²⁶ When Saul came into Jerusalem he tried very hard to make friends with the ^obelievers, but they did not ^pbelieve that he is a believer and that is why they were all ^qafraid of Saul. ²⁷ But Barnabas helped Saul, he •took Saul to the ^rapostles and he told them that Saul had seen the •Lord and that the Lord ^sspoke to Saul on the road to Damascus. Barnabas also told them that Saul was not ^tafraid to tell the people in Damascus about Jesus.

²⁸ Saul went with the ^ubelievers in Jerusalem and he was not ^vafraid, he told everyone about the •Lord. ²⁹ Saul also talked and ^wargued with the ^xJews who ^yspoke the ^zGreek language, but then they tried to kill him. ³⁰ When the

^j **believer:** a person who •knows that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave his *sins.

^k **basket:** a holder made from *reeds to *carry food in. [see *drawing]

^l **basket:** a holder made from *reeds to *carry food in. [see *drawing]

^m **through:** is when someone starts at one side and goes to the other side.

ⁿ **ground:** the brown *earth or sand that you walk on.

^o **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^p **believe:** is when you think that someone is not *lying but telling the *truth.

^q **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^r **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^s **spoke:** today I talk or speak, yesterday I spoke.

^t **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^u **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^v **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^w **argue:** is when you talk to and fight with a person, using words.

^x **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^y **spoke:** today I talk or speak, yesterday I spoke.

^z **Greek:** the language of the people who live in Greece. The *New_Testament was *written in Greek.

^abelievers heard about this, they •took Saul to the city of Caesarea and from there they sent him to the city of Tarsus.

³¹ The ^bchurch in ^cJudea, Galilee and ^dSamaria now had ^epeace for some time. The ^fHoly_Spirit helped the ^gchurch to become strong and more people became ^hbelievers. They ⁱworshipped the •Lord and ^jobeyed Him.

Peter ^kheals Aeneas

³² Peter went from one place to other places to ^lvisit the ^mbelievers and he came to the town of Lydda. ³³ There was a man, his name was Aeneas, he was sick for 8 years, he •could not move or get up from his ⁿsleeping-mat. ³⁴ Peter said to him: 'Aeneas, Jesus •Christ has ^ohealed you. Get up, take your ^psleeping-mat and go.'

^qImmediately Aeneas ^rgot up.

³⁵ All the people in the towns of Lydda and Sharon who •saw Aeneas, ^sturned their lives to the •Lord and started to live as He wanted.

^a **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^b **church:** the people who *believe in Jesus and *worship God.

^c **Judea:** the *province in the *south of *Israel, where Jerusalem is. [see map]

^d **Samaria:** a *province or city in *Israel, the *Jews did not love the people of *Samaria.

^e **peace:** is when there is no one who wants to fight *against you.

^f **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^g **church:** the people who *believe in Jesus and *worship God.

^h **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

ⁱ **worship:** is to *pray to God and *serve Him.

^j **obey:** is to listen to a person and do what he says.

^k **heal:** is when *believers make a sick person well with the power of Jesus.

^l **visit:** is when you go to your friend or someone and talk to him.

^m **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

ⁿ **sleeping-mat:** a bed that they *carried sick people on. [see *drawing]

^o **heal:** is when *believers make a sick person well with the power of Jesus.

^p **sleeping-mat:** a bed that they *carried sick people on. [see *drawing]

^q **immediately:** now, not later.

^r **got up:** today you stand or get up, yesterday you got up.

^s **turn to God:** is to stop doing bad things and to start *serving God.

Peter brings Dorcas back from the dead

³⁶ In the town of Joppa there was a ^tbeliever, her name was Tabitha and her ^uGreek name was Dorcas. She was always doing good things for people and helped the poor people. ³⁷ But then she •got sick and she died. They washed her body and put it in a room on the ^vroof of the house. ³⁸ The town of Joppa was not far from the town of Lydda and they told the ^wbelievers that Peter was in Lydda. They sent 2 men who asked him: 'Please come with us, come ^xquickly.'

³⁹ Peter went with them and the men •took him into the room. Many ^ywidows were crying over her, they showed Peter the clothes and ^zcloaks that Dorcas had made before she died.

⁴⁰ Peter told everyone to go out of the room. He ^aknelt down and he ^bprayed to God. Then he ^cturned to the body of Dorcas and he said: 'Tabitha, get up.'

Tabitha opened her eyes. When she •saw Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ Peter •took her by the hand and he helped her to stand on her feet. Then Peter called in the ^dwidows and the other ^ebelievers and showed them that Dorcas was ^falive again. ⁴² All the people in the town of Joppa heard what had happened, and

^t **believer:** a person who •knows that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave his *sins.

^u **Greek:** the language of the people who live in Greece. The *New Testament was *written in Greek.

^v **roof:** the top of a house or building that keeps the water out when it rains.

^w **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^x **quickly:** in a very short time.

^y **widow:** a woman whose *husband has died.

^z **cloak:** clothes that you put on over other clothes. [see *drawing]

^a **knelt:** is when you have gone down on your *knees to *pray. [see *drawing]

^b **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^c **turn:** is when you do not stand still but you make your body look to the left or to the right.

^d **widow:** a woman whose *husband has died.

^e **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^f **alive:** not dead but living.

many of them started to ⁸believe in the •Lord. ⁴³ Peter stayed in Joppa for many days in the house of Simon, who worked with ^hleather.

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An ⁱangel of God talks to Cornelius

¹ There was a man in the town of Caesarea next to the sea, his name was Cornelius. He was the ^jcaptain of a group of Italian ^ksoldiers. ² He and all the people in his house ^lserved God and ^mrespected Him. He did many good things for the poor ⁿJewish people and he ^oprayed to God every day. ³ One day, about the 9th hour (3 o'clock) in the ^pafternoon, Cornelius had a ^qvision. An ^rangel of God came to him and said to him: 'Cornelius.'

⁴ Cornelius was ^safraid, he looked at the ^tangel and said: ^u'Sir, what do you want?'

The ^vangel said to him: 'God has listened to your ^wprayers every day and He

⁸ **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^h **leather:** strong *skin of animals that people use to make clothes and *tents.

ⁱ **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^j **captain:** the *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^k **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^l **serve:** is to *pray to God, to live and work for Him.

^m **respect:** is when you show someone that he is *important and you listen to him.

ⁿ **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^o **pray:** is to talk to God.

^p **afternoon:** late in the day when the sun goes down and it becomes dark.

^q **vision:** is when God shows you something or talks to you, sometimes it is like a dream.

^r **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^s **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^t **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^u **Sir:** when you speak to an *important man, you say 'Sir' to him.

^v **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^w **prayer:** the words you say when you talk to God.

•saw the good things that you did to help poor people. ⁵ You must send a few men to the town of Joppa, they must look for Simon and they must bring him here. Simon's other name is Peter. ⁶ Peter stays with a man whose name is also Simon, he works with ^xleather and his house is near the sea.'

⁷ The ^yangel who talked to Cornelius, went away. Cornelius called 2 of his ^zservants who worked in his house and a ^asoldier who ^bworshiped God.

⁸ Cornelius told them all what had happened and then he sent them to the town of Joppa.

Peter goes to Cornelius

⁹ The next day the men of Cornelius were coming near the town of Joppa ^cwhile Peter went up to the flat ^droof of the house to ^epray. It was about ^fnoon. ¹⁰ He was ^ghungry and he wanted something to eat. ^hWhile people were busy cooking the food, Peter had a ⁱvision. ¹¹ He •saw the ^jheaven open and something like a big ^kcloth coming down from heaven. It looked like someone was holding the 4 ^lcorners of the cloth as it came down to the

^x **leather:** strong *skin of animals that people use to make clothes and *tents.

^y **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^z **servant:** someone who works for another person and does what he says.

^a **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^b **worship:** is to *pray to God and *serve Him.

^c **while:** when, at the same time.

^d **roof:** the top of a house or building that keeps the water out when it rains.

^e **pray:** is to talk to God.

^f **noon:** the *middle of the day, 12 o'clock.

^g **hungry:** is when you have not eaten for a long time.

^h **while:** when, at the same time.

ⁱ **vision:** is when God shows you something or talks to you, sometimes it is like a dream.

^j **heaven:** is where the *throne of God is and where his *angels *worship Him.

^k **cloth:** a *piece of *material that they use to make clothes or *tents.

^l **corner:** the corner of a house is where 2 of the walls meet. [see *drawing]

^mground. ¹² In the big ⁿcloth there were many ^odifferent animals: animals with 4 legs that live on the ^pearth, ^qreptiles and birds. ¹³ Then someone said to Peter: 'Peter, get up, kill these animals and eat them.'

¹⁴ But Peter said: 'No, •Lord, I can not eat these animals because I have never eaten anything that was ^rimpure or ^swhich the ^tlaws say we may not eat.'

¹⁵ The person talked to him for the 2nd time and said: 'God has made these animals ^upure. You must not say they are ^vimpure.'

¹⁶ This happened 3 times and then the person pulled the ^wcloth up into ^xheaven. ¹⁷ Peter was ^ystill wondering what it •could ^zmean what he •saw, when the men who came from Cornelius were standing at the front door of the house and they asked where Simon's house was. ¹⁸ They ^ashouted and asked if Simon Peter was staying there. ¹⁹ Peter was ^bstill thinking about the things that he •saw, when the ^cHoly_Spirit said to him: 'There are 3 men who are looking for you. ²⁰ You must get up and go down to them. Go with them,

^m **ground:** the brown *earth or sand that you walk on.

ⁿ **cloth:** a *piece of *material that they use to make clothes or *tents.

^o **different:** not the same.

^p **earth:** the world, the *ground and *land.

^q **reptiles:** animals like *lizards that *crawl on the *ground. [see *drawing]

^r **impure:** food that God said they may not eat.

^s **which:** what or that one.

^t **laws:** the *rules that God gave to his people in the *Old_Testament where He told them how they must live.

^u **pure:** animals that the people of God may have eaten or *sacrificed to God.

^v **impure:** food that God said they may not eat.

^w **cloth:** a *piece of *material that they use to make clothes or *tents.

^x **heaven:** is where the *throne of God is and where his *angels *worship Him.

^y **still:** something that does not stop, it goes on.

^z **mean:** is what someone says, what people must understand.

^a **shout:** is when you speak very *loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

^b **still:** something that does not stop, it goes on.

^c **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

do not worry because I have sent them.'

²¹ Peter came down from the ^droof and he went to the men and told them: 'You are looking for me, here I am. Why did you come here?'

²² Then they answered Peter: '^eCaptain Cornelius sent us. He is a good man who ^fworships God and all the ^gJewish people say good things about him, they ^hrespect him. A ⁱholy ^jangel came to Cornelius and told him to ask you to come to his house so he can listen to what you say.'

²³ Peter ^kinvited the men into the house and asked them to sleep there that night. The next morning Peter went with them. Some of the ^lbelievers from the town of Joppa went with him. ²⁴ The next day Peter went into the city of Caesarea. Cornelius and his family and friends were waiting for Peter.

²⁵ When Peter came into his house, Cornelius ^mgreeted him and Cornelius ⁿknelt on the ^ofloor before Peter's feet like you do when you ^ppray to God.

²⁶ But Peter •took Cornelius' hand and helped him stand up. He said to him: 'Stand up. I am only a man like you.'

²⁷ Peter talked to Cornelius and he went into the house. He •saw a lot of people ²⁸ and he said to them: 'You •know that a ^qJew may not go into the

^d **roof:** the top of a house or building that keeps the water out when it rains.

^e **captain:** the *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^f **worship:** is to *pray to God and *serve Him.

^g **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^h **respect:** is when you show someone that he is *important and you listen to him.

ⁱ **holy:** is to *belong to God so that He can use someone or something in a *special way.

^j **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^k **invite:** is when you ask a person to come to your home or *feast.

^l **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^m **greet:** is when you say hello or goodbye to someone.

ⁿ **knelt:** is when you have gone down on your *knees to *pray. [see *drawing]

^o **floor:** when you stand in a house, your feet are on the floor.

^p **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^q **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

house or be friends with someone who is not a Jew. But God has shown me now that I must not think that other people are ^rimpure. ²⁹ That is why I listened to God and I came when you said I must come here. Now please tell me why you said I must come.'

³⁰ Cornelius said to him: 'It was 3 days ago at the 9th hour (3 o'clock) in the ^safternoon when I was ^tpraying in my house. Then a man in shining white clothes ^uappeared to me ³¹ and he said: "Cornelius, God has listened to your ^vprayers and He [•]saw the good things you did. ³² You must now send some men to the town of Joppa and ask Simon to come to you, his other name is Peter. This Simon Peter is staying with a man, his name is also Simon, he works with ^wleather and his house is near the sea."

³³ ^xImmediately I sent some men to you, thank you that you came here. Now we are all here together, and God is here with us. We are here to listen to what God has told you to tell us.'

Peter speaks to people who are not ^yJews

³⁴ Peter then started to speak and he said:

'Now I understand that God does not think one person is more ^zimportant than another person. ³⁵ No, God ^aaccepts any person who ^bworships Him and does what is right. It is not ^cimportant what ^dnation a person comes from.

^r **impure:** not clean, not ^{*}holy as God wants it, but full of ^{*}sin.

^s **afternoon:** late in the day when the sun goes down and it becomes dark.

^t **pray:** is to talk to God.

^u **appear:** is when God or an ^{*}angel comes to someone and talks to him.

^v **prayer:** the words you say when you talk to God.

^w **leather:** strong ^{*}skin of animals that people use to make clothes and ^{*}tents.

^x **immediately:** now, not later.

^y **Jews:** the [•]Israelites, the people of God in the ^{*}Old Testament.

^z **important:** is when a person can tell other people what they must do.

^a **accept:** is when God is happy with someone and ^{*}decides to take him or his ^{*}gifts

^b **worship:** is to ^{*}pray to God and ^{*}serve Him.

^c **important:** something that you think about all the time, you do not forget it.

^d **nation:** all the people from a ^{*}country or ^{*}land.

³⁶ God sent this ^emessage to the •Israelites. He told them the ^fGood_News about Jesus •Christ who has made ^gpeace for all of us, and that Jesus Christ is the •Lord of all people.

³⁷ You •know about the ^himportant things that happened in all of ⁱJudea. It all started in Galilee after John the Baptist ^jpreached and ^kbaptised people.

³⁸ You •know about Jesus of Nazareth and how God ^lanointed Him with the ^mHoly_Spirit and gave Him power. God was with Jesus, and Jesus went to many places and did good things and ⁿhealed everyone who was in the power of the ^odevil. ³⁹ We •saw everything that Jesus did in the ^pland of the ^qJews and in Jerusalem.

Then the Jews killed Jesus, they ^rcrucified Him on a ^scross. ⁴⁰ But on the 3rd day God ^traised Him and made Him ^ualive again. God showed Jesus to us, we •saw Him. ⁴¹ God did not show Him to all the people, just to us, because God had ^vchosen us before these things happened to see Him and to be ^wwitnesses

^e **message:** the words that God says to people.

^f **Good_News:** the *message that God loves us and that Jesus *forgives all of our *sins.

^g **peace:** is what you feel when God takes away all your *sins and worries.

^h **important:** something that you think about all the time, you do not forget it.

ⁱ **Judea:** the *province in the *south of *Israel, where Jerusalem is. [see map]

^j **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^k **baptise:** is when someone *pours water over your head or puts you under water to show that God has *forgiven your *sins.

^l **anoint:** is when the *Holy_Spirit comes in a person and fills him.

^m **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

ⁿ **heal:** when Jesus heals a sick person, then he is not sick anymore.

^o **devil:** *Satan who always wants to *deceive people and make them *sin.

^p **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

^q **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^r **crucified:** is when they have killed a person by hanging him on a *cross.

^s **cross:** 2 wooden poles like an X on *which they killed people. [see *drawing]

^t **raised:** is when God let someone stand up in the past.

^u **alive:** not dead but living.

^v **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

^w **witness:** someone who •saw what happened or heard what a person said.

and to tell other people about this. We were with Him at a table to eat and drink when He became ^xalive again, after He had died.

⁴² God told us to go and tell the ^yJews the ^zGood_News about Jesus and to tell them that God has ^achosen Jesus to be the ^bJudge of all people. He will ^cjudge the people who are ^dalive and the people who have died. ⁴³ All the ^eprophets talked about Jesus. They said that God will ^fforgive the ^gsins of all who ^hbelieve in Jesus.'

People who are not ⁱJews ^jreceive the ^kHoly_Spirit

⁴⁴ ^lWhile Peter was talking to them, the ^mHoly_Spirit came into all the people who listened to Peter's words. ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁶ They started to ⁿspeak_in_tongues and they ^opraised God. The ^pJewish ^qbelievers who came with Peter were

^x **alive:** not dead but living.

^y **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^z **Good_News:** the *message that God loves us and that Jesus *forgives all of our *sins.

^a **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

^b **Judge:** God when He *decides who has done right and who has done wrong.

^c **judge:** is when God will *decide who has done right and who has done wrong.

^d **alive:** not dead but living.

^e **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^f **forgive:** is when God does not *punish people for the *sins that they have done.

^g **sin:** bad things that people do *which God hates.

^h **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

ⁱ **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^j **receive:** is when you take something that someone gives to you.

^k **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^l **while:** when, at the same time.

^m **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

ⁿ **speak_in_tongues:** is to speak the language of other people or say things that people can not understand.

^o **praise:** is when you say God is wonderful and good.

^p **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^q **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^rsurprised because God also gave the ^sHoly_Spirit to the ^tGentiles. Peter said:
47 [']God gave the ^uHoly_Spirit to these ^vGentiles, the same as to us. I am sure it
is not wrong to also ^wbaptise them with water.'

48 Peter said that Cornelius and all his people must be ^xbaptised in the name
of Jesus •Christ. After that they asked Peter to stay there for a few days.

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Peter tells the ^ychurch what had happen in Caesarea

¹ The ^zapostles and other ^abelievers in the ^bprovince of ^cJudea heard that
people who were not ^dJews, had ^eaccepted the ^fmessage of God. ² And when
Peter came back to Jerusalem, some ^gJewish ^hbelievers started to ⁱargue with
Peter. ³ They said: 'You went to people who are ^juncircumcised and you have

^r **surprise:** is when you did not think something •would happen, but then it happened.

^s **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^t **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^u **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^v **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^w **baptise:** is when someone *pours water over your head or puts you under water to
show that God has *forgiven your *sins.

^x **baptise:** is when someone *pours water over your head or puts you under water to
show that God has *forgiven your *sins.

^y **church:** the people who *believe in Jesus and *worship God.

^z **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^a **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^b **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^c **Judea:** the *province in the *south of *Israel, where Jerusalem is. [see map]

^d **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^e **accept:** is when you *believe what someone tells you and you think he is right.

^f **message of God:** the *Good_News that God loves everyone and wants to *save them.

^g **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^h **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

ⁱ **argue:** is when you talk to and fight with a person, using words.

^j **uncircumcised:** a man whose *foreskin was not cut off, a *Gentile, not a *Jew.

eaten with them.'

⁴ Then Peter started to ^kexplain and he told them what had happened. He said: ⁵ 'I was ^lpraying in the town of Joppa when I had a ^mvision, it was like a dream. I ⁿsaw a big ⁿcloth that came down to me from ^oheaven, it looked as if someone was holding the 4 ^pcorners of the cloth. ⁶ When I looked inside the ^qcloth, I ⁿsaw animals with 4 legs that live on the ^rearth, ^swild animals, ^treptiles and birds. ⁷ Then I heard someone who said to me: "Peter, get up, kill the animals and eat them."

⁸ But I said: "No, ⁿLord, I can not eat these animals, I have never eaten anything that is ^uimpure or something ^vwhich the ^wlaws of Moses say we may not eat."

⁹ But the person talked to me again from ^xheaven and he said: "God has made these animals ^ypure, you must not say they are ^zimpure."

¹⁰ This happened 3 times and then the ^acloth went up into ^bheaven again.

¹¹ And then, when I looked down, there were 3 men standing in front of the

^k **explain:** is when you help someone understand something.

^l **pray:** is to talk to God.

^m **vision:** is when God shows you something or talks to you, sometimes it is like a dream.

ⁿ **cloth:** a *piece of *material that they use to make clothes or *tents.

^o **heaven:** is where the *throne of God is and where his *angels *worship Him.

^p **corner:** the corner of a house is where 2 of the walls meet. [see *drawing]

^q **cloth:** a *piece of *material that they use to make clothes or *tents.

^r **earth:** the world, the *ground and *land.

^s **wild animals:** animals like lion and buck that live in the *field. [see *drawing]

^t **reptiles:** animals like *lizards that *crawl on the *ground. [see *drawing]

^u **impure:** food that God said they may not eat.

^v **which:** what or that one.

^w **laws of Moses:** the *rules that God gave to his people in the *Old Testament.

^x **heaven:** is where the *throne of God is and where his *angels *worship Him.

^y **pure:** animals that the people of God may have eaten or *sacrificed to God.

^z **impure:** food that God said they may not eat.

^a **cloth:** a *piece of *material that they use to make clothes or *tents.

^b **heaven:** is where the *throne of God is and where his *angels *worship Him.

house where I was. Cornelius, from the city of Caesarea, sent them to me.

¹² The ^cHoly_Spirit told me to go with them and not to be worried. These 6 ^dbelievers here from the town of Joppa also went with me and we went into the house of Cornelius. ¹³ He told us that he •saw an ^eangel standing in his house and the angel said to him: "You must send someone to the town of Joppa and ask Simon to come here, his other name is Peter. ¹⁴ Simon will come and speak to you, he will bring you the ^fmessage that will tell you how God can ^gsave you and everyone in your house." ¹⁵ I started talking to them and ^hwhile I was talking, the ⁱHoly_Spirit came into them, the same as when He first came into us. ¹⁶ Then I remembered the words of the •Lord when He said: "John ^jbaptised you with water, but I will ^kbaptise you with the ^lHoly_Spirit."

¹⁷ Those ^mGentiles ⁿbelieved in Jesus and God gave them the ^oHoly_Spirit just as He gave his Spirit to us who ^pbelieved in Jesus. Yes, God did it and I •could not stop God.'

^c **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^d **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^e **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^f **message:** the words that God says to people.

^g **save:** is when God *forgives a person's *sins and gives them *eternal_life.

^h **while:** when, at the same time.

ⁱ **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^j **baptise:** is when someone *pours water over your head or puts you under water to show that God has *forgiven your *sins.

^k **baptise_with_the_Holy_Spirit:** is when the *Spirit of God comes in a person and fills him.

^l **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^m **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

ⁿ **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^o **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^p **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

¹⁸ When the ^qJewish ^rbelievers heard these things, they were happy. They ^spraised God and said: 'God is so good, He also helped the ^tGentiles to ^uturn their lives to God and live as He wants.'

The ^vchurch in the city of Antioch

¹⁹ After Stephen died, the ^wJews ^xoppressed the ^ybelievers. The believers ^zfled and went away from ^aJudea. Some of them went to the land of Phoenicia and others went to the ^bisland of Cyprus and others to Antioch. They told the ^cmessage of •Christ only to the ^dJews. ²⁰ Some of these ^ebelievers came from the ^fisland of Cyprus and the town of Cyrene and went to Antioch. They also talked to the people who ^gspoke the ^hGreek language and told them the ⁱGood_News about the •Lord Jesus. ²¹ The •Lord helped them and many people started to ^jbelieve in the Lord and started to live as

^q **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^r **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^s **praise:** is when you say God is wonderful and good.

^t **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^u **turn to God:** is to stop doing bad things and to start *serving God.

^v **church:** the people who *believe in Jesus and *worship God.

^w **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^x **oppress:** is when someone does bad things to other people and they can not fight back.

^y **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^z **fled:** when you ran away.

^a **Judea:** the *province in the *south of *Israel, where Jerusalem is. [see map]

^b **island:** a small *piece of *land in the sea.

^c **message:** the words that God says to people.

^d **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^e **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^f **island:** a small *piece of *land in the sea.

^g **spoke:** today I talk or speak, yesterday I spoke.

^h **Greek:** the language of the people who live in Greece. The *New_Testament was *written in Greek.

ⁱ **Good_News:** the *message that God loves us and that Jesus *forgives all of our *sins.

^j **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

God wants. ²² They told the ^kchurch in Jerusalem that people in Antioch started to ^lbelieve and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When Barnabas came into Antioch and he [•]saw how good God was to them, he was glad and he asked them all to ^mcontinue to ⁿserve Jesus and to ^oobey Him in everything that they did and said. ²⁴ Barnabas was a good man, he was full of the ^pHoly_Spirit and he ^qbelieved very strongly in the [•]Lord Jesus. More and more people in that town started to ^rbelieve in the Lord Jesus. ²⁵ Then Barnabas went to the town of Tarsus to look for Saul. ²⁶ When Barnabas ^sfound Saul, the 2 of them came back to the city of Antioch. They stayed there for one year, meeting with the ^tbelievers in the ^uchurch and ^vteaching many people about Jesus. In Antioch people gave a name to the ^wbelievers and called them ^xChristians. It was the first time that people named the believers Christians. ²⁷ In this time a few ^yprophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ One of the ^zprophets was Agabus. He started to speak the words that the ^aHoly_Spirit gave him and he said there will be a big ^bfamine all over

^k **church:** the people who ^{*}believe in Jesus and ^{*}worship God.

^l **believe:** is when you [•]know that Jesus is the [•]Christ who ^{*}forgave your ^{*}sins.

^m **continue:** is when something goes on and on and does not stop.

ⁿ **serve:** is to ^{*}pray to God, to live and work for Him.

^o **obey:** is to listen to a person and do what he says.

^p **Holy_Spirit:** the ^{*}Spirit of God who helps people and gives them ^{*}faith in God.

^q **believe:** is when you [•]know that Jesus is the [•]Christ who ^{*}forgave your ^{*}sins.

^r **believe:** is when you [•]know that Jesus is the [•]Christ who ^{*}forgave your ^{*}sins.

^s **found:** today I find something, yesterday I found it.

^t **believers:** people who [•]know that Jesus is the [•]Christ who ^{*}forgave their ^{*}sins.

^u **church:** the people who ^{*}believe in Jesus and ^{*}worship God.

^v **teaching:** is to help people understand, to teach them.

^w **believers:** people who [•]know that Jesus is the [•]Christ who ^{*}forgave their ^{*}sins.

^x **Christian:** a person who ^{*}believes in Jesus [•]Christ and tells other people about Him.

^y **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^z **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^a **Holy_Spirit:** the ^{*}Spirit of God who helps people and gives them ^{*}faith in God.

^b **famine:** is when there is no rain for a long time and no food to eat.

the world. This happened in the time when Claudius ^cruled, and then there was a famine. ²⁹ The ^dbelievers ^edecided that each of them will give money, as much as they •could give, and send it to the ^fbelievers in ^gJudea. ³⁰ They ^hdecided to give the money to Barnabas and Saul and asked them to give the money to the ⁱelders of the ^jchurch in Jerusalem.

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King Herod ^koppresses the ^lbelievers

¹ At that time •King Herod ^marrested some of the ⁿbelievers, he wanted them to ^osuffer. ² He said the ^psoldiers must kill James, the brother of John. They killed him with a ^qsword. ³ •King Herod •saw that the ^rJewish_leaders were happy that he killed James and then he also ^sarrested Peter after the ^tFeast_of_the_flat-bread had started. ⁴ •King Herod ^uarrested Peter and put him

^c **rule:** is when the *leader or the •king of the people tells them what to do.

^d **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^e **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

^f **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^g **Judea:** the *province in the *south of *Israel, where Jerusalem is. [see map]

^h **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

ⁱ **elder:** a *leader in the *church.

^j **church:** the people who *believe in Jesus and *worship God.

^k **oppress:** is when someone does bad things to other people and they can not fight back.

^l **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^m **arrest:** is when *soldiers or *guards take a person and put him in *jail.

ⁿ **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^o **suffer:** is when you have pain or you worry because you have big problems.

^p **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^q **sword:** a long *knife that *soldiers use when they fight. [see *drawing]

^r **Jewish_leaders:** the *important *Jews who told the •Israelites what they had to do.

^s **arrest:** is when *soldiers or *guards take a person and put him in *jail.

^t **Feast_of_the_flat-bread:** the *feast after *Passover when bread may not have *yeast in.

^u **arrest:** is when *soldiers or *guards take a person and put him in *jail.

in ^vjail and he told 4 groups of ^wguards to look after him. There were 4 guards in each group. King Herod wanted to ^xjudge Peter after the ^yPassover in a place where all the people •could see. ⁵ The ^zguards put Peter in ^ajail but the ^bbelievers of the ^cchurch ^dcontinued to ^epray and asked God to help Peter.

An ^fangel leads Peter out of ^gjail

⁶ The ^hPassover was over and •King Herod wanted to ⁱjudge Peter the next day. That night the ^jguards had ^ktied Peter with ^lchains and then they tied these chains to 2 other guards. So there was one guard on each side of Peter ^mwhile he was sleeping. There were also guards at the door of the ⁿjail.

⁷ ^oSuddenly an ^pangel of the •Lord was standing with Peter and a light started

^v **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^w **guard:** a person who must keep *thieves in *jail. [see *drawing]

^x **judge:** is when the *leader in a *court says a person has done wrong and *punishes him.

^y **Passover:** a *feast to remember how God *saved his people out of Egypt.

^z **guard:** a person who must keep *thieves in *jail. [see *drawing]

^a **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^b **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^c **church:** the people who *believe in Jesus and *worship God.

^d **continue:** is when something goes on and on and does not stop.

^e **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^f **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^g **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^h **Passover:** a *feast to remember how God *saved his people out of Egypt.

ⁱ **judge:** is when the *leader in a *court says a person has done wrong and *punishes him.

^j **guard:** a person who must keep *thieves in *jail. [see *drawing]

^k **tie:** is when you put *ropes *around a person's hands and feet so that he can not walk away.

^l **chain:** a string of *metal *rings to *tie people in *jail. [see *drawing]

^m **while:** when, at the same time.

ⁿ **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^o **suddenly:** is when something happens very *quickly, it does not take long.

^p **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

to shine in the ^qjail. The angel ^rtouched Peter and said to him: 'Wake up, get up ^squickly.'

The ^tchains ^ufell off Peter's hands. ⁸ The ^vangel said to Peter: 'Put on your clothes and your ^wsandals.'

Peter put on his clothes and the angel said: 'Put on your ^xcloak and come with me.'

⁹ Peter went out of ^yjail with the ^zangel but he was not sure if all these things that the angel did were ^areally happening to him. It felt like he was having a dream or a ^bvision. ¹⁰ They walked past the first group of ^cguards and past the 2nd group, and then they came to the ^diron ^egate in the wall of the ^fjail, the ^ggate where people went ^hthrough to go into the city. The gate opened by itself and Peter and the ⁱangel went out and walked in the street.

^q **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^r **touch:** is when you put your hand or finger on something.

^s **quickly:** in a very short time.

^t **chain:** a string of *metal *rings to *tie people in *jail. [see *drawing]

^u **fell:** today you fall to the *ground, yesterday you fell.

^v **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^w **sandals:** shoes that are open, you put them on your feet when you walk. [see *drawing]

^x **cloak:** clothes that you put on over other clothes. [see *drawing]

^y **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^z **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^a **really:** is *true, not a *lie.

^b **vision:** is when God shows you something or talks to you, sometimes it is like a dream.

^c **guard:** a person who must keep *thieves in *jail. [see *drawing]

^d **iron:** a hard *metal that people use to make *knives and *weapons.

^e **gate:** a big door that people came *through to get into a town or city. [see *drawing]

^f **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^g **gate:** a big door that people can go *through.

^h **through:** is when someone starts at one side and goes to the other side.

ⁱ **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^jSuddenly the angel was not there any more. ¹¹ When Peter understood that it had ^kreally happened and that he was not dreaming, he said to himself: 'Now I really •know that God has sent his ^langel to ^msave me from •King Herod and from the bad things that the ⁿJewish_leaders wanted to do to me.'

¹² When Peter ^oknew what had happened, he went to the house of Mary. She was the mother of John. John's other name was Mark. There were many people in the house who came together to ^ppray. ¹³ Peter went to the house and he ^qknocked on the door. A ^rservant girl came to the door, her name was Rhoda. ¹⁴ When she heard that it was Peter at the door, she was so happy that she did not open the door. She ran back into the house and she told the people that Peter was standing in front of the door. ¹⁵ But they said to her: 'You are mad, it can not be Peter.'

She said again and again that she was sure it is Peter. But they said: 'No, it must be Peter's ^sangel.'

¹⁶ Peter ^tknocked and he knocked on the door. Later they opened the door and they •saw that it was Peter. They were very ^usurprised. ¹⁷ Peter talked

^j **suddenly:** is when something happens very *quickly, it does not take long.

^k **really:** is *true, not a *lie.

^l **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^m **save:** is when you have very big problems and someone comes and helps you.

ⁿ **Jewish_leaders:** the *important *Jews who told the •Israelites what they had to do.

^o **knew:** today I •know, I have seen it, yesterday I knew.

^p **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^q **knock:** is when you hit a door so that the people inside can hear there is someone at the door.

^r **servant:** someone who works for another person and does what he says.

^s **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^t **knock:** is when you hit a door so that the people inside can hear there is someone at the door.

^u **surprise:** is when you did not think something •would happen, but then it happened.

with his hands and told them to keep ^vquiet. Then he told them how the •Lord had ^wled him out of ^xjail. He said: 'You must tell this to James and the other ^ybelievers.'

Then Peter went away to another place. ¹⁸ The next morning the ^zguards were very ^ashocked and ^bupset about what had happened with Peter. ¹⁹ •King Herod said they must look for Peter, but they did not find him. King Herod then asked the ^cguards a lot of ^dquestions about what had happened, and then he said they must take away the guards and kill them. Later King Herod went away from the ^eprovince of ^fJudea to the town of Caesarea and he stayed there for some time.

King Herod dies

²⁰ •King Herod was very angry with the people from the towns of Tyre and Sidon. These people had ^greceived food from King Herod's ^hland and some of these people came to Herod to talk to him. First they talked to an ⁱofficial, his name was Blastus. They told him that they wanted to talk to the king to make ^jpeace. ²¹ On the day that •King Herod said they must come, he put on his

^v **keep quiet:** is when you don't speak or make a *noise.

^w **led:** is to lead a person, yesterday, you walked in front and he walked *behind you.

^x **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^y **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^z **guard:** a person who must keep *thieves in *jail. [see *drawing]

^a **shocked:** is how you feel when they tell you very bad news and you are *surprised.

^b **upset:** is when you are angry or *sad because something bad has happened.

^c **guard:** a person who must keep *thieves in *jail. [see *drawing]

^d **question:** when I ask something, like: 'What is your name?'

^e **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^f **Judea:** the *province in the *south of *Israel, where Jerusalem is. [see map]

^g **receive:** is when you take something that someone gives to you.

^h **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

ⁱ **official:** a person who works for the •king or *government.

^j **peace:** is when there is no one who wants to fight *against you.

beautiful ^kroyal clothes and he sat on the ^lthrone and he talked to the people.

²² Some of the men ^mshouted: 'You speak like a ⁿgod and not like a man.'

²³ And because [•]King Herod did not say that only God is very ^ogreat and powerful, an ^pangel of the [•]Lord made Herod sick ^qimmediately and ^rworms started to eat him and he died.

Barnabas and Saul go back to the city of Antioch

²⁴ The ^sbelievers ^tcontinued to tell the ^umessage of God in more places and more and more people started to ^vbelieve in [•]Christ. ²⁵ Barnabas and Saul ^wfinished their work in Jerusalem and they went back to the city of Antioch. They [•]took John with them, his other name was Mark.

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Paul's first ^xjourney

¹ There were ^yprophets and ^zteachers in the ^achurch in the city of Antioch.

^k **royal:** the things that ^{*}belong to the [•]king and ^{*}queen are royal.

^l **throne:** the beautiful chair that a [•]king sits on. [see ^{*}drawing]

^m **shout:** is when you speak very ^{*}loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

ⁿ **god:** strong ^{*}living_beings that some people ^{*}thought were there to help them.

^o **great:** big or good and more ^{*}important.

^p **angel:** a ^{*}servant of God in ^{*}heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a ^{*}message from God.

^q **immediately:** now, not later.

^r **worm:** a small ^{*}insect that eats ^{*}plants or meat. [see ^{*}drawing]

^s **believers:** people who [•]know that Jesus is the [•]Christ who ^{*}forgave their ^{*}sins.

^t **continue:** is when something goes on and on and does not stop.

^u **message of God:** the ^{*}Good_News that God loves everyone and wants to ^{*}save them.

^v **believe:** is when you [•]know that Jesus is the [•]Christ who ^{*}forgave your ^{*}sins.

^w **finish:** is to stop after you have done everything.

^x **journey:** is when people go to a place that is far away.

^y **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^z **teacher:** a person who helps people understand, he teaches them.

^a **church:** the people who ^{*}believe in Jesus and ^{*}worship God.

They were Barnabas and Simeon, his other name was Niger, also Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen and Saul. Manaen was a friend of •King Herod Antipas when they were children. ² One day when the ^bbelievers were ^cworshiping the •Lord and ^dfasting, the ^eHoly_Spirit said to them: 'I have ^fchosen Barnabas and Saul to do ^gspecial work for Me. You must send them to go and do this work.'

³ After the ^hbelievers ⁱfasted and ^jprayed, they put their ^khands on Barnabas and Saul and they sent them to go and do this work.

Saul and Barnabas ^lpreach on the ^misland of Cyprus

⁴ The ⁿHoly_Spirit sent Barnabas and Saul to go and ^opreach and they went to the town of Seleucia next to the sea. They •took a ^pboat and ^qsailed to the ^risland of Cyprus. ⁵ When they came to the town of Salamis, they went to the ^ssynagogues of the ^tJews and they ^upreached the ^vmessage of God. John,

^b **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^c **worship:** is to *pray to God and *serve Him.

^d **fast:** is when people do not eat or drink for some time, to *pray.

^e **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^f **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

^g **special:** not the same as other things, it is better and just as God wants it.

^h **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

ⁱ **fast:** is when people do not eat or drink for some time, to *pray.

^j **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^k **hands on a person:** is to *pray for a person before sending him to work for God.

^l **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^m **island:** a small *piece of *land in the sea.

ⁿ **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^o **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^p **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^q **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^r **island:** a small *piece of *land in the sea.

^s **synagogue:** a building where *Jews come together to *pray.

^t **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^u **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^v **message of God:** the *Good_News that God loves everyone and wants to *save them.

whose other name was Mark, went with Barnabas and Saul to help them with their work. ⁶ They went to the other side of the ^wisland to the town of Paphos next to the sea. There they ^xmet a man, his name was Bar-Jesus. He was a ^yJewish ^zmagician and a ^afalse_prophet. ⁷ Bar-Jesus worked for the ^bgovernor of the ^cisland, his name was Sergius Paulus, he was a ^dwise man. The governor asked Barnabas and Saul to come and talk to him because he wanted to listen to the ^emessage of God. ⁸ In the ^fGreek language the name of the ^gmagician Bar-Jesus, was Elimas. He did not want the ^hgovernor to ⁱbelieve in Jesus and he tried to stop Barnabas and Saul. ⁹ But Saul, his other name was Paul, was filled with the ^jHoly_Spirit. He looked into the eyes of Elimas, the ^kmagician, ¹⁰ and then Paul said to him: 'You are a child of the ^ldevil. You ^mlie to people and you do things that are wrong, you do not love

^w **island:** a small *piece of *land in the sea.

^x **met:** is when you have seen a person and have talked to him.

^y **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^z **magician:** a person who says he can do *miracles, like a *witch-doctor.

^a **false_prophet:** a person who tells *lies and teaches things about God that are wrong.

^b **governor:** an *officer who *rules a *country or *province because a •king sent him to do it.

^c **island:** a small *piece of *land in the sea.

^d **wise:** is to •know what is the right thing to say or do at the right time.

^e **message of God:** the *Good_News that God loves everyone and wants to *save them.

^f **Greek:** the language of the people who live in Greece. The *New_Testament was *written in Greek.

^g **magician:** a person who says he can do *miracles, like a *witch-doctor.

^h **governor:** an *officer who *rules a *country or *province because a •king sent him to do it.

ⁱ **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^j **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^k **magician:** a person who says he can do *miracles, like a *witch-doctor.

^l **devil:** *Satan who always wants to *deceive people and make them *sin.

^m **lie:** is when you say something that is not *true, it did not happen.

things that are right. You must stop changing the ⁿtrue things that the •Lord says. ¹¹ The •Lord will ^opunish you now and you will be blind, you will not see the sun for some time.'

^pImmediately Elimas •could not see, it was like a black cloud that came over him. He looked for someone to take his hand to lead him. ¹² When the ^qgovernor •saw what had happened, he started to ^rbelieve in Jesus and he was ^samazed about all the things that Barnabas and Saul ^ttaught him about the •Lord.

Paul and Barnabas in the city of Antioch

¹³ Paul and his friends ^usailed from the town of Paphos and they came to Perga in the ^vprovince of Pamphylia. Then John went away from them, he went back to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ But Paul and his friends went from Perga to the city of Antioch in the ^wprovince of Pisidia. On the ^xSabbath day they went to the ^ysynagogue and they sat down. ¹⁵ After someone had read a part of the ^zlaws of Moses and some read from the books of the ^aprophets, the ^bleaders of

ⁿ **true:** is not a *lie, it is the things that God says.

^o **punish:** is to make someone *suffer to help him stop doing wrong.

^p **immediately:** now, not later.

^q **governor:** an *officer who *rules a *country or *province because a •king sent him to do it.

^r **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^s **amazed:** is when you see something that you did not think •could happen.

^t **taught:** I teach a person when I tell him things that he must •know, yesterday I taught him.

^u **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^v **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^w **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^x **Sabbath day:** the *holy 7th day of the week when the •Israelites had to rest.

^y **synagogue:** a building where *Jews come together to *pray.

^z **laws of Moses:** the *rules that God gave to his people in the *Old Testament.

^a **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^b **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

the ^csynagogue sent someone to tell Paul and his friends: 'If you can say something to ^dencourage the people, you are welcome to talk.'

¹⁶ Then Paul ^egot up and he put up his hand to show the people that they must not talk, they must be ^fquiet. He said: 'People of ^gIsrael and all other people who ^hworship God, you must listen to what I say. ¹⁷ The ⁱGod_of_Israel ^jchose our ^kforefathers to be his people, and when they were ^lstrangers in the ^mland_of_Egypt, He was good to them and they became a big ⁿnation. God showed how strong He is and He ^oled them out of Egypt. ¹⁸ God was very ^ppatient with them in the ^qdesert for about 40 years. ¹⁹ And God has ^rdestroyed 7 ^snations in the ^tland of Canaan and He has given this land to the •Israelites to live in.

²⁰ Then after (about) 450 years God gave ^ujudges to lead them ^vuntil the

^c **synagogue:** a building where *Jews come together to *pray.

^d **encourage:** is to make someone feel strong and go on, to tell him not to stop.

^e **got up:** today you stand or get up, yesterday you got up.

^f **keep quiet:** is when you don't speak or make a *noise.

^g **Israel:** the people of God in the *Old Testament.

^h **worship:** is to *pray to God and *serve Him.

ⁱ **God_of_Israel:** the *real *living God who *saved his people, the •Israelites.

^j **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

^k **forefathers:** the father's *grandfathers and first fathers of a family or *nation.

^l **stranger:** someone who stays in another *country or town, not with his own people.

^m **land_of_Egypt:** the *country where the •Israelites were *slaves long ago.

ⁿ **nation:** all the people from a *country or *land.

^o **led:** is to lead a person, yesterday, you walked in front and he walked *behind you.

^p **patient:** is when a person does not get angry *quickly.

^q **desert:** big dry place of sand with very little water.

^r **destroy:** is to kill all the people and break everything down.

^s **nation:** all the people from a *country or *land.

^t **land:** the *country of *Israel *which God gave to his people.

^u **judges:** the *leaders of the people of *Israel in the time before they had a •king.

^v **until:** the time to the end when something stops.

^wprophet Samuel came. ²¹ And when the •Israelites asked to have a •king, God gave Saul to them to be king. Saul was the •son of Kish from the Benjamin ^xtribe. Saul was king for 40 years. ²² When Saul was no longer •king, God ^ychose David to be king over ^zIsrael. God said: "I •saw that David, •son of Jesse, lives as I want. He will do everything that I want."

²³ God ^apromised that the ^bSaviour will come from David's family, God said He will come to ^csave the •Israelites. And this person is Jesus. ²⁴ Before Jesus started his work, John the Baptist told all the •Israelites to ^dturn their lives to God and to live as He wants, and John ^ebaptised them. ²⁵ Before John ^ffinished his work, he said: "Who do you think I am? Do you think I am the One who God has ^gpromised? No, that One will come when I am gone. I am not ^himportant ⁱenough to ^jloosen his ^ksandals."

²⁶ Now listen, you who are the ^lchildren_of_Abraham and the other people with you who ^mworship God. God gave us this ⁿmessage about how He will

^w **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^x **tribe:** a group of families who were the *descendants of one of the 12 •sons of Jacob.

^y **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

^z **Israel:** the people of God in the *Old Testament.

^a **promise:** the things that God said He will do.

^b **Saviour:** the One that God sent to *save his people.

^c **save:** is when God *forgives a person's *sins and gives them *eternal life.

^d **turn to God:** is to stop doing bad things and to start *serving God.

^e **baptise:** is when someone *pours water over your head or puts you under water to show that God has *forgiven your *sins.

^f **finish:** is to stop after you have done everything.

^g **promise:** the things that God said He will do.

^h **important:** is when a person can tell other people what they must do.

ⁱ **enough:** when you do not want any more.

^j **loosen:** is when you *free or *untie something that was *tied.

^k **sandals:** shoes that are open, you put them on your feet when you walk. [see *drawing]

^l **children_of_Abraham:** •Israelites or people who *believe in God.

^m **worship:** is to *pray to God and *serve Him.

ⁿ **message:** the words that God says to people.

^osave people. ²⁷ The people of Jerusalem and their ^pleaders did not understand who Jesus was. When they ^qjudged and killed Jesus, they did what the ^rprophets had said, the words that the ^sJews read every ^tSabbath day.

²⁸ The people of Jerusalem and their ^uleaders wanted Jesus to die, but they •could not say what He had done wrong. They then asked ^vPilate to tell the ^wsoldiers to kill Jesus. ²⁹ The ^xJews and their ^yleaders have done everything that is ^zwritten in the ^aOld_Testament about Jesus. Then they •took his body from the ^bcross and they ^cburied Him in a ^dtomb. ³⁰ But God ^eraised Jesus from the dead, He lived again. ³¹ Jesus ^fappeared lots of times to the people who went with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem. Now they are telling the •Israelites about Jesus.

³² And we bring you the ^gGood_News about the things that God had

^o **save:** is when God *forgives a person's *sins and gives them *eternal_life.

^p **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^q **judge:** is when you *decide that someone has done wrong and that he is *guilty.

^r **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^s **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^t **Sabbath day:** the *holy 7th day of the week when the •Israelites had to rest.

^u **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^v **Pilate:** the *Roman *governor in *Israel in the time of Jesus.

^w **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^x **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^y **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^z **written:** the words that someone put down with a pen in a book or on something.

^a **Old_Testament:** the first part of the Bible that was *written in the *Hebrew language.

^b **cross:** 2 wooden poles like an X on *which they killed people. [see *drawing]

^c **buried:** is when they put a dead person into a *grave or *tomb.

^d **tomb:** a big *grave where they can *bury more than one dead person.

^e **raised:** is when God let someone stand up in the past.

^f **appear:** is when God or an *angel comes to someone and talks to him.

^g **Good_News:** the *message that God loves us and that Jesus *forgives all of our *sins.

^hpromised our ⁱforefathers. ³³ God has done what He had ^jpromised, He did it for us, we who are the children of our ^kforefathers. God did it when He ^lraised Jesus after He had died as it is ^mwritten in the 2nd ⁿPsalms. It says:

"You are my ^oSon.

From today I am your Father."^p

³⁴ We want to give you the ^qGood_News that God ^rraised Jesus from the dead. Jesus is ^salive and He will never die again. This is what God said in the ^tOld_Testament. He said:

"I will give you things

^uwhich I have ^vpromised to David,

and you must •know

that the things I promise are ^wtrue."^x

^h **promise:** the things that God said He will do.

ⁱ **forefathers:** the father's *grandfathers and first fathers of a family or *nation.

^j **promise:** the things that God said He will do.

^k **forefathers:** the father's *grandfathers and first fathers of a family or *nation.

^l **raised:** is when God let someone stand up in the past.

^m **written:** the words that someone put down with a pen in a book or on something.

ⁿ **Psalms:** one of the books in the *Old_Testament that has •songs.

^o **Son of God:** Jesus •Christ, He comes from God the Father and He is God the Son.

^p **Acts 13:33** these words are also in the *Old_Testament in *Psalm 2:7.

^q **Good_News:** the *message that God loves us and that Jesus *forgives all of our *sins.

^r **raised:** is when God let someone stand up in the past.

^s **alive:** not dead but living.

^t **Old_Testament:** the first part of the Bible that was *written in the *Hebrew language.

^u **which:** what or that one.

^v **promise:** the things that God said He will do.

^w **true:** is not a *lie, it is the same as what *really happened or what you will do.

^x **Acts 13:34** these words are also in the *Old_Testament in Isaiah 55:3.

³⁵ That is why David said in another ^yPsalm:

"Your ^zholy One will not stay dead,
You will not let his body become ^adust."^b

³⁶ ^cWhile David was ^dalive, he ^eserved God and when he died, they ^fburied him with his ^gforefathers and his body has become ^hdust, there is nothing left of him. ³⁷ But God ⁱraised Jesus from the dead, He is ^jalive and his body did not become ^kdust.

³⁸ Friends, you must •know that the ^llaws of Moses can not take away your ^msins, but God ⁿforgives all our sins because Jesus has taken it away and that is why we can ^opreach to you that God ^pforgives sins. ³⁹ Yes, God ^qforgives everyone who ^rbelieves in Jesus. ⁴⁰ Now you must be ^scareful that the things

^y **Psalm:** one of the books in the *Old_Testament that has •songs.

^z **holy:** is to *belong to God so that He can use someone or something in a *special way.

^a **dust:** very small *pieces of sand.

^b **Acts 13:35** these words are also in the *Old_Testament in *Psalm16:10.

^c **while:** when, at the same time.

^d **alive:** not dead but living.

^e **serve:** is to *pray to God, to live and work for Him.

^f **buried:** is when they put a dead person into a *grave or *tomb.

^g **forefathers:** the father's *grandfathers and first fathers of a family or *nation.

^h **dust:** very small *pieces of sand.

ⁱ **raised:** is when God let someone stand up in the past.

^j **alive:** not dead but living.

^k **dust:** very small *pieces of sand.

^l **laws of Moses:** the *rules that God gave to his people in the *Old_Testament.

^m **sins:** bad things that people do *which God hates.

ⁿ **forgive:** is when God does not *punish people for the *sins that they have done.

^o **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^p **forgive:** is when God does not *punish people for the *sins that they have done.

^q **forgive:** is when God does not *punish people for the *sins that they have done.

^r **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^s **careful:** is when you make sure that you do something right.

^twhich the ^uprophets have said, do not happen to you. They said:

⁴¹ "You who make fun of God,
you will be ^vsurprised at what I do.
Then you will die and ^wdisappear.
I will do something today,
something that you [•]would not ^xbelieve
if someone had told this to you." ^y

⁴² When Paul and Barnabas went out of the ^zsynagogue, the people asked them to come again and to tell them more on the next ^aSabbath day. ⁴³ When the meeting in the ^bsynagogue ^cfinished, many people went with Paul and Barnabas. There were ^dJews and a lot of ^eGentiles who ^fworshiped God. Paul and Barnabas asked them to ^gcontinue to worship God and to ^hbelieve in the ⁱmessage of God's ^jgrace. ⁴⁴ The next ^kSabbath day ^lalmost all the people in

^t **which:** what or that one.

^u **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^v **surprise:** is when you did not think something [•]would happen, but then it happened.

^w **disappear:** is when something was there, but now it is gone, no one will see it again.

^x **believe:** is when you think that someone is not ^{*}lying but telling the ^{*}truth.

^y **Acts 13:41** these words are also in the ^{*}Old_Testament in Habakkuk 1:5.

^z **synagogue:** a building where ^{*}Jews come together to ^{*}pray.

^a **Sabbath day:** the ^{*}holy 7th day of the week when the [•]Israelites had to rest.

^b **synagogue:** a building where ^{*}Jews come together to ^{*}pray.

^c **finish:** is to stop after you have done everything.

^d **Jews:** the [•]Israelites, the people of God in the ^{*}Old_Testament.

^e **Gentile:** a person who was not a ^{*}Jew and was not ^{*}circumcised.

^f **worship:** is to ^{*}pray to God and ^{*}serve Him.

^g **continue:** is when something goes on and on and does not stop.

^h **believe:** is when you [•]know that Jesus is the [•]Christ who ^{*}forgave your ^{*}sins.

ⁱ **message of God:** the ^{*}Good_News that God loves everyone and wants to ^{*}save them.

^j **grace:** is the love of God to people who are not good.

^k **Sabbath day:** the ^{*}holy 7th day of the week when the [•]Israelites had to rest.

^l **almost:** is when I have not ^{*}finished something ^{*}yet, but I will finish it ^{*}soon.

the town came together to listen to the ^mmessage of the •Lord. ⁴⁵ When the ⁿJews •saw how many people there were, they were very ^ojealous. They said bad things about Paul and they kept on ^parguing with him. ⁴⁶ But Paul and Barnabas were not ^qafraid and they said: 'It is right that we started to ^rpreach the ^smessage of God to you. But you do not ^tbelieve it, you show that you are not good ^uenough to have ^veternal_life. That is why we will go to the ^wGentiles now. ⁴⁷ Because the •Lord said in the ^xOld_Testament:

"I have ^ychosen you to be a light to everyone,
you must tell all the people on ^zearth
about the power of God
who wants to ^asave everyone on earth." ^b

⁴⁸ When the ^cGentiles heard what Paul and Barnabas said, they were very happy and they ^dpraised the •Lord for his ^emessage to them. God has ^fchosen

^m **message:** the words that God says to people.

ⁿ **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^o **jealous:** is when you don't like someone because he has something that you don't have.

^p **argue:** is when you talk to and fight with a person, using words.

^q **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^r **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^s **message of God:** the *Good_News that God loves everyone and wants to *save them.

^t **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^u **enough:** when you do not want any more.

^v **eternal_life:** is to live with God *forever, it will never stop.

^w **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^x **Old_Testament:** the first part of the Bible that was *written in the *Hebrew language.

^y **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

^z **earth:** the world, the *ground and *land.

^a **save:** is when God *forgives a person's *sins and gives them *eternal_life.

^b **Acts 13:47** these words are also in the *Old_Testament in Isaiah 49:6.

^c **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^d **praise:** is when you say God is wonderful and good.

^e **message:** the words that God says to people.

^f **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

people to ^greceive ^heternal_life and all those people started to ⁱbelieve in Him.
⁴⁹ More and more people in and ^jaround the city of Antioch in Pisidia heard
the ^kmessage of the •Lord. ⁵⁰ But the ^lJewish_leaders went to the ^mreligious
and ⁿimportant women and men in the town. They said bad things about
Paul and Barnabas. Then the people of the town became angry and they
^ochased Paul and Barnabas away from that place. ⁵¹ Paul and Barnabas
cleaned the ^pdust off their feet, this was to ^qwarn the people in that town that
they did not want to listen to God. Paul and Barnabas then went to the town
of Iconium. ⁵² But the ^rbelievers ^scontinued to ^trejoice and they were filled
with the ^uHoly_Spirit.

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Paul and Barnabas in the town of Iconium

¹ Paul and Barnabas went to Iconium and they did the same there as they
did in Antioch: They went to the ^vsynagogue of the ^wJews and there Paul and

^g **receive:** is when you take something that someone gives to you.

^h **eternal_life:** is to live with God *forever, it will never stop.

ⁱ **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^j **around:** in front of me, to my right, to my back and to my left.

^k **message:** the *Good_News that God loves everyone and wants to *save them.

^l **Jewish_leaders:** the *important *Jews who told the •Israelites what they had to do.

^m **religious:** religious people *pray a lot and read the Bible and try to do what God says.

ⁿ **important:** is when a person can tell other people what they must do.

^o **chase away:** is when you make someone run away or *flee, he can not stay.

^p **clean the *dust from your feet:** is to show people that God will *punish them.

^q **warn:** is to tell someone he must be *careful and not do something wrong.

^r **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^s **continue:** is when something goes on and on and does not stop.

^t **rejoice:** is when you are happy and *praise God and sing to Him.

^u **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^v **synagogue:** a building where *Jews come together to *pray.

^w **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

Barnabas told them about Jesus. Many ^xJews and ^yGreeks started to ^zbelieve in Jesus. ² But the ^aJews who did not ^bbelieve in Jesus said bad things about Paul and Barnabas and they made the ^cGentiles angry and then those people did not want to listen to Paul and Barnabas. ³ Paul and Barnabas stayed in the town of Iconium for a long time, they were not ^dafraid to tell people about the ^egrace of God. The •Lord also gave them power to do ^fmiracles and ^gsigns. This showed the people that their ^hmessage came from God and was ⁱtrue. ⁴ The people of the town were in 2 groups: One group ^jbelieved what the ^kJews said and the other group believed what the ^lapostles said. ⁵ Then some of the ^mGentiles and the ⁿJews and their ^oleaders ^pdecided to ^qattack the ^rapostles, they wanted to ^sthrow the ^tapostles with stones and kill them. ⁶ But

^x **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^y **Greek:** someone who comes from the *land of Greece and speaks the Greek language.

^z **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^a **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^b **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^c **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^d **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^e **grace:** is the love of God to people who are not good.

^f **miracle:** a wonderful thing that only God can do.

^g **sign:** something that comes from God *which people can see.

^h **message:** the *Good_News that God loves everyone and wants to *save them.

ⁱ **true:** is not a *lie, it is the things that God says.

^j **believe:** is when you think that someone is not *lying but telling the *truth.

^k **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^l **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^m **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

ⁿ **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^o **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^p **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

^q **attack:** is when someone goes to *hurt or kill people.

^r **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^s **throw:** when I throw a stone at you, it goes from my hand to you.

^t **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

someone told the ^uapostles what the people wanted to do and they ^vfled to the towns of Lycaonia, Lystra and Derbe and places nearby. ⁷ They ^wpreached the ^xGood_News in all those places.

Paul and Barnabas in the town of Lystra

⁸ In the town of Lystra was a man who was ^ycripple. He had never walked from the day that he was born. ⁹ The man listened to the words that Paul had said. Paul looked at him for a long time and then he [•]saw that the ^zcripple man ^abelieved that God [•]could ^bheal him. ¹⁰ Then Paul ^cshouted to him: 'Get up, stand on your feet.'

^dImmediately the man jumped up and he started to walk. ¹¹ When the people [•]saw this ^emiracle that Paul did, they ^fshouted: 'The ^ggods have come down to us and they became like men.'

They said this in the language of the people of the ^hland of Lycaonia. ¹² The people gave Barnabas the name Zeus and they named Paul Hermes, because Paul was the one who talked the most. ¹³ The [•]temple of the ⁱgod Zeus was just outside the town. The ^jpriest of that temple and the people [•]took ^kbulls

^u **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^v **fled:** when you ran away.

^w **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^x **Good_News:** the *message that God loves us and that Jesus *forgives all of our *sins.

^y **cripple:** is when a person or an animal can not walk.

^z **cripple:** is when a person or an animal can not walk.

^a **believe:** is when you [•]know that God will do what He said He will do.

^b **heal:** is when you were sick but you get better.

^c **shout:** is when you speak very *loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

^d **immediately:** now, not later.

^e **miracle:** a wonderful thing that only God can do.

^f **shout:** is when you speak very *loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

^g **god:** strong *living_beings that some people *thought were there to help them.

^h **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

ⁱ **god:** an *idol that people made and *prayed to. [see *drawing]

^j **priest:** someone who worked in a [•]temple of an *idol or *false *god.

^k **bull:** a *male (man of a) cow.

and flowers to the ^lgate of the town, they wanted to ^msacrifice the bulls for Paul and Barnabas. ¹⁴ When Paul and Barnabas heard what they wanted to do, they ⁿtore their clothes. They ran to the people and they ^oshouted to them: ¹⁵ 'Stop. Why do you want to do this? We are people like you. We bring you the ^pGood_News that you must stop ^qpraying to ^rgods that can not do a thing. You must ^sturn your lives to God and live as He wants and you must ^tserve God, the living God. He made ^uheaven and the ^vearth and the sea and all things in the sea. ¹⁶ Before this time, God ^wsaw that all the people did what they wanted to do and God did not ^wpunish them. ¹⁷ But God always showed the people that He is there, He has always done good things for them, He gave them rain from the ^xsky and He gave them good ^yplants and food to eat. Yes, God has given you a lot of food and He made you happy.'

¹⁸ The ^zapostles said these things to the people to stop them, they did not want the people to ^asacrifice ^bbulls for them, but the people did not want to stop, they wanted to sacrifice the bulls for the apostles. ¹⁹ Then some of the

^l **gate:** a big door that people came *through to get into a town or city. [see *drawing]

^m **sacrifice:** is to give an *offering to an *idol or to one of the *gods.

ⁿ **tore clothes:** when people wanted to show that they were *sad, they started to *tear their clothes.

^o **shout:** is when you speak very *loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

^p **Good_News:** the *message that God loves us and that Jesus *forgives all of our *sins.

^q **pray:** is to ask an *idol or one of the *gods for help.

^r **god:** an *idol that people made and *prayed to. [see *drawing]

^s **turn to God:** is to stop doing bad things and to start *serving God.

^t **serve:** is to *pray to God, to live and work for Him.

^u **heaven:** the *sky, sun, moon and stars and everything above us.

^v **earth:** the world, the *ground and *land.

^w **punish:** is to make someone *suffer to help him stop doing wrong.

^x **sky:** is above us, where the sun and stars are.

^y **plant:** something that grows out of the *ground, like a flower.

^z **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^a **sacrifice:** is to give an *offering to an *idol or to one of the *gods.

^b **bull:** a *male (man of a) cow.

^cJews from Antioch in Pisidia and Iconium came to Lystra and they said bad things about the ^dapostles and the people ^ebelieved those Jews. Then the people became angry and they started to ^fthrow Paul with stones. They pulled Paul out from the town because they ^gthought he was dead. ²⁰ The ^hbelievers came and they ⁱstood ^jaround Paul. Then Paul ^kgot up and he went into the town. The next day Paul and Barnabas went away from Lystra to the town of Derbe.

Paul and Barnabas go back to the city of Antioch

²¹ Paul and Barnabas ^lpreached the ^mGood_News in the town of Derbe and many people started to ⁿbelieve in Jesus. Then they went back to the towns of Lystra, Iconium and Antioch in Pisidia. ²² Paul and Barnabas ^oencouraged the ^pbelievers and asked them to ^qcontinue to ^rbelieve in Jesus. They said: 'We will ^ssuffer a lot before we will be with God where He is ^tKing and where

^c **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^d **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^e **believe:** is when you think that someone is not *lying but telling the *truth.

^f **throw:** when I throw a stone at you, it goes from my hand to you.

^g **thought:** today I think, yesterday I thought.

^h **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

ⁱ **stood:** today I stand, yesterday I stood.

^j **around:** in front of me, to my right, to my back and to my left.

^k **got up:** today you stand or get up, yesterday you got up.

^l **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^m **Good_News:** the *message that God loves us and that Jesus *forgives all of our *sins.

ⁿ **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^o **encourage:** is to make someone feel strong and go on, to tell him not to stop.

^p **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^q **continue:** is when something goes on and on and does not stop.

^r **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^s **suffer:** is when you have pain or you worry because you have big problems.

^t **King:** God is King, everyone must *serve and *worship Him.

He ^urules.'

²³ Paul and Barnabas ^vchose a few ^welders for each ^xcongregation. Then they ^yprayed and ^zfasted and asked the •Lord to ^abless these elders and the group of ^bbelievers who had ^ctrusted in the Lord.

²⁴ Paul and Barnabas went to the ^dprovince of Pisidia and then to the province of Pamphylia. ²⁵ Then they ^epreached in the town of Perga and they went to the town of Attalia. ²⁶ From there they ^fsailed to the city of Antioch in Syria. That is the place where the ^gbelievers ^hprayed to God and asked Him to give his ⁱgrace to them so that they can do the work He has given them to do. And now Paul and Barnabas had ^jfinished their work.

²⁷ When they came in Antioch, they called the ^kcongregation together. They told them how God had helped them to ^lpreach and do ^mmiracles with his

^u **rule:** is when God tells people what they must do and they listen to Him.

^v **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

^w **elder:** a *leader in the *church.

^x **congregation:** the *believers or the *church in a town or place.

^y **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^z **fast:** is when people do not eat or drink for some time, to *pray.

^a **bless:** is when God helps people and does good things for them.

^b **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^c **trust:** is when you •know that a person will do what he said.

^d **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^e **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^f **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^g **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^h **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

ⁱ **grace:** the love of God for people who can not help themselves.

^j **finish:** is to stop after you have done everything.

^k **congregation:** the *believers or the *church in a town or place.

^l **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^m **miracle:** a wonderful thing that only God can do.

power, and how God helped ⁿGentiles to ^obelieve in Jesus. ²⁸ Paul and Barnabas stayed there with the ^pbelievers for a long time.

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The meeting in Jerusalem

¹ There were some people who came from ^qJudea to the city of Antioch in the ^rprovince of Syria. They told the ^sbelievers that they must be ^tcircumcised. They said if someone is not circumcised as the ^ulaws of Moses say, then God can not ^vsave him. ² Paul and Barnabas said no, that is wrong. They ^wargued with these people who came from ^xJudea. Then the ^ychurch in Antioch ^zdecided to send Paul and Barnabas and some other people from the church to the ^aapostles and ^belders in Jerusalem. They had to go and talk to them about the things that the people of ^cJudea said. ³ The ^dchurch in Antioch sent Paul, Barnabas and the others on their way. Paul and the other

ⁿ **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^o **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^p **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^q **Judea:** the *province in the *south of *Israel, where Jerusalem is. [see map]

^r **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^s **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^t **circumcised:** when a man's *foreskin is cut off to show that he *belongs to God.

^u **laws of Moses:** the *rules that God gave to his people in the *Old Testament.

^v **save:** is when God *forgives a person's *sins and gives them *eternal_life.

^w **argue:** is when you talk to and fight with a person, using words.

^x **Judea:** the *province in the *south of *Israel, where Jerusalem is. [see map]

^y **church:** the people who *believe in Jesus and *worship God.

^z **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

^a **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^b **elder:** a *leader in the *church.

^c **Judea:** the *province in the *south of *Israel, where Jerusalem is. [see map]

^d **church:** the people who *believe in Jesus and *worship God.

men went ^ethrough the ^fland of Phoenicia and the ^gprovince of ^hSamaria. They told the ⁱbelievers that a lot of ^jGentiles have ^kturned their lives to God and started to live as He wants. When the believers heard this, they were very happy. ⁴ When they came to Jerusalem the ^lchurch and the ^mapostles and the ⁿelders welcomed Paul and Barnabas and the other ^obelievers of the ^pchurch in Antioch. Then Paul and Barnabas told the believers of the church in Jerusalem about the things that God has helped them to do. ⁵ But some of the ^qbelievers, who were ^rPharisees before they started to ^sbelieve in •Christ, were not happy. They said: 'The ^tGentiles who start to believe in Christ must be ^ucircumcised. You must also tell them that they must do what the ^vlaws of Moses say.'

⁶ The ^wapostles and ^xelders of the ^ychurch talked about this. ⁷ After they had

^e **through:** is when someone starts at one side and goes to the other side.

^f **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

^g **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^h **Samaria:** a *province or city in *Israel, the *Jews did not love the people of *Samaria.

ⁱ **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^j **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^k **turn to God:** is to stop doing bad things and to start *serving God.

^l **church:** the people who *believe in Jesus and *worship God.

^m **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

ⁿ **elder:** a *leader in the *church.

^o **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^p **church:** the people who *believe in Jesus and *worship God.

^q **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^r **Pharisees:** a group of *Jews who tried to do everything that the *laws of Moses say.

^s **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^t **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^u **circumcised:** when a man's *foreskin is cut off to show that he *belongs to God.

^v **laws of Moses:** the *rules that God gave to his people in the *Old Testament.

^w **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^x **elder:** a *leader in the *church.

^y **church:** the people who *believe in Jesus and *worship God.

^zargued a lot, Peter ^agot up and he started to talk. He said to them: 'Friends, you •know that God ^bchose me a long time ago to tell the ^cGood_News to the ^dGentiles so that they can hear about Him and start to ^ebelieve in the •Lord. ⁸ God •knows what every person thinks and what is ^freally in his heart. God also gave the ⁸Holy_Spirit to the ^hGentiles, the same as He gave us. When God did this, He showed that it was He who was working in them. ⁹ God did not think that we ⁱJews are better than the ^jGentiles. He also made them ^kpure when He helped them ^lbelieve in •Christ.

¹⁰ You must not ^mtest God and make Him angry. Do not make it ⁿdifficult for the ^obelievers who were ^pGentiles, do not put a ^qyoke on their ^rnecks. You •know that we and our ^sforefathers •could not ^tobey all these ^ulaws, it was too

^z **argue:** is when you talk to and fight with a person, using words.

^a **got up:** today you stand or get up, yesterday you got up.

^b **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

^c **Good_News:** the *message that God loves us and that Jesus *forgives all of our *sins.

^d **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^e **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^f **really:** is *true, not a *lie.

⁸ **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^h **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

ⁱ **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^j **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^k **pure:** is when God has washed away someone's *sins or has taken away everything that was wrong.

^l **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^m **test:** is when people don't do what God says and *hope that He stays *patient.

ⁿ **difficult:** is when something is hard to do, not easy.

^o **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^p **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^q **yoke:** a pole that people put on a cow's *neck, or a *sign to show how someone is *oppressed by other people. [see *drawing]

^r **neck:** the part of your body under your head. [see *drawing]

^s **forefathers:** the father's *grandfathers and first fathers of a family or *nation.

^t **obey:** is to listen to a person and do what he says.

^u **laws:** the *rules that God gave to his people that say how they must live.

difficult for us. ¹¹ No, we ^vbelieve that God ^wsaves us in the same way that He saves the ^xGentiles, because the •Lord Jesus gives us his ^ygrace.'

¹² Everyone was ^zquiet and they listened to Barnabas and Paul when they told them how God gave them power to do ^amiracles and ^bsigns for the ^cGentiles. ¹³ When Barnabas and Paul ^dfinished speaking, James said: 'Friends, listen to me. ¹⁴ Simon has told us how God showed that He also ^eaccepts the ^fGentiles and that He also ^gchose some of them to be his people that ^hbelong to Him. ¹⁵ The ⁱprophets said the same as Simon. They ^jwrote:

¹⁶ "The •Lord said:

There will come a time
when the ^kdescendants of ^lKing David
will ^mrule again.
They are like a house that has fallen,
like a wall that was broken.

^v **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^w **save:** is when God *forgives a person's *sins and gives them *eternal_life.

^x **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^y **grace:** the love of God for people who are not good and do not *deserve his love.

^z **keep quiet:** is when you don't speak or make a *noise.

^a **miracle:** a wonderful thing that only God can do.

^b **sign:** something that comes from God *which people can see.

^c **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^d **finish:** is to stop after you have done everything.

^e **accept:** is when God is happy with someone and *decides to take him or his *gifts

^f **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^g **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

^h **belong:** is to be the people of God or part of them and to *serve Him.

ⁱ **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^j **wrote:** is when someone •took a pen and put words on paper or in a book or *letter.

^k **descendants:** the children and families who come from the same *forefather.

^l **King David:** the *Old_Testament says •Christ •would come from the family of David.

^m **rule:** is when the *leader or the •king of the people tells them what to do.

But I will come back,
I will build the house of David that has fallen,
I will build the walls that were broken.

The house of David will be
like it always was.

¹⁷ I will do it so that all the other people
can come to the •Lord,
the people of all ⁿnations
will come to the Lord
because I have ^ochosen them
to ^pbelong to Me.

This is what the Lord has said,
the Lord who is doing all these things.

¹⁸ The •Lord has said this long ago."^q

¹⁹ That is why I think we must not make it ^rdifficult for the ^sGentiles who
^tturned to God and started to live as He wants them to live. ²⁰ No, we must
^uwrite them a ^vletter and tell them not to eat food that was ^wsacrificed to
^xidols. They must not live ^yimmorally and they must not eat meat if the blood
is ^zstill in it, like the meat of animals that were ^astrangled and they must not

ⁿ **nation:** all the people from a *country or *land.

^o **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

^p **belong:** is to be the people of God or part of them and to *serve Him.

^q **Acts 15:16-18** these words are also in the *Old Testament in Amos 9:11-12.

^r **difficult:** is when something is hard to do, not easy.

^s **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^t **turn to God:** is to stop doing bad things and to start *serving God.

^u **write:** is when you take a pen and put words in a book or on something.

^v **letter:** a *message that a person *writes and sends to another person. [see *drawing]

^w **sacrifice:** is to give an *offering to an *idol or to one of the *gods.

^x **idol:** a *false *god that *Gentiles made and *prayed to. [see *drawing]

^y **immoral:** is when a person lives wrongly and does not listen to God's *laws about sex.

^z **still:** something that does not stop, it goes on.

^a **strangle:** is to *grab and hold a person *around his *neck so that he can not *breathe.

eat blood.

²¹ Because from long time ago people teach the ^blaws of Moses in every town and they read the laws of Moses in the ^csynagogues every ^dSabbath day.'

The ^eletter to the ^fbelievers who were ^gGentiles

²² The ^hapostles and ⁱelders and all the ^jbelievers of the ^kchurch in Jerusalem ^ldecided to ^mchoose men and to send them with Paul and Barnabas to the city of Antioch. The men they ⁿchose were ^oleaders in the church, they were Judas and Silas. Judas had another name, it was Barsabbas. ²³ The ^papostles and ^qelders ^rwrote a ^sletter and they sent it with Judas and Silas. In the letter they wrote: 'We, the ^tapostles and ^uelders are your brothers, we ^vwrite this

^b **laws of Moses:** the *rules that God gave to his people in the *Old Testament.

^c **synagogue:** a building where *Jews come together to *pray.

^d **Sabbath day:** the *holy 7th day of the week when the •Israelites had to rest.

^e **letter:** a *message that a person *writes and sends to another person. [see *drawing]

^f **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^g **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^h **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

ⁱ **elder:** a *leader in the *church.

^j **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^k **church:** the people who *believe in Jesus and *worship God.

^l **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

^m **choose:** is when you take the one that you want to take.

ⁿ **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

^o **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^p **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^q **elder:** a *leader in the *church.

^r **wrote:** is when someone •took a pen and put words on paper or in a book or *letter.

^s **letter:** a *message that a person *writes and sends to another person. [see *drawing]

^t **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^u **elder:** a *leader in the *church.

^v **write:** is when you take a pen and put words in a book or on something.

^wletter to the ^xbelievers who were ^yGentiles. We write to the believers in the city of Antioch in Syria, and the ^zprovinces of Syria and Cilicia and we send ^agreetings to you.

²⁴ We have heard that some people from here in Jerusalem went to you and they said things that are ^bnot_true and that they have ^cconfused you. We did not send them to you. ²⁵ So we have ^ddecided to ^echoose a few men and send them to you with our good friends, Barnabas and Paul. ²⁶ They have ^falmost died when people wanted to kill them because they ^gbelieve in the •Lord Jesus •Christ. ²⁷ We also send Judas and Silas, they will tell you the same things that we ^hwrote in this ⁱletter.

²⁸ The ^jHoly_Spirit and us have ^kdecided that we must not make it ^ldifficult for you to live for God. There are only 4 ^mimportant things that you must remember: ²⁹ You must not eat food that was ⁿsacrificed to ^oidols, you must

^w **letter:** a *message that a person *writes and sends to another person. [see *drawing]

^x **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^y **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^z **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^a **greeting:** is when you say hello or goodbye to someone.

^b **not_true:** it is a *lie, it is not what God says.

^c **confuse:** is when you can not think what is right or what is wrong.

^d **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

^e **choose:** is when you take the one that you want to take.

^f **almost:** is when I have not *finished something *yet, but I will finish it *soon.

^g **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^h **wrote:** is when someone •took a pen and put words on paper or in a book or *letter.

ⁱ **letter:** a *message that a person *writes and sends to another person. [see *drawing]

^j **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^k **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

^l **difficult:** is when something is hard to do, not easy.

^m **important:** something that you think about all the time, you do not forget it.

ⁿ **sacrifice:** is to give an *offering to an *idol or to one of the *gods.

^o **idol:** a *false *god that *Gentiles made and *prayed to. [see *drawing]

not eat blood and you must not eat the meat of animals that were ^pstrangled and you must not live ^qimmorally. If you don't do any of these things, you will be right. ^rGreetings to all the ^sbelievers.'

³⁰ The 4 men went away from the ^tbelievers in Jerusalem, they were Judas, Silas, Barnabas and Paul. They went to the town Antioch in the ^uprovince of Syria. When they ^vgot there, they called all the ^vbelievers to come together and they gave the ^wletter to them. ³¹ When the ^xbelievers read the ^yletter, they were very happy about it and the words ^zencouraged them. ³² Judas and Silas were ^aprophets, they talked to the ^bbelievers and ^cencouraged them and helped them to ^dbelieve more. ³³⁻³⁴ Judas and Silas stayed in Antioch for some time. Then the ^ebelievers in Antioch sent them back home and they sent ^fgreetings to the believers in Jerusalem who had sent them. ^g ³⁵ But Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch for a long time. They and many other ^hbelievers

^p **strangle:** is to *grab and hold a person *around his *neck so that he can not *breathe.

^q **immoral:** is when a person lives wrongly and does not listen to God's *laws about sex.

^r **greeting:** is when you say hello or goodbye to someone.

^s **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^t **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^u **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^v **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^w **letter:** a *message that a person *writes and sends to another person. [see *drawing]

^x **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^y **letter:** a *message that a person *writes and sends to another person. [see *drawing]

^z **encourage:** is to make someone feel strong and go on, to tell him not to stop.

^a **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^b **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^c **encourage:** is to make someone feel strong and go on, to tell him not to stop.

^d **believe:** is when you •know that God will do what He said He will do.

^e **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^f **greeting:** is when you say hello or goodbye to someone.

^g **Acts 15:34** There is not a verse 34 in the *oldest *manuscripts.

^h **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

ⁱtaught the ^jchurch and talked to them about the ^kGood_News of the ^lWord of the •Lord.

Paul's 2nd ^mjourney. Paul and Barnabas go ⁿdifferent ways

³⁶ After some time, Paul said to Barnabas: 'We must go back to see how the ^obelievers are in all the towns where we have ^ppreached the ^qmessage of the •Lord.'

³⁷ Barnabas wanted to take John with them, his other name was Mark.

³⁸ But Paul did not want to take John with them because John went away from them the first time when they were in the ^rprovince of Pamphylia, he stopped working with them and he went home. ³⁹ Paul and Barnabas started to ^sargue and then each of them went his own way. Barnabas •took John Mark with him and they ^tsailed to the ^uisland of Cyprus. ⁴⁰ Paul ^vchose Silas to go with him. The ^wbelievers ^xprayed that God •would be good to Paul and

ⁱ **taught:** I teach a person when I tell him things that he must •know, yesterday I taught him.

^j **church:** the people who •believe in Jesus and •worship God.

^k **Good_News:** the •message that God loves us and that Jesus •forgives all of our •sins.

^l **Word of the •Lord:** the Bible.

^m **journey:** is when people go to a place that is far away.

ⁿ **different:** not the same.

^o **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who •forgave their •sins.

^p **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^q **message:** the •Good_News that God loves everyone and wants to •save them.

^r **province:** part of a •country or •land.

^s **argue:** is when you talk to and fight with a person, using words.

^t **sail:** is when you ride on a •boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see •drawing]

^u **island:** a small •piece of •land in the sea.

^v **chose:** today I •choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I •chose it.

^w **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who •forgave their •sins.

^x **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

Silas, and then the 2 of them went away. ⁴¹ They went to the ^ychurches in Syria and Cilicia and they ^zencouraged the ^abelievers.

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Timothy goes with Paul and Silas

¹ Paul also went back to the towns of Derbe and Lystra. In Lystra there was a ^bbeliever, his name was Timothy. His mother was a ^cJew and a ^dbeliever and his father was a ^eGreek. ² The ^fbelievers in Lystra and Iconium said good things about Timothy. ³ Paul wanted Timothy to go with him, so Paul ^gcircumcised him because of the ^hJews that lived in those towns. All the ⁱJews ^jknew that Timothy's father was a ^kGreek. ⁴ Paul and his friends went to many towns and they told the ^lbelievers what the ^mapostles and ⁿelders in Jerusalem had ^odecided and they told the believers to do what they said. ⁵ Paul and his friends ^pencouraged the ^qbelievers in the ^rchurches to become

^y **church:** the people who *believe in Jesus and *worship God.

^z **encourage:** is to make someone feel strong and go on, to tell him not to stop.

^a **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^b **believer:** a person who •knows that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave his *sins.

^c **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old Testament.

^d **believer:** a person who •knows that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave his *sins.

^e **Greek:** someone who comes from the *land of Greece and speaks the Greek language.

^f **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^g **circumcised:** when a man's *foreskin is cut off to show that he *belongs to God.

^h **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old Testament.

ⁱ **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old Testament.

^j **knew:** today I •know, I have seen it, yesterday I knew.

^k **Greek:** someone who comes from the *land of Greece and speaks the Greek language.

^l **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^m **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

ⁿ **elder:** a *leader in the *church.

^o **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

^p **encourage:** is to make someone feel strong and go on, to tell him not to stop.

^q **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^r **church:** the people who *believe in Jesus and *worship God.

stronger ^sbelievers and every day more and more people started to ^tbelieve in •Christ.

The •Lord calls Paul to the ^uprovince of Macedonia

⁶ Paul and his friends wanted to go to the ^vprovince of Asia, but the ^wHoly_Spirit stopped them. Therefore they went to the ^xprovince of Phrygia and Galatia and they ^ypreached there. ⁷ When they came into the ^zprovince of Mysia, they tried to go to the province of Bithynia, but the ^aSpirit of Jesus stopped them again. ⁸ Then they went ^bthrough Mysia and then they came to the town of Troas. ⁹ That night the •Lord gave Paul a ^cvision, it was like a dream. He •saw a man from the ^dprovince of Macedonia, he was standing there and he ^ebegged Paul and asked him: 'Please come over the sea to Macedonia and help us.'

¹⁰ After Paul had seen this ^fvision, we ^gimmediately •got ready to ^hsail to Macedonia because we ⁱbelieved that God had called us to ^jpreach the

^s **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^t **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^u **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^v **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^w **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^x **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^y **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^z **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^a **Spirit_of_Jesus:** the *Holy_Spirit whom we can not see.

^b **through:** is when someone starts at one side and goes to the other side.

^c **vision:** is when God shows you something or talks to you, sometimes it is like a dream.

^d **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^e **beg:** is when you ask someone to please listen to you or to help you.

^f **vision:** is when God shows you something or talks to you, sometimes it is like a dream.

^g **immediately:** now, not later.

^h **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

ⁱ **believe:** is when someone thinks he •knows what is right.

^j **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^kGood_News to those people.

Lydia starts to ^lbelieve in the •Lord

¹¹ We ^msailed from the town of Troas and we went to the ⁿisland of Samothrace. The next day we were in the town of Neapolis. ¹² From there we walked to the town of Philippi, in the first part of the ^oprovince of Macedonia, where the ^pRomans ^qruled. We stayed in Philippi for a few days. ¹³ On the ^rSabbath day we went outside the town to a place by the river. We looked for a place where the ^sJews come together to ^tpray and we sat down and started to talk to the women who came there. ¹⁴ One of the women who listened to us was Lydia. She was from the city of Thyatira and she ^usold ^vexpensive ^wpurple ^xmaterial. She was not a ^yJew, but she ^zworshiped the •Lord. The Lord opened her heart and she ^aaccepted the ^bmessage that Paul ^cpreached. ¹⁵ She and all the people in her family were ^dbaptised. Then she

^k **Good_News:** the *message that God loves us and that Jesus *forgives all of our *sins.

^l **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^m **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

ⁿ **island:** a small *piece of *land in the sea.

^o **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^p **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^q **rule:** is when the *leader or the •king of the people tells them what to do.

^r **Sabbath day:** the *holy 7th day of the week when the •Israelites had to rest.

^s **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^t **pray:** is to talk to God.

^u **sold:** is when you gave something to a person and he gave you money for it.

^v **expensive:** things that cost a lot of money.

^w **purple:** the dark colour that you get when you *mix red and blue.

^x **material:** people use material to make clothes or *tents.

^y **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^z **worship:** is to *pray to God and *serve Him.

^a **accept:** is when you *believe what someone tells you and you think he is right.

^b **message:** the words that God says to people.

^c **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^d **baptise:** is when someone *pours water over your head or puts you under water to show that God has *forgiven your *sins.

^einvited us and said: 'If you think I ^freally ^gbelieve in the •Lord, then please come to my house and stay there.'

She asked us again and again ^huntil we said yes and we went to her home.

Paul and Silas go to ⁱjail in the town of Philippi

¹⁶ One day when we were going to the place where the ^jJews always went to ^kpray, a ^lslave girl came to us. She had an ^mevil_spirit in her that gave her the power to say what •would happen in the ⁿfuture. People paid to listen to her and she •got lots of money for her ^oowners. ¹⁷ This ^pslave girl ^qfollowed Paul and our other friends and she ^rcontinued to ^sshout and say: 'These men are ^tservants of the ^uMost_High_God. They tell you how God can ^vsave you.'

¹⁸ The ^wslave girl ^xfollowed us and she ^yshouted this for many days and then Paul became angry. He ^zturned to the girl and said to the ^aevil_spirit: 'I am

^e **invite:** is when you ask a person to come to your home or *feast.

^f **really:** is *true, not a *lie.

^g **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgives your *sins.

^h **until:** the time to the end when something stops.

ⁱ **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^j **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^k **pray:** is to talk to God.

^l **slave:** someone who *belongs to another person and must work for him.

^m **evil_spirit:** a bad *spirit that comes from the *devil.

ⁿ **future:** the time that will come, tomorrow or later.

^o **owner:** when I buy a house, it is my house, I *own it, I am the owner of the house.

^p **slave:** someone who *belongs to another person and must work for him.

^q **follow:** is when you walk or run *behind someone.

^r **continue:** is when something goes on and on and does not stop.

^s **shout:** is when you speak very *loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

^t **servant:** someone who *believes in God and *serves Him.

^u **Most_High_God:** a name for God that *means He is more *important than everyone.

^v **save:** is when God *forgives a person's *sins and gives them *eternal_life.

^w **slave:** someone who *belongs to another person and must work for him.

^x **follow:** is when you walk or run *behind someone.

^y **shout:** is when you speak very *loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

^z **turn:** is when you do not walk *straight but you go to the left or to the right.

^a **evil_spirit:** a bad *spirit that comes from the *devil.

telling you to get out of this woman, I say it with the power ^bwhich Jesus gives me.'

The ^cevil_spirit ^dimmediately went out of her. ¹⁹ The ^eowners of the girl •saw that they •would no longer get money from this girl, they were angry and they ^fgrabbed Paul and Silas and they pulled them into the ^gcourt, where the ^hleaders from the town were. ²⁰ The ⁱowners told the ^jjudge and the ^kleaders: 'These men are ^lJews and they are making problems in our town. ²¹ They tell us to do things but we are ^mRomans, the things they say are wrong for us, we can not do it.'

²² Many people came with the ⁿowners of the girl and they ^oattacked Paul and Silas. The ^pRoman ^qleaders said they must take Paul and Silas's clothes off and the ^rsoldiers must ^sbeat them with ^tsticks. ²³ After the ^usoldiers had ^vbeaten Paul and Silas, they put them in ^wjail and they told the ^xguard to

^b **which:** what or that one.

^c **evil_spirit:** a bad *spirit that comes from the *devil.

^d **immediately:** now, not later.

^e **owner:** when I buy a house, it is my house, I *own it, I am the owner of the house.

^f **grab:** is when you *quickly take someone or something and you hold it.

^g **court:** the place where a *judge *punishes people who have done wrong.

^h **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

ⁱ **owner:** when I buy a house, it is my house, I *own it, I am the owner of the house.

^j **judge:** the most *important person of a *court who must say who is right and who is wrong.

^k **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^l **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^m **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

ⁿ **owner:** when I buy a house, it is my house, I *own it, I am the owner of the house.

^o **attack:** is when someone goes to *hurt or kill people.

^p **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^q **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^r **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^s **beat:** is when you hit someone or something very hard.

^t **stick:** a thin *piece of wood. [see *drawing]

^u **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^v **beat:** is when you hit someone or something very hard.

^w **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^x **guard:** a person who must keep *thieves in *jail. [see *drawing]

^ylock the doors ^zcarefully. ²⁴ Then the ^aguard put Paul and Silas in a room deep inside the ^bjail. He put their feet in a ^cblocks of wood. ²⁵ In the ^dmiddle of the night Paul and Silas were ^epraying and singing ^fsongs to ^gpraise God. The other ^hprisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ ⁱSuddenly there was a strong ^jearthquake, the ^kground and the ^ljail ^mtrembled. ⁿImmediately all the doors of the ^ojail opened and all the ^pchains of the ^qprisoners ^rfell off. ²⁷ When the ^sguard ^twoke up and [•]saw the doors of the ^ujail were open, he [•]took out his ^vsword, he wanted to kill himself because he ^wthought that all the ^xprisoners

^y **lock:** is when you close a door with a key so that other people can not open the door.

^z **careful:** is when you make sure that you do something right.

^a **guard:** a person who must keep *thieves in *jail. [see *drawing]

^b **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^c **blocks of wood:** 2 *pieces of wood in *which they put the feet of people who were in *jail.
[see *drawing]

^d **middle of the night:** very late at night, 12 o'clock.

^e **pray:** is to talk to God.

^f **song:** the words that people sing when they are happy or when they *praise God.

^g **praise:** is when you say God is wonderful and good.

^h **prisoner:** a person who is in *jail or in *prison. [see *drawing]

ⁱ **suddenly:** is when something happens very *quickly, it does not take long.

^j **earthquake:** is when the *earth *shakes and houses and walls fall down.

^k **ground:** the brown *earth or sand that you walk on.

^l **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^m **tremble:** is when something *shakes, like in an *earthquake.

ⁿ **immediately:** now, not later.

^o **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^p **chain:** a string of *metal *rings to *tie people in *jail. [see *drawing]

^q **prisoner:** a person who is in *jail or in *prison. [see *drawing]

^r **fell:** today you fall to the *ground, yesterday you fell.

^s **guard:** a person who must keep *thieves in *jail. [see *drawing]

^t **woke up:** when you stop sleeping, you wake up, yesterday you woke up.

^u **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^v **sword:** a long *knife that *soldiers use when they fight. [see *drawing]

^w **thought:** today I think, yesterday I thought.

^x **prisoner:** a person who is in *jail or in *prison. [see *drawing]

had run away. ²⁸ But Paul ^yshouted_very_loudly and said to him: 'Do not kill yourself, all of us are here.'

²⁹ The ^zguard asked someone to bring a light and he ran into the room where Paul and Silas were. He ^atrembled and ^bknelt down on the ^cground in front of Paul and Silas' feet. ³⁰ He [•]took them outside and he asked them: 'dSirs, what must I do so that God can ^esave me?'

³¹ They said to him: 'You must ^fbelieve in Jesus and God will ^gsave you and your family.'

³² Paul and Silas told the ^hguard and all the people in his family about the ⁱmessage of the [•]Lord. ³³ It was late at night and the ^jguard [•]took them and he washed their ^kwounds and ^lsores. ^mImmediately Paul ⁿbaptised the guard and all the people in his family. ³⁴ The ^oguard [•]took them to his house and he gave them food to eat. He and his family were very happy because he ^pbelieved in God. ³⁵ The next morning the

^y **shout_loud:** is to speak very hard so that people can hear you from far away.

^z **guard:** a person who must keep ^{*}thieves in ^{*}jail. [see ^{*}drawing]

^a **tremble:** is when you are cold or ^{*}afraid and your body ^{*}shakes.

^b **knelt:** is when you have gone down on your ^{*}knees to ^{*}pray. [see ^{*}drawing]

^c **ground:** the brown ^{*}earth or sand that you walk on.

^d **Sir:** when you speak to an ^{*}important man, you say 'Sir' to him.

^e **save:** is when God ^{*}forgives a person's ^{*}sins and gives them ^{*}eternal_life.

^f **believe:** is when you [•]know that Jesus is the [•]Christ who ^{*}forgave your ^{*}sins.

^g **save:** is when God ^{*}forgives a person's ^{*}sins and gives them ^{*}eternal_life.

^h **guard:** a person who must keep ^{*}thieves in ^{*}jail. [see ^{*}drawing]

ⁱ **message:** the ^{*}Good_News that God loves everyone and wants to ^{*}save them.

^j **guard:** a person who must keep ^{*}thieves in ^{*}jail. [see ^{*}drawing]

^k **wound:** where your body is cut or hurt, where blood comes out.

^l **sore:** where your ^{*}skin is broken and blood or yellow water comes out.

^m **immediately:** now, not later.

ⁿ **baptise:** is when someone ^{*}pours water over your head or puts you under water to show that God has ^{*}forgiven your ^{*}sins.

^o **guard:** a person who must keep ^{*}thieves in ^{*}jail. [see ^{*}drawing]

^p **believe:** is when you [•]know that Jesus is the [•]Christ who ^{*}forgave your ^{*}sins.

^qRoman ^rleaders sent ^ssoldiers to the ^tguard and told him to let Paul and Silas out of ^ujail. ³⁶ The ^vguard said to Paul: 'The ^wRoman ^xleaders said that I must let you go free. Come out and go with ^ypeace in your hearts.'

³⁷ But Paul said to the ^zsoldier: 'We are ^aRoman_citizens and the Roman ^bleaders said the soldiers must ^cbeat us where everyone •could see it and they put us in ^djail. But they did not take us to a ^ecourt and ^fjudge us. Now they want us to go out of ^gjail and they want no one to •know it. No, they can not do that. Those ^hRoman ⁱleaders must come here to this ^jjail themselves and they must let us out.'

³⁸ When the ^ksoldiers told the ^lRoman ^mleaders that Paul and Silas were

^q **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^r **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^s **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^t **guard:** a person who must keep *thieves in *jail. [see *drawing]

^u **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^v **guard:** a person who must keep *thieves in *jail. [see *drawing]

^w **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^x **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^y **peace:** is when there is no one who wants to fight *against you.

^z **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^a **Roman_citizen:** a person who had the same *rights as someone who lived in *Rome, before they •could *punish him, a *judge had to listen to him.

^b **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^c **beat:** is when you hit someone or something very hard.

^d **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^e **court:** the place where a *judge *punishes people who have done wrong.

^f **judge:** is when the *leader of a *court says if a person has done right or wrong.

^g **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^h **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

ⁱ **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^j **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^k **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^l **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^m **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

ⁿRoman_citizens, they were ^oafraid. ³⁹ The ^pRoman ^qleaders came to the ^rjail and told Paul and Silas that they were very sorry for what they did. Then they walked with them and asked them to go out of their town. ⁴⁰ Paul and Silas walked away from the ^sjail and they went to Lydia's house. There they •saw the ^tbelievers and they ^uencouraged them. Then Paul and Silas went away from the town of Philippi.

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Paul in the town of Thessalonica

¹ Paul and Silas went ^vthrough the towns of Amfipolis and Apollonia and then into the town of Thessalonica. There was a ^wsynagogue of the ^xJews in that town. ² Paul went to the ^ysynagogue as he always did and on ³ ^zSabbath days he talked to the ^aJews in the synagogue about the things that are ^bwritten in the ^cOld_Testament. ³ Paul ^dexplained to them that •Christ had to

ⁿ **Roman_citizen:** a person who had the same *rights as someone who lived in *Rome, before they •could *punish him, a *judge had to listen to him.

^o **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^p **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^q **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^r **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^s **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^t **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^u **encourage:** is to make someone feel strong and go on, to tell him not to stop.

^v **through:** is when someone starts at one side and goes to the other side.

^w **synagogue:** a building where *Jews come together to *pray.

^x **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^y **synagogue:** a building where *Jews come together to *pray.

^z **Sabbath day:** the *holy 7th day of the week when the •Israelites had to rest.

^a **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^b **written:** the words that someone put down with a pen in a book or on something.

^c **Old_Testament:** the first part of the Bible that was *written in the *Hebrew language.

^d **explain:** is when you help someone understand something.

^esuffer and die and that He •would live again. He said: 'I tell you about Jesus, He is the Christ.'

⁴ Some of the people ^faccepted what Paul had said and they started to ^gbelieve in •Christ with Paul and Silas. Many of the ^hGreeks who ⁱworshiped God and many of the ^jimportant women also started to ^kbelieve in Jesus.

⁵ But some of the ^lJews were ^mjealous and they •got a lot of bad people together, people who did not work. They made the people of the town angry and then they ⁿattacked Jason's house because they wanted to bring Paul and Silas before the ^ocrowd of people. ⁶ They did not find Paul and Silas and then they •took Jason and some of the other ^pbelievers, they took them to the ^qleaders from the town and they ^rshouted: 'Paul and Silas have made problems in all the places they have been to, and now they are making problems here. ⁷ Now Jason welcomed them into his house. They all break the ^slaws of the ^tRoman •king, because they say there is another king, his name is Jesus.'

⁸ When the ^uleaders from the town and the other people heard this, they

^e **suffer:** is when you have pain or you worry because you have big problems.

^f **accept:** is when you *believe what someone tells you and you think he is right.

^g **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^h **Greek:** someone who comes from the *land of Greece and speaks the Greek language.

ⁱ **worship:** is to *pray to God and *serve Him.

^j **important:** is when a person can tell other people what they must do.

^k **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^l **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old Testament.

^m **jealous:** is when you don't like someone because he has something that you don't have.

ⁿ **attack:** is when someone goes to *hurt or kill people.

^o **crowd:** a lot of people together.

^p **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^q **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^r **shout:** is when you speak very *loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

^s **law:** a *rule that a •king made and all the people must do what the law says.

^t **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^u **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

became worried. ⁹ Other ^vbelievers helped Jason and they paid money to the ^wleaders from the town and then the leaders let them go.

Paul and Silas in the town of Berea

¹⁰ When it became dark, the ^xbelievers sent Paul and Silas to the town of Berea. When they came into Berea, they went to the ^ysynagogue of the ^zJews. ¹¹ The ^aJews in Berea were not the same as the Jews in Thessalonica, they wanted to listen to Paul and they learned from Paul and his friends. Every day they read in the ^bOld Testament to see if the things were ^ctrue what Paul and his friends said. ¹² Many of the ^dJews and the ^eimportant ^fGreek women and men started to ^gbelieve in the •Lord Jesus. ¹³ But when the ^hJews from the town of Thessalonica heard that Paul was in the town of Berea and that he was telling the people about the ⁱmessage of God, they came to Berea and they made problems for Paul there too, and the people became angry with them. ¹⁴ Then the ^jbelievers sent Paul to the sea ^kimmediately, but Silas and Timothy stayed in Berea. ¹⁵ Some people went with Paul to the city of Athens

^v **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^w **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^x **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^y **synagogue:** a building where *Jews come together to *pray.

^z **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old Testament.

^a **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old Testament.

^b **Old Testament:** the first part of the Bible that was *written in the *Hebrew language.

^c **true:** is not a *lie, it is the things that God says.

^d **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old Testament.

^e **important:** is when a person can tell other people what they must do.

^f **Greek:** someone who comes from the *land of Greece and speaks the Greek language.

^g **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^h **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old Testament.

ⁱ **message of God:** the *Good News that God loves everyone and wants to *save them.

^j **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^k **immediately:** now, not later.

and then they ^lturned_around and went back to Berea. Paul told them to ask Silas and Timothy to come to him ^mimmediately.

Paul in the city of Athens

¹⁶ Paul waited for Silas and Timothy in the city of Athens. In the city he •saw all the ⁿidols and he was very angry and ^oupset. ¹⁷ Paul went to the ^psynagogue and he talked to the ^qJews and also to the ^rGreeks who ^sworshiped God. He also went to the ^tmarket place every day and talked to the people that came there. ¹⁸ There were ^uphilosophers who started to ^vargue with Paul. Some of them were ^wEpicureans and some were ^xStoics. They said: 'This man talks too much, he thinks he •knows everything. What does he want to teach us?'

Other people said: 'He wants to tell us about other ^ygods who we do not ^zknow.'

They said this because Paul told them the ^aGood_News of Jesus and that dead people will live again. ¹⁹ They said Paul must come to the meeting of

^l **turn_around:** when I walk to you but I turn around, then I start to walk away from you.

^m **immediately:** now, not later.

ⁿ **idol:** a *false *god that *Gentiles made and *prayed to. [see *drawing]

^o **upset:** is when you are angry or *sad because something bad has happened.

^p **synagogue:** a building where *Jews come together to *pray.

^q **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^r **Greek:** someone who comes from the *land of Greece and speaks the Greek language.

^s **worship:** is to *pray to God and *serve Him.

^t **market:** a place in town where people come to buy food and things.

^u **philosopher:** a person who thinks about the problems in *life and tries to give answers.

^v **argue:** is when you talk to and fight with a person, using words.

^w **Epicureans:** *followers of the *philosopher Epicureus who said: Be happy *while you live, when you die, everything stops.

^x **Stoics:** people who were *followers of the *philosopher Zeno who said you must be happy with everything, *even when bad things happen to you.

^y **god:** strong *living_beings that some people *thought were there to help them.

^z **know:** is when people have told you about someone, you are sure of who he is.

^a **Good_News:** the *message that God loves us and that Jesus *forgives all of our *sins.

the ^bAreopagus and they asked him: 'We want to •know what these new things are that you teach people. ²⁰ Some of the things that you say are new to us, we have not heard it before. Tell us what it is and what it ^cmeans.'

²¹ They asked Paul to tell them because the people in the city of Athens and the ^dstrangers who lived there, loved to listen to new things and to talk about it, anything that they had never heard before. ²² Paul ^estood up in front of the meeting of the ^fAreopagus and he said: 'People of the city of Athens, I see that you are very ^greligious in everything you do. ²³ I have walked ^hthrough your city and I have looked at the places of the ⁱgods that you ^jworship. I also •saw an ^kaltar with these words that you ^lwrote on it: "This altar is for the ^mgod who we do not ⁿknow."

I want to tell you about this God who you do not ^oknow but you ^pworship Him. ²⁴ This God made the world and everything in it. He is •Lord of ^qheaven and ^rearth and He does not live in ^stemples that people have made. ²⁵ People

^b **Areopagus:** the meeting of the *leaders of the city of Athens.

^c **mean:** is what someone says, what people must understand.

^d **stranger:** someone who is not a *Jew but stays with the people of God.

^e **stood:** today I stand, yesterday I stood.

^f **Areopagus:** the meeting of the *leaders of the city of Athens.

^g **religious:** religious people *pray a lot and do lots of things for their *idols.

^h **through:** is when someone starts at one side and goes to the other side.

ⁱ **god:** strong *living_beings that some people *thought were there to help them.

^j **worship:** is to *pray to an *idol or *false *god.

^k **altar:** a place where people *sacrificed *offerings to an *idol. [see *drawing]

^l **wrote:** is when someone •took a pen and put words on paper or in a book or *letter.

^m **god:** strong *living_beings that some people *thought were there to help them.

ⁿ **know:** is when you have *met someone, you are sure of who he is.

^o **know:** is when you have *met someone, you are sure of who he is.

^p **worship:** is to *pray to God and *serve Him.

^q **heaven:** the *sky, sun, moon and stars and everything above us.

^r **earth:** the world, the *ground and *land.

^s **temples:** buildings where people came to *worship.

do not have to help this God or to care for Him, it is not ^tnecessary. He is the One who gives ^ulife to everyone, He lets them ^vbreathe and He gives them everything. ²⁶ God made one man, Adam, and everyone come from him. God has ^wdecided that people must live all over the world and He has also decided how long everyone will live for and where they will live.

²⁷ God did this so that people will try to look for Him and find Him, He is not far from us. ²⁸ God gives us the power to live, to move and to do the things that we do. Some of your ^xwriters have said: "We are his ^ydescendants."

²⁹ Because we are the children of God, we must not think that God looks like an ^zimage of gold or ^asilver or stone. God is not like we think He is.

³⁰ God did not ^bpunish the people in those times when they did not ^cknow Him. But now God says to everyone in the world that they must ^dturn their lives to Him and live as He wants. ³¹ He said there will come a day when He will ^ejudge all the people of the world. God ^fchose a Man, Jesus, to do this. God has shown everyone that it ^greally will happen: After Jesus had died, God ^hraised Him again and made Him ⁱalive.'

^t **necessary:** is something that you must do.

^u **life:** the time that you live on *earth, from your birth *until you die.

^v **breathe:** is when you take in air and blow it out and your *chest gets bigger and smaller.

^w **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

^x **writer:** a person who puts words in a book to write stories or *letters.

^y **descendants:** the children and families who come from the same *forefather.

^z **image:** a *statue that *Gentile people made and *worshiped like a *god.

^a **silver:** a shiny white *metal that they used for money or to make *jewellery from.

^b **punish:** is to make someone *suffer to help him stop doing wrong.

^c **know:** is when people have told you about someone, you are sure of who he is.

^d **turn to God:** is to stop doing bad things and to start *serving God.

^e **judge:** is when God will *decide who has done right and who has done wrong.

^f **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

^g **really:** is *true, not a *lie.

^h **raised:** is when God let someone stand up in the past.

ⁱ **alive:** not dead but living.

³² When the people heard Paul say that a man who was dead, started to live again, some of them ^jlaughed at Paul, but some said: 'We want to listen to more about what you are saying about this.'

³³ Then Paul went away from the meeting of the ^kAreopagus. ³⁴ Some people ^laccepted the words of Paul and they started to ^mbelieve in •Christ. One of them was Dionysius, he was one of the ⁿleaders at the ^oAreopagus. A woman whose name was Damaris and other people also started to believe in Christ.

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Paul in the town of Corinth

¹ After Paul had talked to the people of the ^pAreopagus, he went away from the city of Athens to the town of Corinth. ² In Corinth Paul ^qmet a ^rJew, his name was Aquila, and his family came from the ^sprovince of Pontus. Aquila and his ^twife, Priscilla, had come from the ^uland of Italy not long before that, because the ^vruler Claudius had said that all ^wJews must ^xleave the city of Rome. Paul went to Aquila and Priscilla. ³ They did the same work as Paul,

^j **laugh:** is when you do not *believe something and you say: 'ha ha'.

^k **Areopagus:** the meeting of the *leaders of the city of Athens.

^l **accept:** is when you *believe what someone tells you and you think he is right.

^m **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

ⁿ **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^o **Areopagus:** the meeting of the *leaders of the city of Athens.

^p **Areopagus:** the meeting of the *leaders of the city of Athens.

^q **met:** is when you have seen a person and have talked to him.

^r **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^s **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^t **wife:** the woman married to a man, her *husband.

^u **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

^v **ruler:** a •king or *leader who tells the people of his *nation what they must do.

^w **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^x **leave:** is to go away from a person or something.

they also made ^ytents. Paul stayed with them and they worked together.
⁴ Every ^zSabbath day Paul went to the ^asynagogue and he talked to the people. He talked to ^bJews and ^cGreeks because he wanted them all to ^dbelieve the ^eGood_News about Jesus. ⁵ After Silas and Timothy came from the ^fprovince of Macedonia, Paul stopped making ^gtents, he started to ^hpreach the ⁱmessage of Jesus to the people every day and he told the ^jJews that Jesus is the •Christ. ⁶ But then the ^kJews started to ^largue with Paul and they were ^magainst him and said bad things about him. Then Paul cleaned the ⁿdust from his clothes and he said to them: 'You are ^olost and it is not my ^pfault, it is you who are ^qguilty. From now on I will go and ^rpreach to the ^sGentiles.'
⁷ Then Paul went and he stayed in the house of a man named Titius Justus,

^y **tent:** a home that people made from *material or animal *skins. [see *drawing]

^z **Sabbath day:** the *holy 7th day of the week when the •Israelites had to rest.

^a **synagogue:** a building where *Jews come together to *pray.

^b **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^c **Greek:** someone who comes from the *land of Greece and speaks the Greek language.

^d **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^e **Good_News:** the *message that God loves us and that Jesus *forgives all of our *sins.

^f **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^g **tent:** a home that people made from *material or animal *skins. [see *drawing]

^h **preach:** is to tell people about God.

ⁱ **message:** the *Good_News that God loves everyone and wants to *save them.

^j **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^k **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^l **argue:** is when you talk to and fight with a person, using words.

^m **against:** is when you do not want to be with a person, you want to fight him.

ⁿ **clean the *dust from your clothes:** is to show people that God will *punish them.

^o **lost:** is to be far away from God, not to have *eternal_life.

^p **fault:** is when you do something wrong or you *sin.

^q **guilty:** is when a person has done something wrong.

^r **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^s **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

who also ^tworshiped God, his house was next to the ^usynagogue. ⁸ The ^vleader of the ^wsynagogue was Crispus. He and his family started to ^xbelieve in the •Lord with many other people of the town of Corinth and they were ^ybaptised. ⁹ One night the •Lord gave Paul a ^zvision, it was like a dream. The Lord said to Paul: 'Do not be ^aafraid. You must keep on telling the people about Me, you must not stop ¹⁰ because I am with you. No one will ^battack you and no one will do bad things to you, because in this town there are many people who ^cbelong to Me.'

¹¹ Paul stayed in Corinth for one year and 6 months and he ^dpreached and ^etaught them about the ^fmessage of God. ¹² When Gallio was ^ggovernor of the ^hprovince of Achaia, all the ⁱJews came together and they ^jgrabbed Paul and •took him to ^kcourt. ¹³ The ^lJews said: 'This man, Paul, teaches people to

^t **worship:** is to *pray to God and *serve Him.

^u **synagogue:** a building where *Jews come together to *pray.

^v **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^w **synagogue:** a building where *Jews come together to *pray.

^x **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^y **baptise:** is when someone *pours water over your head or puts you under water to show that God has *forgiven your *sins.

^z **vision:** is when God shows you something or talks to you, sometimes it is like a dream.

^a **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^b **attack:** is when someone goes to *hurt or kill people.

^c **belong:** is to be the people of God or part of them and to *serve Him.

^d **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^e **taught:** I teach a person when I tell him things that he must •know, yesterday I taught him.

^f **message:** the *Good_News that God loves everyone and wants to *save them.

^g **governor:** an *officer who *rules a *country or *province because a •king sent him to do it.

^h **province:** part of a *country or *land.

ⁱ **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^j **grab:** is when you *quickly take someone or something and you hold it.

^k **court:** the place where a *judge *punishes people who have done wrong.

^l **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^mserve God in a wrong way, a way that is not the same as the way the ⁿlaws of Moses say.'

¹⁴ When Paul wanted to start talking, Gallio said to the ^oJews: 'No, I will only listen to you if this man did wrong or bad things. ¹⁵ But you ^pargue with each other about words and names and about your own ^qlaws. You must go out and ^rdecide what is right and what is wrong. I will not ^sjudge things like this.'

¹⁶ Gallio then ^tchased them out of the ^ucourt. ¹⁷ Then the ^vcrowd of people ^wgrabbed Sosthenes, the ^xleader of the ^ysynagogue, and they ^zbeat him in front of the ^acourt. But Gallio did not worry about that.

Paul goes back to the city of Antioch in the ^bprovince of Syria

¹⁸ Paul stayed with the ^cbelievers in the town of Corinth for a long time and then he said goodbye to them and he ^dsailed to the ^eprovince of Syria.

^m **serve:** is to *pray to God, to live and work for Him.

ⁿ **laws of Moses:** the *rules that God gave to his people in the *Old Testament.

^o **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old Testament.

^p **argue:** is when you talk to and fight with a person, using words.

^q **laws:** *rules that the *Jews made that said what people must do.

^r **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

^s **judge:** is when the *leader in a *court says a person has done wrong and *punishes him.

^t **chase away:** is when you make someone run away or *flee, he can not stay.

^u **court:** the place where a *judge *punishes people who have done wrong.

^v **crowd:** a lot of people together.

^w **grab:** is when you *quickly take someone or something and you hold it.

^x **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^y **synagogue:** a building where *Jews come together to *pray.

^z **beat:** is when you hit someone or something very hard.

^a **court:** the place where a *judge *punishes people who have done wrong.

^b **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^c **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^d **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^e **province:** part of a *country or *land.

Priscilla and Aquila went with him. But before he sailed, he ^fshaved off all the hair on his head at the town of Cenchreae because he had made a ^gpromise to God. ¹⁹ When they came into the town of Ephesus, Aquila and Priscilla stayed there. Paul went alone to the ^hsynagogue and he talked to the ⁱJews. ²⁰ The ^jJews asked Paul to stay longer with them, but he said no. ²¹ He said goodbye to them and said: 'If God wants me to come back, then I will come back to you.'

Then he ^ksailed with a ^lboat from the town of Ephesus. ²² Paul ^msailed to the town of Caesarea and then went to Jerusalem. When he came there he went to the ⁿcongregation and ^ogreeted them. Then he went to the city of Antioch ²³ and he stayed there for a long time.

Paul's 3rd ^pjourney

Later Paul went away from the city of Antioch and he went to many places ^qthrough the ^rlands of Galatia and Phrygia, one after the other. He ^svisited

^f **shave off all his hair:** some people cut off all their hair when they made a ^{*}promise to God.

^g **promise:** your words when you say that people can ^{*}believe you.

^h **synagogue:** a building where ^{*}Jews come together to ^{*}pray.

ⁱ **Jews:** the ^{*}Israelites, the people of God in the ^{*}Old Testament.

^j **Jews:** the ^{*}Israelites, the people of God in the ^{*}Old Testament.

^k **sail:** is when you ride on a ^{*}boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see ^{*}drawing]

^l **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see ^{*}drawing]

^m **sail:** is when you ride on a ^{*}boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see ^{*}drawing]

ⁿ **congregation:** the ^{*}believers or the ^{*}church in a town or place.

^o **greet:** is when you say hello or goodbye to someone.

^p **journey:** is when people go to a place that is far away.

^q **through:** is when someone starts at one side and goes to the other side.

^r **lands:** ^{*}countries, like South Africa and Kenya.

^s **visit:** is when you go to your friend or someone and talk to him.

the ^tbelievers and he ^uencouraged them.

Apollos ^vpreaches in the town of Ephesus

²⁴ There was a ^wJew who came to the town of Ephesus, his name was Apollos. He was born in the town of Alexandria and he •could speak very well and he also ^xknew the ^yOld_Testament very well. ²⁵ The ^zbelievers helped Apollos and they ^ataught him how God wants his people to live. When he ^bpreached, he ^cspoke like someone who ^dknew that the things he said were very ^eimportant. He told the people the right things about Jesus, but he only knew part of the ^fmessage. He knew what John the Baptist said and how John ^gbaptised people but he did not ^hknow that the ⁱapostles baptised people in the name of Jesus. ²⁶ Apollos started to ^jpreach in the ^ksynagogue, he was not ^lafraid. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him talk, they •took him to their home and they started to teach him more about the things of God. ²⁷ Apollos

^t **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^u **encourage:** is to make someone feel strong and go on, to tell him not to stop.

^v **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^w **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^x **knew:** is when you had learned things.

^y **Old_Testament:** the first part of the Bible that was *written in the *Hebrew language.

^z **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^a **taught:** I teach a person when I tell him things that he must •know, yesterday I taught him.

^b **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^c **spoke:** today I talk or speak, yesterday I spoke.

^d **knew:** is when you had learned things.

^e **important:** something that you think about all the time, you do not forget it.

^f **message:** the words that God says to people.

^g **baptise:** is when someone *pours water over your head or puts you under water to show that God has *forgiven your *sins.

^h **know:** is when you have learned something and you can tell other people about it.

ⁱ **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^j **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^k **synagogue:** a building where *Jews come together to *pray.

^l **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

said he wanted to go to the ^mland of Achaia and the ⁿbelievers in Ephesus ^oencouraged him to go. They also ^pwrote a ^qletter to the ^rbelievers in Achaia and asked them to welcome Apollos. When Apollos came into Achaia he helped all the ^sbelievers, the people who started to ^tbelieve because God gave his ^ugift to them, his ^vgrace that no one can work for. ²⁸ Apollos was not ^wafraid, he ^xargued strongly with the ^yJews in front of all the people. He showed them in the ^zOld Testament that they are wrong, he showed them that Jesus is the •Christ that the ^aJews have been waiting for.

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Paul in the town of Ephesus

¹ When Apollos was in the town of Corinth, Paul went to the towns that were far from the sea in the ^bprovince of Asia. Later he came to the town of Ephesus where he ^cmet some ^dbelievers. ² Paul asked them: 'Did the

^m **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

ⁿ **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^o **encourage:** is to make someone feel strong and go on, to tell him not to stop.

^p **wrote:** is when someone •took a pen and put words on paper or in a book or *letter.

^q **letter:** a *message that a person *writes and sends to another person. [see *drawing]

^r **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^s **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^t **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^u **gift:** something that God gives to *believers so that they •know that He is their Father.

^v **grace:** the love of God for people who are not good and do not *deserve his love.

^w **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^x **argue:** is when you talk to and fight with a person, using words.

^y **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old Testament.

^z **Old Testament:** the first part of the Bible that was *written in the *Hebrew language.

^a **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old Testament.

^b **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^c **met:** is when you have seen a person and have talked to him.

^d **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^eHoly_Spirit come into you when you started to ^fbelieve in Jesus?'

They answered Paul: 'No, we do not have the ^gHoly_Spirit and no one has ever told us about the Holy_Spirit.'

³ Paul asked them: 'When you were ^hbaptised, what baptism was that?'

They said to Paul: 'We were baptised with John the Baptist's ⁱbaptism.'

⁴ Then Paul said: 'John ^jbaptised people so that they •could ^kturn to God and live as He wants. John also told the people that they must ^lbelieve in the One who •would come later, they must believe in Jesus.'

⁵ When they heard this, they were ^mbaptised in the name of the •Lord Jesus.

⁶ Paul put his ⁿhands on them and the ^oHoly_Spirit came into them. They started to speak in other languages and ^ppreached the ^qmessage of God.

⁷ There were about 12 men. ⁸ Paul went to the ^rsynagogue ^soften and for 3

^e **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^f **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^g **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^h **baptise:** is when someone *pours water over your head or puts you under water to show that God has *forgiven your *sins.

ⁱ **baptise:** is to *pour water over someone's head or put him under water to show that God has *forgiven his *sins.

^j **baptise:** is when someone *pours water over your head or puts you under water to show that God has *forgiven your *sins.

^k **turn to God:** is to stop doing bad things and to start *serving God.

^l **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^m **baptise:** is when someone *pours water over your head or puts you under water to show that God has *forgiven your *sins.

ⁿ **hands on a person:** is when the *apostles *prayed that a person must get the *Holy_Spirit.

^o **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^p **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^q **message of God:** the *Good_News that God loves everyone and wants to *save them.

^r **synagogue:** a building where *Jews come together to *pray.

^s **often:** many times.

months he talked to the ^tJews. He was not ^uafraid, he told them that God is ^vKing over everyone. He tried very hard to help them ^wbelieve, like he did. ⁹ But some of the ^xJews did not want to ^yturn to God, they stayed ^zstubborn and they did not ^abelieve in Him. They kept saying bad things about ^bThe Way of the •Lord,' they said it in front of all the people. Then Paul went away from the ^cJews and all the ^dbelievers went with him. He started to teach them every day in the school of Tyrannus. ¹⁰ Paul kept on ^eteaching them for 2 years ^funtil all the ^gJews and ^hGreeks who lived in the ⁱprovince of Asia heard the ^jmessage of the •Lord.

The •sons of Sceva

¹¹ God gave Paul the power to do ^kmiracles and the people were ^lamazed. ¹² People also •took the clothes that Paul had used and they put it on sick

^t **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^u **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^v **King:** God is King, everyone must *serve and *worship Him.

^w **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^x **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^y **turn to God:** is to stop doing bad things and to start *serving God.

^z **stubborn:** is when you do not want to listen to God or other people.

^a **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^b **The Way:** the name of the first •Christian *church.

^c **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^d **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^e **teaching:** is to help people understand, to teach them.

^f **until:** the time to the end when something stops.

^g **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^h **Greek:** someone who comes from the *land of Greece and speaks the Greek language.

ⁱ **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^j **message:** the *Good_News that God loves everyone and wants to *save them.

^k **miracle:** a wonderful thing that only God can do.

^l **amazed:** is when you see something that you did not think •could happen.

people and then the sick people were ^mhealed and the ⁿevil_spirits went out of people. ¹³ There were some ^oJews who went from one town to another town and they also tried to ^pchase_evil_spirits_out of people and they said the name of the •Lord Jesus when they wanted to do it. They told the ^qspirits: 'You must go out of this person, we say it with the power of the same Jesus that Paul ^rpreaches about.'

¹⁴ There was a ^sJewish ^tchief_priest, his name was Sceva and he had 7 •sons. It was these 7 •sons who tried to ^uchase_evil_spirits_out of people. ¹⁵ But the ^vevil_spirit answered them and said: 'I •know who Jesus is and I know Paul, but I don't know you.'

¹⁶ Then the man who had the ^wevil_spirit in him, jumped on them and he ^xattacked them all and ^ybeat them very badly. They ran away from that house, they were ^znaked and full of ^awounds. ¹⁷ All the ^bJews and ^cGreeks in the town of Ephesus heard what had happened. They were all ^dafraid and

^m **heal:** is when *believers make a sick person well with the power of Jesus.

ⁿ **evil_spirit:** a bad *spirit that comes from the *devil.

^o **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^p **chase_out_evil_spirits:** is when you tell an *evil_spirit to go out of a person.

^q **evil_spirit:** a bad *spirit that comes from the *devil.

^r **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^s **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^t **chief_priest:** the *leader of the people who worked for God.

^u **chase_out_evil_spirits:** is when you tell an *evil_spirit to go out of a person.

^v **evil_spirit:** a bad *spirit that comes from the *devil.

^w **evil_spirit:** a bad *spirit that comes from the *devil.

^x **attack:** is when someone goes to *hurt or kill people.

^y **beat:** is when you hit someone or something very hard.

^z **naked:** is when you have no clothes on and people can see your body.

^a **wound:** is where you are cut or the blood comes out.

^b **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^c **Greek:** someone who comes from the *land of Greece and speaks the Greek language.

^d **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

they ^erespected the name of the •Lord Jesus and they ^fpraised Him. ¹⁸ Many of the people started to ^gbelieve in •Christ. They came and said that they were sorry for all the wrong things that they had done. ¹⁹ Many of the people who used ^hmagic before, •took their books about magic and they burnt it in front of all the people. The ⁱprice of all the books was 50 000 ^jsilver_coins. ²⁰ Because this happened, more and more people heard the ^kmessage of the •Lord and ^lbelieved it.

The people of the town of Ephesus become angry

²¹ Then the ^mHoly_Spirit told Paul to go to the ⁿprovince of Macedonia and Achaia and then to Jerusalem, and Paul ^odecided to go. Paul said: 'Later on I also want to go to the city of Rome.'

²² Paul sent his 2 helpers, Timothy and Erastus, to Macedonia but he stayed in the ^pprovince of Asia for a short time.

²³ At that time there were big problems in Ephesus because a lot of people were angry about the things that Paul and the ^qbelievers of ^rThe Way of the •Lord ^staught. ²⁴ There was a ^tsilversmith named Demetrius. His work was to

^e **respect:** is when you show someone that he is *important and you listen to him.

^f **praise:** is when you say God is wonderful and good.

^g **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^h **magic:** is doing things with *evil powers that other people can not do.

ⁱ **price:** is how much you must pay to buy something.

^j **silver_coin:** 50 000 silver_coins was the money that they paid 50 000 men when they had worked for one day.

^k **message:** the *Good_News that God loves everyone and wants to *save them.

^l **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^m **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

ⁿ **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^o **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

^p **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^q **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^r **The Way:** the name of the first •Christian *church.

^s **taught:** I teach a person when I tell him things that he must •know, yesterday I taught him.

^t **silversmith:** a person who makes beautiful things from *silver.

make small ^usilver •temples that looked like the temple of the ^vgoddess Artemis. He paid the people who worked for him a lot of money.

²⁵ Demetrius called all the people together who did the same work and he said: 'Friends, you •know that we get a lot of money for making these little •temples. ²⁶ And you have seen and heard what this man Paul has done in Ephesus and in other places in Asia. He teaches things that are wrong to the people. He says that it is people who made these ^wgods with their hands, he says therefore our gods are not ^xreal gods. ²⁷ This will bring big problems for the work that we do. People will say bad things about our work and they will stop ^yrespecting the •temple of the ^zgoddess Artemis. Then all the people in Asia and all over the world will stop ^aworshipping our ^bgreat goddess and they will forget her.'

²⁸ When the workers heard this, they •got angry and started to ^cshout. They said: 'Artemis of the Ephesians is ^dgreat and ^eimportant.'

²⁹ All the people from the city started to ^fshout. They ^ggrabbed Gaius and Aristarchus, the 2 friends of Paul who came with him from Macedonia, and they •took them to the place where the people of the town came together for their meetings.

^u **silver:** a shiny white *metal that they used for money or to make *jewellery from.

^v **goddess:** an *idol that is a *female (woman).

^w **god:** an *idol that people made and *prayed to. [see *drawing]

^x **real:** is *true, not a *lie.

^y **respect:** is when you show someone that he is *important and you listen to him.

^z **goddess:** an *idol that is a *female (woman).

^a **worship:** is to *pray to an *idol or *false *god.

^b **great:** big or good and more *important.

^c **shout:** is when you speak very *loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

^d **great:** big or good and more *important.

^e **important:** something that you think about all the time, you do not forget it.

^f **shout:** is when you speak very *loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

^g **grab:** is when you *quickly take someone or something and you hold it.

³⁰ Paul wanted to go and speak to the people, but the ^hbelievers said no, he may not go. ³¹ Some of the ⁱRoman ^jofficials were friends of Paul, and they sent a man to ^kwarn Paul not to go to the people.

³² Some of the people in the meeting ^lshouted something and other people shouted something ^melse. They did not •know what was going on, and most of the people did not know why they were there.

³³ The ⁿJewish_leaders pushed a man with the name of Alexander to the front of the ^ocrowd of people and they told him what to say to the people. He put up his hand and tried to show the people that he wanted to talk and tell them what has happened. ³⁴ But when the people •saw that he was a ^pJew, they all ^qshouted: 'Artemis of the Ephesians is ^rgreat and ^simportant.'

They ^tshouted this for 2 hours.

³⁵ Then a ^uleader of the city told the ^vcrowd of people to be ^wquiet and he said: 'People of the city of Ephesus, all the people in the world •know that Ephesus is the city that keeps the •temple of the ^xgreat ^ygoddess Artemis.

^h **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

ⁱ **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^j **official:** a person who works for the •king or *government.

^k **warn:** is to tell someone he must be *careful and not do something wrong.

^l **shout:** is when you speak very *loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

^m **else:** another person or other things.

ⁿ **Jewish_leaders:** the *important *Jews who told the •Israelites what they had to do.

^o **crowd:** a lot of people together.

^p **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^q **shout:** is when you speak very *loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

^r **great:** big or good and more *important.

^s **important:** something that you think about all the time, you do not forget it.

^t **shout:** is when you speak very *loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

^u **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^v **crowd:** a lot of people together.

^w **keep quiet:** is when you don't speak or make a *noise.

^x **great:** big or good and more *important.

^y **goddess:** an *idol that is a *female (woman).

Everyone knows that we also keep her ^zimage that ^afell from ^bheaven. ³⁶ No one can say that this is ^cnot_true. You must be calm and not do something wrong. ³⁷ You have ^dbrought these men in here, but they did not steal anything from the •temple, they did not say anything bad ^eagainst our ^fgoddess.

³⁸ If Demetrius and his workers have a problem with these men, then they must take them to ^gcourt where the ^hjudge can say if they have done something wrong. ³⁹ And if you want to talk about other things, then you can bring the problems to the city ⁱcouncil. ⁴⁰ I am ^jafraid that people will tell the ^kRoman ^lrulers that we want to ^mrebel, and then we will not •know what to say to them.'

⁴¹ Then the ⁿleader of the city told them: 'All of you must go home now.'

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Paul goes to the ^oland of Greece and to Macedonia

¹ When the people in the town of Ephesus stopped ^pshouting, Paul called the

^z **image:** a *statue that *Gentile people made and *worshiped like a *god.

^a **fell:** today you fall to the *ground, yesterday you fell.

^b **heaven:** is high up in the *sky where some people think the *gods live.

^c **not_true:** it is a *lie, it did not happen.

^d **brought:** today I bring, yesterday I brought.

^e **against:** is when you do not want to be with a person, you want to fight him.

^f **goddess:** an *idol that is a *female (woman).

^g **court:** the place where a *judge *punishes people who have done wrong.

^h **judge:** is when the *leader in a *court says a person has done wrong and *punishes him.

ⁱ **council:** a meeting of *leaders.

^j **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^k **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^l **ruler:** a •king or *leader who tells the people of his *nation what they must do.

^m **rebel:** is a person who does not want to listen to his *leader and wants to fight.

ⁿ **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^o **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

^p **shout:** is when you speak very *loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

^qbelievers and he ^rencouraged them. He then said goodbye to them and he went to the ^sprovince of Macedonia. ² In Macedonia he ^tencouraged the believers on his way and then he went to Greece. ³ He stayed there for 3 months and he wanted to ^usail to the ^vprovince of Syria. Then he heard that the ^wJews had made a ^xsecret plan to kill him. So he ^ydecided to first go back to Macedonia and then to Syria. ⁴ There were a few men who went with Paul. They were Sopater, the •son of Pyrrhus, from the town of Berea, Aristarchus and Secundus from the town of Thessalonica, Gaius from the town of Derbe, Timothy, Tychicus and Trophimus from the ^zprovince of Asia. ⁵ Some of them went before us and they waited for us in the town of Troas. ⁶ After the ^aFeast_of_the_flat-bread was over, we ^bsailed away from the town of Philippi and 5 days later we were in the town of Troas where we ^cmet the other men and we stayed there for 7 days.

Paul ^dvisits the ^ebelievers in Troas

⁷ On the first day of the week, in the night, we all came together and we ate

^q **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^r **encourage:** is to make someone feel strong and go on, to tell him not to stop.

^s **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^t **encourage:** is to make someone feel strong and go on, to tell him not to stop.

^u **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^v **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^w **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^x **secret:** something that most people do not •know, only a few people know about it.

^y **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

^z **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^a **Feast_of_the_flat-bread:** the *feast after *Passover when bread may not have *yeast in.

^b **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^c **met:** is when you have seen a person and have talked to him.

^d **visit:** is when you go to your friend or someone and talk to him.

^e **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

bread and other food. Paul started to teach the ^fbelievers and he wanted to ^gleave the next day, so he talked for a very long time ^huntil the ⁱmiddle of the night. ⁸ We were all sitting in the room at the top of the ^jstairs, there were a lot of ^klamps burning. ⁹ A ^lyoung man with the name of Eutychus was sitting in the window and listening. When Paul kept on talking for so long, Eutychus •got sleepy and he ^mwent to sleep. He fell out of the window from the ⁿ3rd_floor to the ^oground. The other ^pbelievers tried to lift him up from the ground, but he was dead. ¹⁰ Paul went down to him and he bent over Eutychus. He •took Eutychus in his arms and said to the ^qbelievers: 'Do not cry, he is not dead, he lives.'

¹¹ Then Paul went up to the room again. He ate some food and he started to talk again, he talked for a long time ^runtil the sun came up the next morning and then he went away. ¹² The ^sbelievers •took Eutychus to his home. He was ^talive and that ^uencouraged the ^vbelievers a lot.

^f **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^g **leave:** is to go away from a person or something.

^h **until:** the time to the end when something stops.

ⁱ **middle of the night:** very late at night, 12 o'clock.

^j **stairs:** steps that you go up with when you go to the top of a high building, like a *ladder.

^k **lamp:** a small *bowl with oil that can burn, to give light. [see *drawing]

^l **young:** not old.

^m **fell:** today you fall to the *ground, yesterday you fell.

ⁿ **3rd floor:** about 10 metres high.

^o **ground:** the brown *earth or sand that you walk on.

^p **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^q **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^r **until:** the time to the end when something stops.

^s **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^t **alive:** not dead but living.

^u **encourage:** is to make someone feel strong and go on, to tell him not to stop.

^v **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

Paul and his friends go from the town of Troas to Miletus

¹³ We ^wsailed to the town of Assos and waited there for Paul. He wanted to walk to Assos. ¹⁴ When he ^xmet us at Assos, he ^ygot onto the boat with us. Then we all ^zsailed to Mitylene. ¹⁵ We ^asailed from there and the next day we came to a place near Chios and the day after that, we came to Samos. The next day we came to Miletus. ¹⁶ We did not stop at the town of Ephesus because Paul ^bdecided to ^csail past Ephesus. He did not want to stay in the ^dprovince of Asia for a long time. He said we must ^ehurry to get to Jerusalem because he wanted to be there on the day of ^fPentecost.

Paul talks to the ^gelders of Ephesus

¹⁷ When we were in the town of Miletus, Paul sent a ^hmessage to the ⁱelders of the ^jchurch in the town of Ephesus. He asked them to come to him at the town of Miletus. ¹⁸ When the ^kelders came to Paul, he said to them: 'You

^w **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^x **met:** is when you have seen a person and have talked to him.

^y **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^z **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^a **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^b **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

^c **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^d **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^e **hurry:** is when you go fast and *quickly, not slowly.

^f **Pentecost:** a *feast to remember when God gave the *Holy_Spirit to the *church.

^g **elder:** a *leader in the *church.

^h **message:** the words that I say to a person that he must tell another person.

ⁱ **elder:** a *leader in the *church.

^j **church:** the people who *believe in Jesus and *worship God.

^k **elder:** a *leader in the *church.

•know everything that I have done when I was with you, from the first day when I came to the ^lprovince of Asia. ¹⁹ You •know that I have ^mserved the •Lord, that I was ⁿhumble and I have ^osuffered a lot because the ^pJews had made ^qsecret plans to kill me. ²⁰ You •know I have always tried to help you, I told you God's ^rmessage and I have ^staught you, in the streets and in your homes. ²¹ I have talked to ^tJews and to ^uGreeks and I told them to ^vturn to God and to live as He wants, they must ^wbelieve in our •Lord Jesus.

²² Now I am going to Jerusalem. The ^xHoly_Spirit wants me to go there and I must listen to Him and go. I do not •know what will happen to me in Jerusalem. ²³ But I •know the ^yHoly_Spirit told me in every town that my people will put me in ^zjail and I will ^asuffer a lot. ²⁴ But I am not worried about my own ^blife. I just want to do the most ^cimportant thing, I want to ^dfinish the work that the •Lord has given me to do. Yes, I must tell people

^l **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^m **serve:** is to *pray to God, to live and work for Him.

ⁿ **humble:** is when you think and show that you are not *important.

^o **suffer:** is when you have pain or you worry because you have big problems.

^p **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^q **secret:** something that most people do not •know, only a few people know about it.

^r **message:** the *Good_News that God loves everyone and wants to *save them.

^s **taught:** I teach a person when I tell him things that he must •know, yesterday I taught him.

^t **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^u **Greek:** someone who comes from the *land of Greece and speaks the Greek language.

^v **turn to God:** is to stop doing bad things and to start *serving God.

^w **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^x **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^y **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^z **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^a **suffer:** is when you have pain or you worry because you have big problems.

^b **life:** the time that you live on *earth, from your birth *until you die.

^c **important:** something that you think about all the time, you do not forget it.

^d **finish:** is to stop after you have done everything.

about the ^eGood_News of the ^fgrace of God.

²⁵ I was with you and I told you that God is ^gKing. Now, I •know, that not one of you will see me again. ²⁶ That is why I am telling you this and it is ^htrue: It is not my ⁱfault if one of you are ^jlost to God. ²⁷ I was not ^kafraid, I told you everything about God's plan. ²⁸ You must make sure that you live as God wants. You must also make sure that all the ^lbelievers live as God wants you to. The ^mHoly_Spirit told you to be ⁿelders of the believers in Ephesus. You must help them like a ^oshepherd cares for his sheep. They are God's ^pchurch. His ^qSon has given his blood and He died for them.

²⁹ I •know that ^rfalse_teachers will come to you when I am gone. They will be like ^sdangerous ^twolves that come to kill the sheep. ³⁰ Yes, some of you will ^ubegin to say wrong things that are ^vnot_true. They will tell other ^wbelievers to ^xfollow them and no longer follow Jesus. ³¹ That is why you

^e **Good_News:** the *message that God loves us and that Jesus *forgives all of our *sins.

^f **grace:** the love of God for people who are not good and do not *deserve his love.

^g **King:** God is King, everyone must *serve and *worship Him.

^h **true:** is not a *lie, it is the same as what *really happened or what you will do.

ⁱ **fault:** is when you do something wrong or you *sin.

^j **lost:** is to be far away from God, not to have *eternal_life.

^k **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^l **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^m **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

ⁿ **elder:** a *leader in the *church.

^o **shepherd:** a person who takes care of sheep in the *field. [see *drawing]

^p **church:** the people who *believe in Jesus and *worship God.

^q **Son of God:** Jesus •Christ, He comes from God the Father and He is God the Son.

^r **false_teacher:** a person who teaches things about God that are wrong.

^s **dangerous:** something that can kill or *hurt you.

^t **wolves:** are like big wild dogs that can kill people. [see *drawing]

^u **begin:** start and go on.

^v **not_true:** it is a *lie, it did not happen.

^w **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^x **follow:** is when you learn from a *teacher and you *obey him.

must be ^ycareful. You must remember that I have ^zsuffered for 3 years, every day and every night I have told you to ^alive_right.

³² And now I ^bpray and I ask God that He must help you and care for you and that you will always remember the ^cmessage of the love and ^dgrace of God. This message can make your ^efaith strong and can help you to •know that God will give you all the things that He has ^fpromised to all his ^gbelievers. ³³ I never wanted to take your money or clothes when I stayed with you. ³⁴ You •know that I have worked with my 2 hands to get money for food, for myself and for my friends, who were with me. ³⁵ I have done it all to show you that we have to work to help people who are not strong. We must also remember that the •Lord Jesus said: "If you give something to other people, you will be much happier than when they give something to you." ¹

³⁶ After Paul had ^hfinished talking, he and all the ⁱelders ^jknelt down and ^kprayed. ³⁷ And they all cried a lot. They put their arms ^laround Paul and kissed him. ³⁸ They were very ^msad because Paul said they •would not see him again. Then they walked with him to the ⁿboat.

^y **careful:** is when you make sure that you do something right.

^z **suffer:** is when you have pain or you worry because you have big problems.

^a **live_right:** is when you do the things that God wants you to do.

^b **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^c **message:** the *Good_News that God loves everyone and wants to *save them.

^d **grace:** the love of God for people who are not good and do not *deserve his love.

^e **faith:** is to *believe in God.

^f **promise:** the things that God said He will do.

^g **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^h **finish:** is to stop after you have done everything.

ⁱ **elder:** a *leader in the *church.

^j **knelt:** is when you have gone down on your *knees to *pray. [see *drawing]

^k **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^l **around:** in front of me, to my right, to my back and to my left.

^m **sad:** is when you are not happy, you want to cry.

ⁿ **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

Paul goes to Jerusalem

¹ We said goodbye to the ^oelders from the town of Ephesus and then we •got onto the ^pboat and ^qsailed to the ^risland of Cos. The next day we came to the island of Rhodes and then we sailed to the town of Patara. ² In Patara, we looked for a ^sboat that •would ^tsail to the ^uland of Phoenicia. We •got onto the boat and sailed away. ³ Later we •could see the ^visland of Cyprus. Then we ^wsailed ^xsouth of Cyprus to the ^yland of Syria where we •got off the ^zboat in the town of Tyre. There were lots of things on the boat and they had to take it all off. ⁴ We went to look for the ^abelievers in Tyre and we stayed with them for 7 days. They told Paul that the ^bHoly_Spirit had said that he must

^o **elder:** a *leader in the *church.

^p **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^q **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^r **island:** a small *piece of *land in the sea.

^s **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^t **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^u **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

^v **island:** a small *piece of *land in the sea.

^w **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^x **south:** when you look to the *east where the sun comes up, south is to your right.

^y **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

^z **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^a **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^b **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

not go to Jerusalem. ⁵ After 7 days we went back to the ^cboat to ^dsail ^efurther. All the ^fbelievers and their ^gwives and children walked with us out from the town. We ^hknelt on the ⁱbeach and ^jprayed. ⁶ Then we said goodbye to each other and we •got onto the ^kboat and the ^lbelievers went back home. ⁷ We ^msailed from Tyre to the town of Ptolemais where we ⁿgreeted the ^obelievers and stayed with them for one day. ⁸ The next day we went to the town of Caesarea to the house of Philip and we stayed with him. He was one of the 7 men who the ^pbelievers in Jerusalem had ^qchosen to help the ^rapostles and now he ^spreached the ^tGood_News in Caesarea. ⁹ Philip had 4 ^udaughters, they were not married, they were ^vprophets. ¹⁰ We stayed in Caesarea for a

^c **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^d **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^e **further:** far, to go on longer.

^f **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^g **wives:** the women who are married to their *husbands.

^h **knelt:** is when you have gone down on your *knees to *pray. [see *drawing]

ⁱ **beach:** the sand where the sea or *lake stops and the *land *begins.

^j **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^k **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^l **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^m **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

ⁿ **greet:** is when you say hello or goodbye to someone.

^o **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^p **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^q **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

^r **apostles:** the first *disciples that Jesus *chose to *preach and to lead the *church.

^s **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^t **Good_News:** the *message that God loves us and that Jesus *forgives all of our *sins.

^u **daughter:** the girl of a father and mother.

^v **prophets:** women of God who tell people what God says.

long time and in that time a ^wprophet came from ^xJudea, his name was Agabus. ¹¹ Agabus came to us and he •took Paul's ^ybelt and he ^ztied his own hands and feet with Paul's belt. Then he said: 'The ^aHoly_Spirit says that the ^bJews in Jerusalem will tie the man who always wears this belt. Then they will give this man to the ^cGentiles.'

¹² When we heard what Agabus said, we and all the ^dbelievers who stayed there ^ebegged Paul not to go to Jerusalem. ¹³ But Paul said: 'Why are you crying and making me ^fsad. I am ready to go to Jerusalem. If they ^garrest me there, I will ^haccept it. I am also ready to die because I ⁱbelieve in the Name of the •Lord Jesus.'

¹⁴ Paul did not want to listen to what we told him, so we stopped asking him not to go and we said: 'We ^jpray that God will do what He wants to do with Paul.'

¹⁵ After that we ^kprepared and went to Jerusalem. ¹⁶ Some of the ^lbelievers from Caesarea went with us to Jerusalem, they said we must go to the house of Mnason. Mnason had lived on the ^misland of Cyprus before and he became

^w **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^x **Judea:** the *province in the *south of *Israel, where Jerusalem is. [see map]

^y **belt:** a *rope *around your *hips to keep your clothes from falling off. [see *drawing]

^z **tie:** is when you put *ropes *around a person's hands and feet so that he can not walk away.

^a **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^b **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^c **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^d **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^e **beg:** is when you ask someone to listen to you and to do what you say.

^f **sad:** is when you are not happy, you want to cry.

^g **arrest:** is when *soldiers or *guards take a person and put him in *jail.

^h **accept:** is when something happens and you *agree with it, you say yes.

ⁱ **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^j **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^k **prepare:** is to get something ready before the time.

^l **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^m **island:** a small *piece of *land in the sea.

a believer long ago. We stayed at his home in Jerusalem.

Paul ⁿvisits James in Jerusalem

¹⁷ When we came into Jerusalem, the ^obelievers were very happy to see us.

¹⁸ The next day Paul went with us to see James. All the ^pelders were there with him. ¹⁹ Paul ^qgreeted them and he told them all the things that God did and how God used him to help the ^rGentiles ^sbelieve in •Christ. ²⁰ When they heard what Paul said, they ^tpraised God and they said to Paul: 'Friend, you •know there are many 1 000s of ^uJews who ^vbelieve in •Christ and they all ^wobey the ^xlaws of Moses. ²¹ Some people have told us that you teach the ^yJews who stay in other ^zlands that they do not have to do what is ^awritten in the ^blaws of Moses. They say that you tell the ^cJews not to ^dcircumcise their children and not to do the things that Jews always do.

²² Now we don't •know what to do. Those ^eJews will hear that you are here in Jerusalem. ²³ Please do what we ask you to do. Here are 4 men with us

ⁿ **visit:** is when you go to your friend or someone and talk to him.

^o **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^p **elder:** a *leader in the *church.

^q **greet:** is when you say hello or goodbye to someone.

^r **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^s **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^t **praise:** is when you say God is wonderful and good.

^u **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^v **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^w **obey:** is to listen to a person and do what he says.

^x **laws of Moses:** the *rules that God gave to his people in the *Old_Testament.

^y **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^z **lands:** *countries, like South Africa and Kenya.

^a **written:** the words that someone put down with a pen in a book or on something.

^b **laws of Moses:** the *rules that God gave to his people in the *Old_Testament.

^c **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^d **circumcise:** is when they cut off the *foreskin of a boy to show that he *belongs to God.

^e **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

who have made a ^fspecial ^gpromise to God. ²⁴ When they go to ^hpurify themselves in front of God, then you must also go and purify yourself. You must also pay the ⁱprice for them to purify themselves so that they can be free to cut their hair. Then everyone will [•]know that the things that the people said about you, are ^jnot_true. They will know that you also ^klive_right and you do what the ^llaws say.

²⁵ But some time ago we ^mwrote a ⁿletter to the ^oGentiles who ^pbelieve in [•]Christ. We told them that they must not eat meat that was ^qsacrificed to ^ridols and that they must not eat blood or meat of animals that were ^sstrangled. We also told them not to live ^timmoral lives.'

²⁶ The next day Paul told the 4 men to come with him. He ^upurified himself and they did the same. Then he went into the [•]temple and he told them how long he and the 4 men [•]would wait before they bring an ^voffering to God.

^f **special:** not the same as other things, it is better.

^g **promise to God:** is when you tell God that you will do something for Him.

^h **purify:** is to become clean before God and take away everything that is wrong and ^{*}impure.

ⁱ **price:** is how much you must pay to buy something.

^j **not_true:** it is a ^{*}lie, it did not happen.

^k **live_right:** is when you do the things that God wants you to do.

^l **laws:** the ^{*}rules that God gave to his people that say how they must live.

^m **wrote:** is when someone [•]took a pen and put words on paper or in a book or ^{*}letter.

ⁿ **letter:** a ^{*}message that a person ^{*}writes and sends to another person. [see ^{*}drawing]

^o **Gentile:** a person who was not a ^{*}Jew and was not ^{*}circumcised.

^p **believe:** is when you [•]know that Jesus is the [•]Christ who ^{*}forgave your ^{*}sins.

^q **sacrifice:** is to give an ^{*}offering to an ^{*}idol or to one of the ^{*}gods.

^r **idol:** a ^{*}false ^{*}god that ^{*}Gentiles made and ^{*}prayed to. [see ^{*}drawing]

^s **strangle:** is to ^{*}grab and hold a person ^{*}around his ^{*}neck so that he can not ^{*}breathe.

^t **immoral:** is when a person lives wrongly and does not listen to God's ^{*}laws about sex.

^u **purified:** is to have become clean before God and have nothing that is ^{*}impure.

^v **offering:** a ^{*}special ^{*}gift that people give to God to thank Him or ^{*}pray to Him.

The ^wJews ^xarrest Paul in the •temple

²⁷ The 7 days that Paul and the 4 men had to wait were ^yalmost over. But then some of the ^zJews who came from the ^aprovince of Asia came to the •temple and they •saw Paul there. They ^bshouted bad things about Paul and all the people in the temple came and they ^carrested Paul. ²⁸ They ^dshouted_loudly and said: 'People of ^eIsrael, come and help us. This man goes everywhere and he says bad things ^fagainst the •Israelites and against the ^glaws of Moses and against this •temple. Now he has ^heven ⁱled some men, who are not ^jJews, into this temple and he has made the house of God ^kimpure.'

²⁹ The ^lJews from Asia said this because they •saw Paul's friend, Trophimus, with him in Jerusalem. Trophimus was a ^mGreek from the town of Ephesus, and they ⁿthought that Paul •took Trophimus into the •temple. ³⁰ Everyone in the town was angry and the people ran to the •temple. They ^ograbbed Paul

^w **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^x **arrest:** is when *soldiers or *guards take a person and put him in *jail.

^y **almost:** is when I have not *finished something *yet, but I will finish it *soon.

^z **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^a **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^b **shout:** is when you speak very *loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

^c **arrest:** is when *soldiers or *guards take a person and put him in *jail.

^d **shout_loud:** is to speak very hard so that people can hear you from far away.

^e **Israel:** the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^f **against:** is when you do not want to be with a person, you want to fight him.

^g **laws of Moses:** the *rules that God gave to his people in the *Old_Testament.

^h **even:** also.

ⁱ **led:** is to lead a person, yesterday, you walked in front and he walked *behind you.

^j **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^k **impure:** not clean, not *holy as God wants it, but full of *sin.

^l **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^m **Greek:** someone who comes from the *land of Greece and speaks the Greek language.

ⁿ **thought:** today I think, yesterday I thought.

^o **grab:** is when you *quickly take someone or something and you hold it.

and ^pbrought him out of the temple and the ^qtemple-guards closed the doors ^rimmediately. ³¹ The ^sJews wanted to kill Paul but someone went to the ^tRoman ^ucommander and told him that the people of Jerusalem were angry and that they were ^vshouting. ³² The ^wRoman ^xcommander ^yimmediately •took his ^zsoldiers and ^aofficers and they ran to the •temple. When the ^bJews •saw the ^cRoman ^dcommander and the ^esoldiers, they stopped ^fbeating Paul. ³³ The ^gRoman ^hcommander told his ⁱsoldiers to ^jarrest Paul and they ^ktied Paul with 2 ^lchains. Then the ^mcommander tried to find out who Paul was and what he

^p **brought:** today I bring, yesterday I brought.

^q **temple-guard:** a *soldier who worked at the •temple.

^r **immediately:** now, not later.

^s **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^t **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^u **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^v **shout:** is when you speak very *loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

^w **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^x **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^y **immediately:** now, not later.

^z **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^a **officer:** a *leader of *soldiers or *guards.

^b **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^c **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^d **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^e **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^f **beat:** is when you hit someone or something very hard.

^g **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^h **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

ⁱ **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^j **arrest:** is when *soldiers or *guards take a person and put him in *jail.

^k **tie:** is when you put *ropes *around a person's hands and feet so that he can not walk away.

^l **chain:** a string of *metal *rings to *tie people in *jail. [see *drawing]

^m **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

has done wrong. ³⁴ Some ⁿJews ^oshouted something and some other Jews shouted something ^pelse. They made so much ^qnoise that the ^rcommander •could not find out what had happened. So he told his ^ssoldiers to take Paul to the ^tarmy building. ³⁵ When they came to the steps, the people were so angry that the ^usoldiers had to ^vcarry Paul. ³⁶ The people kept on ^wshouting and said: 'Kill him.'

Paul speaks to the ^xcrowd of people

³⁷ Just before the ^yRoman ^zsoldiers •took Paul into the ^aarmy building, Paul asked the ^bRoman ^ccommander: 'May I say something?'

The ^dcommander said: 'I hear you can speak the ^eGreek language. ³⁸ I ^fthought you were the man from Egypt who ^gled 4 000 men to the ^hdesert to

ⁿ **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^o **shout:** is when you speak very *loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

^p **else:** another person or other things.

^q **noise:** the *loud *sounds that people can hear from far away.

^r **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^s **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^t **army:** all the *soldiers who can fight and go to *war.

^u **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^v **carry:** is when you take something from one place to another.

^w **shout:** is when you speak very *loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

^x **crowd:** a lot of people together.

^y **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^z **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^a **army:** all the *soldiers who can fight and go to *war.

^b **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^c **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^d **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^e **Greek:** the language of the people who live in Greece. The *New_Testament was *written in Greek.

^f **thought:** today I think, yesterday I thought.

^g **led:** is to lead a person, yesterday, you walked in front and he walked *behind you.

^h **desert:** big dry place of sand with very little water.

ⁱrebel and fight ^jagainst the ^kRomans.'

³⁹ Paul said to him: 'No, I am a ^lJew. I am from the town of Tarsus in the ^mprovince Cilicia. I am a ⁿRoman_citizen from the town of Tarsus, an ^oimportant town. Can I please speak to the people?'

⁴⁰ The ^pRoman ^qcommander said Paul may speak to the people. Then Paul went and ^rstood on the steps and he put his hand up to show the people to be ^squiet. It was very quiet and then Paul talked to them in the ^tHebrew language.

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Paul speaks to the ^uJews

¹ Paul said to the ^vJews: 'Friends, listen to what I say, I want to ^wexplain to you what I did. I did nothing wrong.'

² When the ^xJews heard that Paul was speaking in the ^yHebrew language,

ⁱ **rebel:** is when a person does not want to listen to his *leader and wants to fight.

^j **against:** is when you do not want to be with a person, you want to fight him.

^k **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^l **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^m **province:** part of a *country or *land.

ⁿ **Roman_citizen:** a person who had the same *rights as someone who lived in *Rome, before they •could *punish him, a *judge had to listen to him.

^o **important:** a city that is big where rich people and *rulers live.

^p **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^q **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^r **stood:** today I stand, yesterday I stood.

^s **keep quiet:** is when you don't speak or make a *noise.

^t **Hebrew:** the language *Jews used to speak in the *land of *Israel.

^u **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^v **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^w **explain:** is when you help someone understand something.

^x **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^y **Hebrew:** the language *Jews used to speak in the *land of *Israel.

they became more ^zquiet. He said to them:

³ I am a ^aJew and I was born in the town of Tarsus in Cilicia, but I ^bgrew up here in Jerusalem. I have learned from ^cGamaliel, I have learned to ^dobey all the ^elaws of our ^fforefathers and I have obeyed all the laws of God and as all of you here today also obey Him.

⁴ I have done very bad things to the ^gbelievers of ^hThe Way, I have ⁱarrested men and women, I have ^jtied them and put them in ^kjail. ⁵ You can ask the ^lhigh-priest and the ^mJewish_council, they will tell you that I speak the ⁿtruth. They also gave me ^oletters that I gave to the ^pJews in Damascus so that I •could ^qarrest the ^rbelievers in Damascus and bring them back to Jerusalem for the ^sJewish_council to ^tpunish them.'

^z **keep quiet:** is when you don't speak or make a *noise.

^a **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^b **grew:** is when something became bigger and stronger.

^c **Gamaliel:** a very *important *teacher of the *Jews and *Pharisees.

^d **obey:** is to listen to a person and do what he says.

^e **laws:** the *rules that God gave to his people that say how they must live.

^f **forefathers:** the father's *grandfathers and first fathers of a family or *nation.

^g **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^h **The Way:** the name of the first •Christian *church.

ⁱ **arrest:** is when *soldiers or *guards take a person and put him in *jail.

^j **tie:** is when you put *ropes *around a person's hands and feet so that he can not walk away.

^k **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^l **high-priest:** the *leader of all the *priests who worked for God. [see *drawing]

^m **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

ⁿ **truth:** is not a *lie, it is what *really happened or what you will do.

^o **letter:** a *message that a person *writes and sends to another person. [see *drawing]

^p **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^q **arrest:** is when *soldiers or *guards take a person and put him in *jail.

^r **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^s **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

^t **punish:** is to make someone *suffer to help him stop doing wrong.

Paul tells the people how God changed his "life

⁶ Paul said: 'But when I was going to Damascus, we came near the town, it was about ^vnoon when ^wsuddenly there was a ^xbright light from the ^ysky shining on me. ⁷ I ^zfell to the ^aground and I heard Someone who asked me: "Saul, Saul, why do you ^bpersecute Me?"

⁸ I asked: "Who are You, •Lord?"

He said: "I am Jesus of Nazareth, you are ^cpersecuting Me."

⁹ The people who were with me, •saw the light, but they did not hear the Person who was talking to me.

¹⁰ I asked: "What must I do •Lord?"

And the Lord said to me:

"Get up and go to Damascus. Someone will tell you everything that I want you to do."

¹¹ The light was so ^dbright that I was blind, I •could not see. The people who were with me •took my hand and ^eled me into Damascus.

¹² In Damascus there was a man named Ananias. He loved the •Lord and ^fserved Him. Ananias lived as the Lord wants and he ^gobeyed the ^hlaws and

^u **life:** is to be *alive and not dead.

^v **noon:** the *middle of the day, 12 o'clock.

^w **suddenly:** is when something happens very *quickly, it does not take long.

^x **bright:** is like the sun or a light that shines, it is not dark.

^y **sky:** is above us, where the sun and stars are.

^z **fell:** today you fall to the *ground, yesterday you fell.

^a **ground:** the brown *earth or sand that you walk on.

^b **persecute:** is when *enemies want to *catch people or *oppress them.

^c **persecute:** is when *enemies want to *catch people or *oppress them.

^d **bright:** is like the sun or a light that shines, it is not dark.

^e **led:** is to lead a person, yesterday, you walked in front and he walked *behind you.

^f **serve:** is to *pray to God, to live and work for Him.

^g **obey:** is to listen to a person and do what he says.

^h **laws:** the *rules that God gave to his people that say how they must live.

all the ⁱJews in Damascus ^jknew that he was a good man. ¹³ Ananias came to me and he said: "Saul, my friend, you can now see again."

^kImmediately I •could see again and I looked at him. ¹⁴ Ananias said to me: "The God of our ^lforefathers has ^mchosen you to •know what He wants to do. He also ⁿchose you to see the ^oRighteous One and to hear his voice. ¹⁵ God has ^pchosen you to go and tell all the people the things that you •saw and heard. ¹⁶ Do not wait any longer, stand up, I will ^qbaptise you. ^rPray to the •Lord, He will take away your ^ssins."

¹⁷ Then I went back to Jerusalem. I was ^tpraying in the •temple when I •saw a ^uvision, it was like a dream. ¹⁸ Then I •saw Jesus. He said to me: "You must ^vhurry and get out of Jerusalem because the people of Jerusalem will not listen to what you say about Me."

¹⁹ I said to Him: " Lord, they •know that I went to all the ^wsynagogues and that I ^xarrested and ^ybeat the people who ^zbelieve in You. ²⁰ And Stephen,

ⁱ **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old Testament.

^j **knew:** today I •know, I have seen it, yesterday I knew.

^k **immediately:** now, not later.

^l **forefathers:** the father's *grandfathers and first fathers of a family or *nation.

^m **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

ⁿ **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

^o **Righteous One:** •Christ, the Person who has no *sins.

^p **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

^q **baptise:** is when someone *pours water over your head or puts you under water to show that God has *forgiven your *sins.

^r **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^s **sin:** bad things that people do *which God hates.

^t **pray:** is to talk to God.

^u **vision:** is when God shows you something or talks to you, sometimes it is like a dream.

^v **hurry:** is when you go fast and *quickly, not slowly.

^w **synagogue:** a building where *Jews come together to *pray.

^x **arrest:** is when *soldiers or *guards take a person and put him in *jail.

^y **beat:** is when you hit someone or something very hard.

^z **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

who told the people about You, when the people killed him, I was there and I said they were doing a good thing. I also looked after the clothes of the people who killed him."

²¹ Then the •Lord Jesus said to me: "You must go now, I will send you far away to the ^aGentiles." '

The ^bJews become angry with Paul

²² The ^cJews listened to Paul ^duntil he talked about the ^eGentiles. Then they started to ^fshout and said: 'Take him away. Kill him. He must not live.'

²³ They did not want to listen to what Paul said. They ^gshouted and waved their clothes and ^hthrew ⁱdust in the air. ²⁴ The ^jRoman ^kcommander told the ^lsoldiers to take Paul to the ^marmy building and to ⁿbeat him with a ^owhip ^puntil he says what he has done wrong. The ^qcommander wanted to •know why the ^rJews were angry with Paul. ²⁵ The ^ssoldiers started to ^ttie Paul with

^a **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^b **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^c **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^d **until:** the time to the end when something stops.

^e **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^f **shout:** is when you speak very *loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

^g **shout:** is when you speak very *loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

^h **threw:** today I *throw a stone at you, yesterday I threw a stone.

ⁱ **dust:** very small *pieces of sand.

^j **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^k **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^l **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^m **army:** all the *soldiers who can fight and go to *war.

ⁿ **beat:** is when you hit someone or something very hard.

^o **whip:** a long *piece of *leather used to *beat a person when they *punish him. [see *drawing]

^p **until:** the time to the end when something stops.

^q **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^r **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^s **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^t **tie:** is when you put *ropes *around a person's hands and feet so that he can not walk away.

^uchains to ^vbeat him. The ^wcaptain was standing next to Paul when Paul said to him: 'I am a ^xRoman_citizen. You may not ^ybeat me with a ^zwhip, because a ^ajudge has not ^byet listened to me.'

²⁶ When the ^ccaptain heard what Paul said, he went to the ^dcommander and said to him: 'You can not ^ebeat this man, he is a ^fRoman_citizen.'

²⁷ The ^gcommander asked Paul: 'Are you a ^hRoman_citizen?'

Paul answered: 'Yes.'

²⁸ The ⁱcommander said to Paul: 'I have paid a lot of money to become a ^jRoman_citizen.'

But Paul said: 'I have been a Roman_citizen from the day I was born.'

²⁹ The ^ksoldiers, who wanted to ^lbeat Paul with a ^mwhip, stopped

^u **chain:** a string of *metal *rings to *tie people in *jail. [see *drawing]

^v **beat:** is when you hit someone or something very hard.

^w **captain:** the *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^x **Roman_citizen:** a person who had the same *rights as someone who lived in *Rome, before they •could *punish him, a *judge had to listen to him.

^y **beat:** is when you hit someone or something very hard.

^z **whip:** a long *piece of *leather used to *beat a person when they *punish him. [see *drawing]

^a **judge:** the most *important person of a *court who must say who is right and who is wrong.

^b **yet:** up to that time.

^c **captain:** the *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^d **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^e **beat:** is when you hit someone or something very hard.

^f **Roman_citizen:** a person who had the same *rights as someone who lived in *Rome, before they •could *punish him, a *judge had to listen to him.

^g **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^h **Roman_citizen:** a person who had the same *rights as someone who lived in *Rome, before they •could *punish him, a *judge had to listen to him.

ⁱ **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^j **Roman_citizen:** a person who had the same *rights as someone who lived in *Rome, before they •could *punish him, a *judge had to listen to him.

^k **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^l **beat:** is when you hit someone or something very hard.

^m **whip:** a long *piece of *leather used to *beat a person when they *punish him. [see *drawing]

ⁿimmediately and the ^ocommander was ^pafraid because he had ^qtied Paul with ^rchains and he ^sknew that was wrong because Paul was a ^tRoman_citizen.

Paul speaks to the ^uJewish_council

³⁰The ^vcommander wanted to •know why the ^wJews ^xaccused Paul. So the next day he said Paul can come out of ^yjail. Then the ^zcommander said that the ^ahigh-priests and the ^bJewish_council must come together. He •took Paul to the Jewish_council and said Paul must stand in front of them.

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¹Paul looked at the ^cJewish_council, he looked into their eyes and he said to them: 'Friends, I speak the ^dtruth when I say that I have lived as God wants me to live, I did not do wrong.'

ⁿ **immediately:** now, not later.

^o **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^p **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^q **tie:** is when you put *ropes *around a person's hands and feet so that he can not walk away.

^r **chain:** a string of *metal *rings to *tie people in *jail. [see *drawing]

^s **knew:** today I •know, I have seen it, yesterday I knew.

^t **Roman_citizen:** a person who had the same *rights as someone who lived in *Rome, before they •could *punish him, a *judge had to listen to him.

^u **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

^v **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^w **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^x **accuse:** is when you say that a person has done something wrong.

^y **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^z **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^a **high-priest:** the *leader of all the *priests who worked for God. [see *drawing]

^b **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

^c **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

^d **truth:** is not a *lie, it is what *really happened or what you will do.

² Then Ananias, the ^ehigh-priest, told the men who were standing near Paul to hit him on his mouth. ³ Paul looked at the ^fhigh-priest and he said to him: 'God will hit you, you ^ghypocrite. You are like a dirty wall that is painted white. You sit here to listen to the ^hlaws and to ⁱjudge me, but you do not ^jobey the laws because you are telling them to hit me.'

⁴ The men near Paul said to him: 'That is God's ^khigh-priest, you must not talk to him like that.'

⁵ Paul answered: 'Friends, I did not [•]know that he is the ^lhigh-priest. I ^mknow that the ⁿOld Testament says we may not say bad things to a ^oleader of our ^pnation.'

⁶ Paul ^qknew that some of the ^rJews on the ^sJewish_council were ^tSadducees and that some of them were ^uPharisees. So he talked ^vloudly and he said to the ^wJewish_council: 'Friends, I am a ^xPharisee and my father was a Pharisee.'

^e **high-priest:** the *leader of all the *priests who worked for God. [see *drawing]

^f **high-priest:** the *leader of all the *priests who worked for God. [see *drawing]

^g **hypocrite:** a person who tells people that he is very good, but he is not good.

^h **laws:** the *rules that God gave to his people that say how they must live.

ⁱ **judge:** is when you *decide that someone has done wrong and that he is *guilty.

^j **obey:** is to listen to a person and do what he says.

^k **high-priest:** the *leader of all the *priests who worked for God. [see *drawing]

^l **high-priest:** the *leader of all the *priests who worked for God. [see *drawing]

^m **know:** is when you have learned things so that you don't do something wrong.

ⁿ **Old Testament:** the first part of the Bible that was *written in the *Hebrew language.

^o **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^p **nation:** all the people from a *country or *land.

^q **knew:** today I [•]know, I have seen it, yesterday I knew.

^r **Jews:** the [•]Israelites, the people of God in the *Old Testament.

^s **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

^t **Sadducees:** *Jews who did not *believe that people [•]would live again after they had died.

^u **Pharisees:** a group of *Jews who tried to do everything that the *laws of Moses say.

^v **loud:** is not soft, you can hear a person who *shouts loudly from far away.

^w **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

^x **Pharisees:** a group of *Jews who tried to do everything that the *laws of Moses say.

I ^ybelieve that God will let the dead people stand up and they will live again. I •know this and I am sure God will do it. That is why you are ^zjudging me today.'

⁷ When Paul said this, the ^aPharisees and the ^bSadducees started to ^cargue and the ^dJewish_council was ^edivided into 2 groups. ⁸ They ^fargued because the ^gSadducees did not ^hbelieve that God will let the dead people stand up and live again, they also did not ⁱbelieve that there are ^jangels or ^kspirits. The ^lPharisees believed it all. ⁹ Everyone started to ^mshout and make a ⁿnoise and then some of the ^oteachers_of_the_Laws who were ^pPharisees ^qgot up and said: 'We think that this man, Paul, has done nothing wrong. Maybe an ^rangel or a

^y **believe:** is when you •know that God will do what He said He will do.

^z **judge:** is when you *decide that someone has done wrong and that he is *guilty.

^a **Pharisees:** a group of *Jews who tried to do everything that the *laws of Moses say.

^b **Sadducees:** *Jews who did not *believe that people •would live again after they had died.

^c **argue:** is when you talk to and fight with a person, using words.

^d **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

^e **divide:** when I divide an apple into 2 parts, I cut it into 2 *pieces.

^f **argue:** is when you talk to and fight with a person, using words.

^g **Sadducees:** *Jews who did not *believe that people •would live again after they had died.

^h **believe:** is when you •know that God will do what He said He will do.

ⁱ **believe:** is when someone thinks he •knows what is right.

^j **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^k **spirit:** is like a person who has not •got a body, you can not see him.

^l **Pharisees:** a group of *Jews who tried to do everything that the *laws of Moses say.

^m **shout:** is when you speak very *loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

ⁿ **noise:** the *loud *sounds that people can hear from far away.

^o **teachers_of_the_Laws:** *Jews who *taught the people about the *laws of Moses.

^p **Pharisees:** a group of *Jews who tried to do everything that the *laws of Moses say.

^q **got up:** today you stand or get up, yesterday you got up.

^r **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^sspirit came to him and talked to him.'

¹⁰ Then they ^targued more and they wanted to fight. The ^uRoman ^vcommander was ^wafraid that they [•]would ^xhurt Paul, so he sent his ^ysoldiers to run and to get Paul and take him back to the ^zarmy building. ¹¹ That night the [•]Lord came to Paul and He said: 'Paul, you must not worry or be ^adiscouraged. You have told the people about Me here in Jerusalem, you must also go and tell it to the people in the city of Rome.'

The ^bJews make a ^csecret plan to kill Paul

¹² That morning the ^dJews made a ^esecret plan to kill Paul. They said: 'God is our ^fwitness and He can ^gpunish us if we eat or drink anything before we have killed Paul.'

¹³ There were more than 40 ^hJews who said this. ¹⁴ They went to the ⁱchief_priests and ^jelders and said to them: 'We have made a ^kpromise to God,

^s **spirit:** is like a person who has not [•]got a body, you can not see him.

^t **argue:** is when you talk to and fight with a person, using words.

^u **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who ^{*}ruled that part of the world.

^v **commander:** an ^{*}important ^{*}leader of a group of ^{*}soldiers or ^{*}guards.

^w **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^x **hurt:** is when you hit a person or ^{*}cause him ^{*}pain.

^y **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to ^{*}war. [see ^{*}drawing]

^z **army:** all the ^{*}soldiers who can fight and go to ^{*}war.

^a **discouraged:** is when you do not want to do something, you think you can not do it.

^b **Jews:** the [•]Israelites, the people of God in the ^{*}Old_Testament.

^c **secret:** something that most people do not [•]know, only a few people know about it.

^d **Jews:** the [•]Israelites, the people of God in the ^{*}Old_Testament.

^e **secret:** something that most people do not [•]know, only a few people know about it.

^f **witness:** someone who [•]saw what happened or heard what a person said.

^g **punish:** is to make someone ^{*}suffer to help him stop doing wrong.

^h **Jews:** the [•]Israelites, the people of God in the ^{*}Old_Testament.

ⁱ **chief_priests:** the ^{*}leaders of the people who worked for God.

^j **elder:** a ^{*}leader in the ^{*}church.

^k **promise:** your words when you say that people can ^{*}believe you.

He can ^lpunish us if we eat or drink anything before we have killed Paul.

¹⁵ You and the ^mJewish_council must ask the ⁿRoman ^ocommander to bring Paul again so that you can ask him some more ^pquestions about what he has done. We will wait for Paul and we will kill him before he gets to you.'

¹⁶ But the •son of Paul's sister heard what the men said and he went to the ^qarmy building and he told Paul what they wanted to do. ¹⁷ Then Paul called one of the ^rofficers and he told the officer: 'Take this ^syoung man to the ^tcommander, he wants to tell him something.'

¹⁸ The ^uofficer •took the ^vyoung man to the ^wcommander and the officer said: 'Paul, the ^xprisoner, called me and he asked me to bring this ^yyoung man to you, he wants to tell you something.'

¹⁹ The ^zcommander •took the ^ayoung man's hand and he walked with him to a place where no other people were. He then asked the ^byoung man: 'What is it you want to tell me?'

^l **punish:** is to make someone *suffer to help him stop doing wrong.

^m **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

ⁿ **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^o **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^p **question:** when I ask something, like: 'What is your name?'

^q **army:** all the *soldiers who can fight and go to *war.

^r **officer:** a *leader of *soldiers or *guards.

^s **young:** not old.

^t **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^u **officer:** a *leader of *soldiers or *guards.

^v **young:** not old.

^w **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^x **prisoner:** a person who is in *jail or in *prison. [see *drawing]

^y **young:** not old.

^z **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^a **young:** not old.

^b **young:** not old.

²⁰ The ^cyoung man said: 'The ^dJews have made a ^esecret plan to bring Paul to the ^fJewish_council tomorrow. They will ^glie and say that they want to ask Paul more ^hquestions, and to find out if he has done wrong. ²¹ But you must not do what they ask. More than 40 men will be waiting to kill Paul. They have ⁱpromised that they will not eat or drink anything before they have killed Paul and they said God is their ^jwitness, He can ^kpunish them if they don't do it. Those men are ready now to do it, they are waiting for you to say Paul must come to the ^lJewish_council.'

²² The ^mcommander told the ⁿyoung man to go home and to tell no one what he had said to the ^ocommander.

The ^pRoman ^qcommander sends Paul to ^rgovernor Felix

²³ Then the ^scommander called 2 of his ^tofficers and told them: 'You must get 200 ^usoldiers ready tonight at the 3rd hour (9 o'clock) they must go to

^c **young:** not old.

^d **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^e **secret:** something that most people do not •know, only a few people know about it.

^f **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

^g **lie:** is when you say something that is not *true, it did not happen.

^h **question:** when I ask something, like: 'What is your name?'

ⁱ **promise:** is when you say you are speaking the *truth and people can *believe you.

^j **witness:** someone who •saw what happened or heard what a person said.

^k **punish:** is to make someone *suffer to help him stop doing wrong.

^l **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

^m **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

ⁿ **young:** not old.

^o **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^p **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^q **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^r **governor:** an *officer who *rules a *country or *province because a •king sent him to do it.

^s **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^t **officer:** a *leader of *soldiers or *guards.

^u **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

the town of Caesarea. You must also get 70 soldiers on horses and 200 soldiers with ^vspears. ²⁴ Take horses with you so that Paul can ride on them, and make sure that you get Paul ^wsafely to ^xgovernor Felix.'

²⁵ Then the ^ycommander ^zwrote a ^aletter to Felix. He ^bwrote: ²⁶ 'I, Claudius Lisias, ^cwrite this ^dletter to you. Dear ^egovernor Felix, I send ^fgreetings. ²⁷ The ^gJews ^hgrabbed this man and they wanted to kill him. But they told me that he is a ⁱRoman_citizen and I sent ^jsoldiers to ^ksave him from the Jews.

²⁸ I wanted to find out why the ^lJews are angry with him, so I [•]took him to the ^mJewish_council. ²⁹ I heard that they ⁿaccuse him because he did not do

^v **spear:** a long *piece of wood or *iron with a sharp *point at the end that a *soldier *throws. [see *drawing]

^w **safe:** is when and where you do not have to worry, you will not have problems.

^x **governor:** an *officer who *rules a *country or *province because a *king sent him to do it.

^y **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^z **wrote:** is when someone •took a pen and put words on paper or in a book or *letter.

^a **letter:** a *message that a person *writes and sends to another person. [see *drawing]

^b **wrote:** is when someone •took a pen and put words on paper or in a book or *letter.

^c **write:** is when you take a pen and put words in a book or on something.

^d **letter:** a *message that a person *writes and sends to another person. [see *drawing]

^e **governor:** an *officer who *rules a *country or *province because a *king sent him to do it.

^f **greeting:** is when you say hello or goodbye to someone.

^g **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^h **grab:** is when you *quickly take someone or something and you hold it.

ⁱ **Roman_citizen:** a person who had the same *rights as someone who lived in *Rome, before they •could *punish him, a *judge had to listen to him.

^j **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^k **save:** is when you have very big problems and someone comes and helps you.

^l **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^m **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

ⁿ **accuse:** is when you say that a person has done something wrong.

what the ^oJewish ^plaws say. These are things that many Jews fight about, but I can not put him in ^qjail or kill him for that.

³⁰ Someone told me that the ^rJews have made a ^ssecret plan to kill him and I have sent him to you ^timmediately. I told the ^uJews who ^vaccuse him that they must go to you and tell you what he has done wrong.'

³¹ The ^wsoldiers did what the ^xcommander had told them and that night they •took Paul to the town of Antipatris. ³² The next day the ^ysoldiers who were on horses went ^zfurther with Paul and the other soldiers went back to Jerusalem to the ^aarmy building. ³³ When the ^bsoldiers on horses came in Caesarea, they gave the ^cletter to the ^dgovernor and let Paul stand before him. ³⁴ The ^egovernor read the ^fletter and he asked Paul what ^gprovince he

^o **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^p **laws of people:** *rules that the *Jews made that said what people must do.

^q **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^r **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^s **secret:** something that most people do not •know, only a few people know about it.

^t **immediately:** now, not later.

^u **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^v **accuse:** is when you say that a person has done something wrong.

^w **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^x **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^y **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^z **further:** far, to go on longer.

^a **army:** all the *soldiers who can fight and go to *war.

^b **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^c **letter:** a *message that a person *writes and sends to another person. [see *drawing]

^d **governor:** an *officer who *rules a *country or *province because a •king sent him to do it.

^e **governor:** an *officer who *rules a *country or *province because a •king sent him to do it.

^f **letter:** a *message that a person *writes and sends to another person. [see *drawing]

^g **province:** part of a *country or *land.

came from. Paul said that he came from the ^hprovince of Cilicia. ³⁵ Then the ⁱgovernor told Paul: 'I will wait for the ^jJews who are ^kaccusing you. I will listen to what they say and to what you say. Then I will ^ldecide if you have done wrong.'

The ^mgovernor told the ⁿsoldiers to keep Paul in the ^opalace that •King Herod built.

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Paul speaks to ^pgovernor Felix

¹ After 5 days the ^qhigh-priest Ananias came to ^rgovernor Felix. With Ananias were some ^selders and a ^tlawyer, his name was Tertullus. They came to tell the governor what Paul did wrong. ² The ^ugovernor called Paul and

^h **province:** part of a *country or *land.

ⁱ **governor:** an *officer who *rules a *country or *province because a •king sent him to do it.

^j **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^k **accuse:** is when you say that a person has done something wrong.

^l **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

^m **governor:** an *officer who *rules a *country or *province because a •king sent him to do it.

ⁿ **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^o **palace:** the big and beautiful home of a •king.

^p **governor:** an *officer who *rules a *country or *province because a •king sent him to do it.

^q **high-priest:** the *leader of all the *priests who worked for God. [see *drawing]

^r **governor:** an *officer who *rules a *country or *province because a •king sent him to do it.

^s **elder:** a *leader in the *church.

^t **lawyer:** a person who •knows the *laws very well and helps people in *court.

^u **governor:** an *officer who *rules a *country or *province because a •king sent him to do it.

then Tertullus started to ^vaccuse Paul, he said: 'Dear governor Felix, from the time that you came here, there has been ^wpeace for our people. You also think about what will happen in the ^xfuture and you make very good plans to help our people. ³ It is good to see what you do for our people, we always want to thank you. ⁴ But I don't want to ^ywaste your time, I will not speak long. I [•]know that you are always ^zfriendly to people, I ask that you listen to what we are asking.

⁵ This man, Paul, makes lots of problems everywhere. He makes ^aJews angry all over the world, he wants them to ^brebel_against the ^cgovernment. He is the ^dleader of the group of people who ^ebelieve things that are wrong, they believe in Jesus of Nazareth. ⁶⁻⁷ He also tried to make the [•]temple in Jerusalem ^fimpure, that is why we have ^garrested him. ^h ⁸ We ⁱaccuse him of all these things. You can ask him and listen to what he says.'

⁹ The other ^jJews who were there said that Tertullus was telling the ^ktruth.

^v **accuse:** is when you say that a person has done something wrong.

^w **peace:** is when there is no one who wants to fight ^{*}against you.

^x **future:** the time that will come, tomorrow or later.

^y **waste:** is when you do not use something in the right way or you ^{*}throw it away.

^z **friendly:** is when you smile and you are happy to see someone and help him.

^a **Jews:** the [•]Israelites, the people of God in the ^{*}Old_Testament.

^b **rebel_against:** is when a person does not listen to his ^{*}leaders but fights ^{*}against them.

^c **government:** the ^{*}leaders of a ^{*}nation who ^{*}rule a ^{*}country.

^d **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^e **believe:** is when you [•]know that Jesus is the [•]Christ who ^{*}forgave your ^{*}sins.

^f **impure:** not clean, not ^{*}holy as God wants it, but full of ^{*}sin.

^g **arrest:** is when ^{*}soldiers or ^{*}guards take a person and put him in ^{*}jail.

^h **Acts 24:7** There is not a verse 7 in the ^{*}oldest ^{*}manuscripts.

ⁱ **accuse:** is when you say that a person has done something wrong.

^j **Jews:** the [•]Israelites, the people of God in the ^{*}Old_Testament.

^k **truth:** is not a ^{*}lie, it is what ^{*}really happened or what you will do.

Paul tells Felix that he is ^linnocent

¹⁰ The ^mgovernor showed Paul that he may speak. Paul said to him: 'I •know that you have been a ⁿjudge for our people for many years. That is why I want to tell you that I am ^oinnocent.

¹¹ You can find out for yourself that about 12 days ago I went to Jerusalem to ^pworship the •Lord. ¹² When the ^qJews •saw me in the •temple, I was not talking to anyone, I did not ^rargue. I did not make problems in the ^ssynagogues or in any place in Jerusalem. ¹³ They say things ^tagainst me, but they can not ^uprove that what they are saying is ^vtrue.

¹⁴ But one thing is ^wtrue, I ^xworship the God of our fathers in a ^ydifferent way than these ^zJews do. They say I am wrong but I ^abelieve everything that is ^bwritten in the ^claws of Moses and the books of all the ^dprophets, but I am

^l **innocent:** is when a person has not done anything wrong.

^m **governor:** an *officer who *rules a *country or *province because a •king sent him to do it.

ⁿ **judge:** the most *important person of a *court who must say who is right and who is wrong.

^o **innocent:** is when a person has not done anything wrong.

^p **worship:** is to *pray to God and *serve Him.

^q **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^r **argue:** is when you talk to and fight with a person, using words.

^s **synagogue:** a building where *Jews come together to *pray.

^t **against:** is when you do not want to be with a person, you want to fight him.

^u **prove:** is when you show people that something is *true.

^v **true:** is not a *lie, it is the same as what *really happened or what you will do.

^w **true:** is not a *lie, it is the same as what *really happened or what you will do.

^x **worship:** is to *pray to God and *serve Him.

^y **different:** not the same.

^z **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^a **believe:** is when you •know that God will do what He said He will do.

^b **written:** the words that someone put down with a pen in a book or on something.

^c **laws of Moses:** the *rules that God gave to his people in the *Old_Testament.

^d **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

a ^ebeliever of ^fThe Way of the •Lord. ¹⁵ I ^gbelieve that God will let all dead people stand up and live again, the people who were good and the people who were bad. The ^hJews also ⁱbelieve this. ¹⁶ That is why I always try very hard to do everything right as God wants me to do and also as people want me to do.

¹⁷ I have come back here after many years to bring money to the poor of my people. I also came to bring ^jofferings to God. ¹⁸ I was doing this in the •temple when these men •saw me. Before that, I had ^kpurified myself. There was not a ^lcrowd of people with me and no one was ^marguing or fighting.

¹⁹ But some of the ⁿJews from the ^oprovince of Asia came there and were angry with me. Those ^pJews must come and say if I did anything wrong. ²⁰ Or the ^qJews who are here now. They heard me when I was in front of the ^rJewish_council. Ask them, they did not find anything that I have done wrong. ²¹ The only thing that they can say I have done wrong, was when I ^sshouted and said: "I am here today and you want to ^tjudge me because I

^e **believer:** a person who •knows that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave his *sins.

^f **The Way:** the name of the first •Christian *church.

^g **believe:** is when you •know that God will do what He said He will do.

^h **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

ⁱ **believe:** is when you •know that God will do what He said He will do.

^j **offering:** a *special *gift that people give to God to thank Him or *pray to Him.

^k **purified:** is to have become clean before God and have nothing that is *impure.

^l **crowd:** a lot of people together.

^m **argue:** is when you talk to and fight with a person, using words.

ⁿ **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^o **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^p **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^q **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^r **Jewish_council:** a meeting of 71 *important *leaders of the *Jews with the *high-priest.

^s **shout:** is when you speak very *loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

^t **judge:** is when you *decide that someone has done wrong and that he is *guilty.

^ubelieve that God will ^vraise the dead and they will live again." ¹

²² Felix ^wknew a lot about ^xThe Way of the •Lord and he stopped the meeting then and said that the ^yJews must go away, they must come back later. Then he said to Paul: 'I will wait for Lysias, the ^zcommander of the ^asoldiers, to come and then I will ^bdecide who is right and who is wrong.'

²³ Felix then told the ^ccaptain of the ^dsoldiers that Paul must stay in ^ejail, but he said they must let his friends come and ^fvisit him and help him.

Paul ^gpreaches to Felix and his ^hwife Drusilla

²⁴ A few days later Felix came to ⁱvisit Paul. His ^jwife was with him, her name was Drusilla, and she was a ^kJew. Felix told the ^lsoldiers to go and get Paul, and they listened to Paul. He talked to them about ^mbelieving in •Christ Jesus. ²⁵ Paul said that everyone must do right and that no one can do what

^u **believe:** is when you •know that God will do what He said He will do.

^v **raise:** is to let someone stand up.

^w **knew:** today I •know, I have seen it, yesterday I knew.

^x **The Way:** the name of the first •Christian *church.

^y **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^z **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^a **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^b **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

^c **captain:** the *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^d **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^e **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^f **visit:** is when you go to your friend or someone and talk to him.

^g **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^h **wife:** the woman married to a man, her *husband.

ⁱ **visit:** is when you go to your friend or someone and talk to him.

^j **wife:** the woman married to a man, her *husband.

^k **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^l **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^m **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

he wants to do. He also said the time will come when God will ⁿjudge everyone. Then Felix was ^oafraid and he said to Paul: 'You must go back to ^pjail now. When I have time, I will come and talk to you again.'

²⁶ After this, Felix came to talk to Paul many times, because he ^qhoped that Paul ^rwould give him money to free him.

²⁷ After 2 years there was a new ^rgovernor in the place of Felix, his name was Porcius Festus. But Felix wanted to do a good thing for the ^sJewish_leaders, that is why he kept Paul in ^tjail.

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Paul says he wants to go to ^uCaesar

¹ Festus was the new ^vgovernor and he came to the ^wprovince of ^xJudea. After 3 days he went from the town of Caesarea to Jerusalem. ² The ^ychief_priests and the ^zJewish_leaders went to Festus and they said bad things about Paul. ³ They asked Festus to do something for them. They asked him to

ⁿ **judge:** is when God will *decide who has done right and who has done wrong.

^o **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^p **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^q **hope:** is when you wish that something good will happen.

^r **governor:** an *officer who *rules a *country or *province because a •king sent him to do it.

^s **Jewish_leaders:** the *important *Jews who told the •Israelites what they had to do.

^t **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^u **Caesar:** the •king of the *Roman people and all the *countries where the *Romans *ruled.

^v **governor:** an *officer who *rules a *country or *province because a •king sent him to do it.

^w **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^x **Judea:** the *province in the *south of *Israel, where Jerusalem is. [see map]

^y **chief_priests:** the *leaders of the people who worked for God.

^z **Jewish_leaders:** the *important *Jews who told the •Israelites what they had to do.

send Paul from Caesarea to Jerusalem. But the ^achief_priests and the ^bJews had a ^csecret plan to kill Paul on the way to Jerusalem. ⁴ But Festus said that Paul must stay in Caesarea. Festus also said that he will go to Caesarea in a few days time. ⁵ He asked the ^dJewish_leaders to come with him to Caesarea and if Paul did something wrong, then they can ^eaccuse him.

⁶ Festus stayed in Jerusalem for 8 or 10 days and then he went back to Caesarea. The next day he told the ^fsoldiers to bring Paul so that he •could ^gjudge him. ⁷ When Paul came in, the ^hJews from Jerusalem came and ⁱstood close to him. They ^jaccused Paul of many bad things, but they •could not show that it was ^ktrue. ⁸ Paul said he is ^linnocent. He said: 'I have done nothing ^magainst the ⁿlaws of the ^oJews or against the •temple in Jerusalem or against ^pCaesar.'

⁹ But Festus wanted to do something good for the ^qJews so he asked Paul if he •would go to Jerusalem so that he •could be ^rjudged there.

^a **chief_priests:** the *leaders of the people who worked for God.

^b **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^c **secret:** something that most people do not •know, only a few people know about it.

^d **Jewish_leaders:** the *important *Jews who told the •Israelites what they had to do.

^e **accuse:** is when you say that a person has done something wrong.

^f **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^g **judge:** is when the *leader of a *court says if a person has done right or wrong.

^h **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

ⁱ **stood:** today I stand, yesterday I stood.

^j **accuse:** is when you say that a person has done something wrong.

^k **true:** is not a *lie, it is the same as what *really happened.

^l **innocent:** is when a person has not done anything wrong.

^m **against:** is when you do not want to be with a person, you want to fight him.

ⁿ **laws:** the *rules that God gave to his people that say how they must live.

^o **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^p **Caesar:** the •king of the *Roman people and all the *countries where the *Romans *ruled.

^q **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^r **judge:** is when the *leader of a *court says if a person has done right or wrong.

¹⁰ Then Paul answered: 'No. This is the ^sRoman ^tcourt, this is where you must ^ujudge me. I did nothing wrong to the ^vJews, you •know very well. ¹¹ If I have done something wrong and I must die, then ^wCaesar can ^xpunish and kill me. But if these ^yJews ^zaccuse me of something that I did not do, then I am ^ainnocent. Then it is not right to give me to these ^bJews so that they can kill me. No, I want to stand before ^cCaesar, he must ^djudge me.'

¹² Festus talked to his ^eadvisors and then he said to Paul: 'You have asked to stand before ^fCaesar so that he can ^gjudge you. You will go to ^hCaesar, he will judge you.'

•King Agrippa and his ⁱwife Bernice ^jvisit Festus

¹³ After a few days, •King Agrippa and his ^kwife Bernice came to the town of Caesarea to ^lgreet and welcome Festus. ¹⁴ •King Agrippa and Bernice stayed there for a few days and Festus told King Agrippa about Paul. He said: 'When

^s **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^t **court:** the place where a *judge *punishes people who have done wrong.

^u **judge:** is when the *leader of a *court says if a person has done right or wrong.

^v **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^w **Caesar:** the •king of the *Roman people and all the *countries where the *Romans *ruled.

^x **punish:** to let someone *suffer because they think he has done wrong.

^y **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^z **accuse:** is when you say that a person has done something wrong.

^a **innocent:** is when a person has not done anything wrong.

^b **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^c **Caesar:** the •king of the *Roman people and all the *countries where the *Romans *ruled.

^d **judge:** is when the *leader of a *court says if a person has done right or wrong.

^e **advisor:** a person who helps the *judge to *decide.

^f **Caesar:** the •king of the *Roman people and all the *countries where the *Romans *ruled.

^g **judge:** is when the *leader of a *court says if a person has done right or wrong.

^h **Caesar:** the •king of the *Roman people and all the *countries where the *Romans *ruled.

ⁱ **wife:** the woman married to a man, her *husband.

^j **visit:** is when you go to your friend or someone and talk to him.

^k **wife:** the woman married to a man, her *husband.

^l **greet:** is when you say hello or goodbye to someone.

Felix went away, there was a man in ^mjail for a long time. ¹⁵ I went to Jerusalem and the ⁿchief_priests and the ^oelders told me about this man and they asked me to ^pjudge him and say that he is ^qguilty. ¹⁶ But I told them that is not how the ^rRomans ^sjudge people. The Romans first make sure that someone is ^tguilty before they give him to the people to ^upunish him. When people say a person is ^vguilty, then that person must first come and listen to what these people say so that he can then answer them himself.

¹⁷ When the ^wJews came to me here in Caesarea, I ^ximmediately said they must come to ^ycourt the next day so that I •could ^zjudge Paul. ¹⁸ Then the ^aJews started to ^baccuse Paul. I ^cthought there were very bad things that Paul had done, but they did not ^daccuse him of bad things. ¹⁹ They ^eargued with him about things of their own ^freligion and about someone who has died, his

^m **jail**: a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

ⁿ **chief_priests**: the *leaders of the people who worked for God.

^o **elder**: a *leader in the *church.

^p **judge**: is when the *leader of a *court says if a person has done right or wrong.

^q **guilty**: is when a person has done something wrong.

^r **Romans**: the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^s **judge**: is when the *leader of a *court says if a person has done right or wrong.

^t **guilty**: is when a person has done something wrong.

^u **punish**: to let someone *suffer because they think he has done wrong.

^v **guilty**: is when people think you have done something wrong and they want to *punish you.

^w **Jews**: the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^x **immediately**: now, not later.

^y **court**: the place where a *judge *punishes people who have done wrong.

^z **judge**: is when the *leader of a *court says if a person has done right or wrong.

^a **Jews**: the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^b **accuse**: is when you say that a person has done something wrong.

^c **thought**: today I think, yesterday I thought.

^d **accuse**: is when you say that a person has done something wrong.

^e **argue**: is when you talk to and fight with a person, using words.

^f **religion**: is what people *believe and how they *serve the •Lord.

name is Jesus, but Paul says Jesus is ^galive.

²⁰ I did not •know how to answer their ^hquestions, so I asked Paul if he •would go to Jerusalem so that I •could ⁱjudge him there. ²¹ But Paul said I must keep him here in ^jjail, he wants to go to ^kCaesar, Caesar must ^ljudge him. Then I said he must stay in ^mjail ⁿuntil I send him to Caesar.'

²² •King Agrippa said to Festus: 'I also want to listen to what this man says.'
Festus said: 'You can talk to him tomorrow and listen to what he says.'

²³ The next day •King Agrippa and Bernice went into the big room where all the people were. They had ^oexpensive clothes on and looked very ^pimportant. The ^qcommanders and ^rimportant men from the town came with them. Festus told the ^ssoldiers to bring Paul to them. ²⁴ Festus said: '*King Agrippa and all the people here, look at this man. The ^tJews in Jerusalem and here in Caesarea have ^uaccused him. They ^vshouted and said he must die. ²⁵ But I did not find anything that he has done wrong, I can not ^wpunish and kill him. He

^g **alive:** not dead but living.

^h **question:** when I ask something, like: 'What is your name?'

ⁱ **judge:** is when the *leader of a *court says if a person has done right or wrong.

^j **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^k **Caesar:** the •king of the *Roman people and all the *countries where the *Romans *ruled.

^l **judge:** is when the *leader of a *court says if a person has done right or wrong.

^m **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

ⁿ **until:** the time to the end when something stops.

^o **expensive:** things that cost a lot of money.

^p **important:** is when a person can tell other people what they must do.

^q **commander:** an *important *leader of a group of *soldiers or *guards.

^r **important:** is when a person can tell other people what they must do.

^s **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^t **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old Testament.

^u **accuse:** is when you say that a person has done something wrong.

^v **shout:** is when you speak very *loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

^w **punish:** is to make someone *suffer to help him stop doing wrong.

said he wants to go to ^xCaesar and Caesar must ^yjudge him. Then I ^zdecided to send him to Caesar.

²⁶ But I do not •know what to ^awrite in the ^bletter that I must send with him to ^cCaesar. So I have ^dbrought him here before all of you, and also before you, •King Agrippa. I want you to listen to him and to ask him ^equestions, then I will •know what I must write to Caesar, ²⁷ because I think it is wrong to send a ^fprisoner to ^gCaesar but I do not tell him why he is a ^hprisoner and what he has done wrong.'

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Paul speaks to •King Agrippa

¹ •King Agrippa said to Paul: 'You may speak now and say what you want to tell us.'

Then Paul put up his hand and he started to say why he is ⁱinnocent. He said: ² ¹•King Agrippa, the ^jJews ^kaccuse me and say I did many things that

^x **Caesar:** the •king of the *Roman people and all the *countries where the *Romans *ruled.

^y **judge:** is when the *leader of a *court says if a person has done right or wrong.

^z **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

^a **write:** is when you take a pen and put words in a book or on something.

^b **letter:** a *message that a person *writes and sends to another person. [see *drawing]

^c **Caesar:** the •king of the *Roman people and all the *countries where the *Romans *ruled.

^d **brought:** today I bring, yesterday I brought.

^e **question:** when I ask something, like: 'What is your name?'

^f **prisoner:** a person who is in *jail or on his way to jail. [see *drawing]

^g **Caesar:** the •king of the *Roman people and all the *countries where the *Romans *ruled.

^h **prisoner:** a person who is in *jail or in *prison. [see *drawing]

ⁱ **innocent:** is when a person has not done anything wrong.

^j **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old Testament.

^k **accuse:** is when you say that a person has done something wrong.

are wrong, but I am glad that I can tell you today why I am ¹innocent. ³ I am glad that you •know what the ^mJews ⁿbelieve and the things we ^oargue about. So I ask you to be ^ppatient and listen to what I say.

⁴ All the ^qJews •know how I have lived from the time when I was a child with my own people in Jerusalem. ⁵ They ^rknow me for a long time. If they want to, they can tell you that I am speaking the ^struth when I say that I was a ^tPharisee and that I have lived like ^uPharisees who ^vobey the ^wlaws of Moses more ^xcarefully than any other group. ⁶ And now I stand before you so that you can ^yjudge me because I ^zbelieve and •know that God will do what He has ^apromised our ^bforefathers.

⁷ Our 12 ^ctribes of ^dIsrael keep on ^eservicing God because we •know and ^fhope

¹ **innocent:** is when a person has not done anything wrong.

^m **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

ⁿ **believe:** is when someone thinks he •knows what is right.

^o **argue:** is when you talk to and fight with a person, using words.

^p **patient:** is when a person does not get angry *quickly.

^q **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^r **know:** is when you have *met someone, you are sure of who he is.

^s **truth:** is not a *lie, it is what *really happened or what you will do.

^t **Pharisees:** a group of *Jews who tried to do everything that the *laws of Moses say.

^u **Pharisees:** a group of *Jews who tried to do everything that the *laws of Moses say.

^v **obey:** is to listen to a person and do what he says.

^w **laws of Moses:** the *rules that God gave to his people in the *Old_Testament.

^x **careful:** is when you make sure that you do something right.

^y **judge:** is when the *leader of a *court says if a person has done right or wrong.

^z **believe:** is when you •know that God will do what He said He will do.

^a **promise:** the things that God said He will do.

^b **forefathers:** the father's *grandfathers and first fathers of a family or *nation.

^c **tribe:** a group of families who were the *descendants of one of the 12 •sons of Jacob.

^d **Israel:** the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^e **serve:** is to *pray to God, to live and work for Him.

^f **hope:** is when you wait for the things that God has *promised, that will come.

that God will do what He has ^gpromised. Yes, •King Agrippa, the ^hJews ⁱaccuse me because I •know and ^jhope that God will do what He has promised. ⁸ Why don't you ^kbelieve that God can let dead people stand up and live again?

⁹ There was a time when I ^lthought I must fight ^magainst the name of Jesus of Nazareth. ¹⁰ In Jerusalem I made lots of people ⁿsuffer, people who ^obelonged to God. I have ^parrested a lot of those people and I put them in ^qjail. The ^rchief_priests said I must do it. I also said it was right when they killed the ^sbelievers who ^tbelonged to Jesus. ¹¹ I have ^upunished them in the ^vsynagogues many times and I have tried to make them stop ^wbelieving or to say bad things ^xagainst God. I was so angry with them that I ^yeven went to towns in other ^zlands, far away from Jerusalem.

¹² That is why I went to the city of Damascus. The ^achief_priests gave me a

^g **promise:** the things that God said He will do.

^h **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

ⁱ **accuse:** is when you say that a person has done something wrong.

^j **hope:** is when you wait for the things that God has *promised, that will come.

^k **believe:** is when you •know that God will do what He said He will do.

^l **thought:** today I think, yesterday I thought.

^m **against:** is when you do not want to be with a person, you want to fight him.

ⁿ **suffer:** is when you have pain or you worry because you have big problems.

^o **belong:** is to be the people of God or part of them and to *serve Him.

^p **arrest:** is when *soldiers or *guards take a person and put him in *jail.

^q **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^r **chief_priests:** the *leaders of the people who worked for God.

^s **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^t **belong:** is to be the people of God or part of them and to *serve Him.

^u **punish:** is to make someone *suffer to help him stop doing wrong.

^v **synagogue:** a building where *Jews come together to *pray.

^w **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^x **against:** is when you do not want to be with a person, you want to fight him.

^y **even:** also.

^z **lands:** *countries, like South Africa and Kenya.

^a **chief_priests:** the *leaders of the people who worked for God.

^bletter to ^carrest the ^dbelievers. ¹³ It was about ^enoon and I was on the road to the city of Damascus. O •king, then I •saw a light that started to shine from the ^fsky. The light was very ^gbright, ^hbrighter than the sun. The light shone on me and on all the people who were with me. ¹⁴ We all ⁱfell onto the ^jground and then I heard Someone talking. He talked to me in ^kHebrew and He said: "Saul, Saul, why do you ^lpersecute Me? You are ^mhurting yourself if you do not listen to Me."

¹⁵ I said: "Who are You, •Lord?" And the Lord said to me: "I am Jesus. You are ⁿpersecuting Me. ¹⁶ Stand up. I came to you and I have ^oappeared to you because I ^pchose you, I want you to work for Me. You must ^qserve Me and tell other people what you have seen today. You must also tell people about the things that I will show you later.

¹⁷ I will ^rprotect you ^sagainst your own people and against the ^tGentiles. Yes,

^b **letter:** a *message that a person *writes and sends to another person. [see *drawing]

^c **arrest:** is when *soldiers or *guards take a person and put him in *jail.

^d **believers:** people who •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave their *sins.

^e **noon:** the *middle of the day, 12 o'clock.

^f **sky:** is above us, where the sun and stars are.

^g **bright:** is like the sun or a light that shines, it is not dark.

^h **bright:** is like the sun or a light that shines, it is not dark.

ⁱ **fell:** today you fall to the *ground, yesterday you fell.

^j **ground:** the brown *earth or sand that you walk on.

^k **Hebrew:** the language *Jews used to speak in the *land of *Israel.

^l **persecute:** is when *enemies want to *catch people or *oppress them.

^m **hurt:** is when you hit a person or *cause him *pain.

ⁿ **persecute:** is when *enemies want to *catch people or *oppress them.

^o **appear:** is when God or an *angel comes to someone and talks to him.

^p **chose:** today I *choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I *chose it.

^q **serve:** is to *pray to God, to live and work for Him.

^r **protect:** is to help someone and stop his *enemies or the bad things that will *hurt him.

^s **against:** is when you do not want to be with a person, you want to fight him.

^t **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

I am sending you to the ^uGentiles. ¹⁸ They do not ^vbelieve in Me, they are like blind people but I will use you to open their eyes. They must ^wturn to God and live as He wants. Then they will be like people who came from the dark to the light. Yes, they must ^xturn away from the power of ^ySatan and they must come back to God. Then God will ^zforgive their ^asin and they will ^bbelong to God's people because they ^cbelieve in Me." ' "

¹⁹ Then Paul said: ' *King Agrippa, I have ^dobeyed everything that God has shown me from ^eheaven. ²⁰ I first went to ^fpreach to the people in Damascus and then to the people in Jerusalem, and then I ^gpreached to the people in the ^hprovince of ⁱJudea. Then I went to the ^jGentiles and I told them they must ^kturn to God and start to live as God wants.

²¹ This is why the ^lJews ^mgrabbed me in the •temple and why they tried to kill me. ²² But God has helped me to this day. So I stand here and I tell

^u **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^v **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^w **turn to God:** is to stop doing bad things and to start *serving God.

^x **turn to God:** is to stop doing bad things and to start *serving God.

^y **Satan:** a name for the *devil.

^z **forgive:** is when God does not *punish people for the *sins that they have done.

^a **sin:** bad things that people do *which God hates.

^b **belong:** is to be the people of God or part of them and to *serve Him.

^c **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^d **obey:** is to listen to a person and do what he says.

^e **heaven:** is where the *throne of God is and where his *angels *worship Him.

^f **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^g **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^h **province:** part of a *country or *land.

ⁱ **Judea:** the *province in the *south of *Israel, where Jerusalem is. [see map]

^j **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^k **turn to God:** is to stop doing bad things and to start *serving God.

^l **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old Testament.

^m **grab:** is when you *quickly take someone or something and you hold it.

everyone about God, I tell it to people who are very ⁿimportant and also to people who are not important. I only say the things that are ^owritten in the books of the ^pprophets and in the ^qlaws of Moses. I talk about the things that they said ^rwould happen. ²³ It is ^rwritten that the ^rChrist will ^ssuffer and that He will be the first Person who has died and lives again to ^tsave the ^uJews and the ^vGentiles. They were like people in the dark, but they came to the light.'

²⁴ When Paul was speaking to show that he was ^winnocent, Festus ^xshouted loudly and said: 'Paul, you are mad. You have learned too many things and you are ^yconfused.'

²⁵ But Paul said: 'Dear Festus, I am not mad. I speak the ^ztruth like a ^awise man. ²⁶ I am not ^bafraid to talk to ^rKing Agrippa because I ^rknow and I am sure that he ^rknows about these things that I say. These things happened where everyone ^rcould see it. ²⁷ ^rKing Agrippa, do you ^cbelieve what the ^dprophets have said? I ^rknow that you believe them.'

ⁿ **important:** is when a person can tell other people what they must do.

^o **written:** the words that someone put down with a pen in a book or on something.

^p **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^q **laws of Moses:** the ^{*}rules that God gave to his people in the ^{*}Old Testament.

^r **written:** the words that someone put down with a pen in a book or on something.

^s **suffer:** is when you have pain or you worry because you have big problems.

^t **save:** is when God ^{*}forgives a person's ^{*}sins and gives them ^{*}eternal life.

^u **Jews:** the ^rIsraelites, the people of God in the ^{*}Old Testament.

^v **Gentile:** a person who was not a ^{*}Jew and was not ^{*}circumcised.

^w **innocent:** is when a person has not done anything wrong.

^x **shout loud:** is to speak very hard so that people can hear you from far away.

^y **confuse:** is when you can not think what is right or what is wrong.

^z **truth:** is not a ^{*}lie, it is what ^{*}really happened or what God says.

^a **wise:** is to ^rknow what is the right thing to say or do at the right time.

^b **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^c **believe:** is when you ^rknow that God will do what He said He will do.

^d **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

²⁸ Agrippa asked Paul: 'Do you think you can make me become a ^eChristian so ^fquickly? No.'

²⁹ Paul answered: 'I ^gpray and ask God that He will make you a ^hbeliever as I am, also all these people who listen to me today. God can do this ⁱquickly or He can take a long time to do this, it does not ^jmatter. Yes, I want you to be like me but not as a ^kprisoner.'

³⁰ Then the [•]king ^lgot up, also ^mgovernor Festus and Bernice and the people who were sitting with them. ³¹ When they went out of the big room, they said to each other: 'This man is ⁿinnocent. It will be wrong to ^opunish him or to kill him. He must not be in ^pjail.'

³² Then Agrippa told Festus: 'This man said that ^qCaesar must ^rjudge him. If he did not say that, then he [•]would be free and out of ^sjail today.'

^e **Christian:** a person who *believes in Jesus •Christ and tells other people about Him.

^f **quickly:** in a very short time.

^g **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^h **believer:** a person who •knows that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave his *sins.

ⁱ **quickly:** in a very short time.

^j **does not matter:** anywhere or anyone, it does not make a *difference.

^k **prisoner:** a person who is in *jail or in *prison. [see *drawing]

^l **got up:** today you stand or get up, yesterday you got up.

^m **governor:** an *officer who *rules a *country or *province because a •king sent him to do it.

ⁿ **innocent:** is when a person has not done anything wrong.

^o **punish:** is to make someone *suffer to help him stop doing wrong.

^p **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

^q **Caesar:** the •king of the *Roman people and all the *countries where the *Romans *ruled.

^r **judge:** is when the *leader of a *court says if a person has done right or wrong.

^s **jail:** a strong place where *guards keep bad people and *prisoners. [see *drawing]

Paul goes to the city of Rome

¹ ^tGovernor Festus ^udecided that it was time for Paul and us to ^vsail to the ^wland of Italy. The ^xsoldiers went to get Paul and some other ^yprisoners and they gave them to Julius. Julius was the ^zofficer of a group of ^aCaesar's soldiers. ² We [•]got onto a ^bboat that came from the town of Adramittium, we wanted to go to places in the ^cprovince of Asia and we started to ^dsail. There was a man with us, his name was Aristarchus, he was from the town of Thessalonica in the province of Macedonia. ³ The next day the ^eboat came to the town of Sidon. Julius was very good to Paul, he said Paul may go to his friends in Sidon so that they can help him. ⁴ The next day we ^fsailed from

^t **governor:** an *officer who *rules a *country or *province because a •king sent him to do it.

^u **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

^v **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^w **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

^x **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^y **prisoner:** a person who is in *jail or in *prison. [see *drawing]

^z **officer:** a *leader of *soldiers or *guards.

^a **Caesar:** the •king of the *Roman people and all the *countries where the *Romans *ruled.

^b **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^c **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^d **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^e **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^f **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

Sidon and we came near the ⁸island of Cyprus. The wind blew strongly ^hagainst the front of our ⁱboat, so we ^jsailed near Cyprus on the side where the wind was not so strong. ⁵ Then we ^ksailed near the ^llands of Cilicia and Pamphylia and then to the town of Myra in the ^mland of Lycia. ⁶ In Myra the ⁿofficer Julius ^ogot a ^oboat that came from the town of Alexandria that was going to Italy and he told us to get onto that ^pboat. ⁷ We ^qsailed very slowly for a very long time to come close to the town of Cnidus, because it was ^rdifficult to ^ssail, the wind blew strongly ^tagainst us. We sailed down the side of the ^uisland of Crete. The wind was not so strong there and we passed ^vcape Salmone. ⁸ We ^wsailed past Salmone and then it became very ^xdifficult to sail. Later we came to Fair Havens, it was near the town of Lasea. ⁹ We had been

⁸ **island:** a small *piece of *land in the sea.

^h **against:** is from the other side that you are going to.

ⁱ **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^j **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^k **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^l **lands:** *countries, like South Africa and Kenya.

^m **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

ⁿ **officer:** a *leader of *soldiers or *guards.

^o **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^p **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^q **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^r **difficult:** is when something is hard to do, not easy.

^s **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^t **against:** is from the other side that you are going to.

^u **island:** a small *piece of *land in the sea.

^v **cape:** part of the *land *which goes into the sea like a *point.

^w **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^x **difficult:** is when something is hard to do, not easy.

^ysailing for a long time and we had ^zlost a lot of time. It was ^aalmost ^bwinter and it was ^cdangerous to ^dsail on the sea. Then Paul talked to the ^eofficer and his men. He said: ¹⁰ 'Friends, we must not ^fsail ^gfurther now. It is very ^hdangerous and I ⁱbelieve that if we ^jsail now, we will ^klose the ^lboat and our things on the boat and many people will die.'

¹¹ But Julius, the ^mofficer, did not listen to Paul, he listened to the ⁿcaptain and the ^oowner of the ^pboat. ¹² The ^qharbour at the town of Fair Havens was not a ^rsafe place for a ^sboat to stay in ^twinter time, so most of the people on

^y **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^z **lost:** is when you had something, but you don't have it anymore, it is gone.

^a **almost:** is when I have not *finished something *yet, but I will finish it *soon.

^b **winter:** the time of year when it is very cold.

^c **dangerous:** something that can kill or *hurt you.

^d **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^e **officer:** a *leader of *soldiers or *guards.

^f **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^g **further:** far, to go on longer.

^h **dangerous:** something that can kill or *hurt you.

ⁱ **believe:** is when someone thinks he *knows what is right.

^j **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^k **lose:** is when you had something, but now you do not have it anymore.

^l **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^m **officer:** a *leader of *soldiers or *guards.

ⁿ **captain:** the *leader of the *seamen who work on a *boat.

^o **owner:** when I buy a house, it is my house, I *own it, I am the owner of the house.

^p **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^q **harbour:** a *safe place where *boats can stay when they come from the sea.

^r **safe:** is when and where you do not have to worry, you will not have problems.

^s **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^t **winter:** the time of year when it is very cold.

the boat said we must go on and ^usail to the town of Phoenix. Phoenix was on the ^visland of Crete and it had a safe harbour where we •could stay that winter, because the harbour was open to the sea from the ^wsouth-west and from the ^xnorth-west sides.

The ^ystorm at sea

¹³The wind started to blow from the ^zsouth, it was not a strong wind. The ^aseamen ^bthought that they can do what they had planned and ^csail to the ^dharbour at Phoenix. So they lifted the ^eanchor of the ^fboat and started to sail. We sailed near the ^gisland of Crete. ¹⁴It was not very long before a very strong wind started to blow from Crete. It was a ^hnorth-east wind, the name of the wind was the Eurakilon. ¹⁵We tried to ⁱturn the ^jboat to ^ksail into the

^u **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^v **island:** a small *piece of *land in the sea.

^w **south-west:** in the *middle of *south and *west.

^x **north-west:** is in the *middle of *north and *west.

^y **storm:** strong winds that blow and make the *waves of the sea very big.

^z **south:** when you look to the *east where the sun comes up, south is to your right.

^a **seamen:** men who work on a *boat at sea.

^b **thought:** today I think, yesterday I thought.

^c **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^d **harbour:** a *safe place where *boats can stay when they come from the sea.

^e **anchor:** a heavy *piece of *metal that *seamen *throw into the sea to stop their *boat.

^f **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^g **island:** a small *piece of *land in the sea.

^h **north-east:** is in the *middle of *north and *east.

ⁱ **turn:** is when you do not walk *straight but you go to the left or to the right.

^j **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^k **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

wind, but we •could not turn it, the wind was too strong. Then we let the wind blow the ^lboat where it wanted to. ¹⁶ We went past the ^msouth end of the small ⁿisland of Cauda. There the wind did not blow so strongly. It was ^odifficult, but we kept the ^plife-boat ^qsafe. ¹⁷ The ^rseamen lifted up the ^slife-boat and they ^ttied it onto the ^uboat. Then they tied ^vropes under and ^waround the boat to make the boat stronger. They were ^xafraid that the wind •would blow the boat onto the ^ysandbanks of Sirtis and then the boat would break. They •took down the ^zsails of the boat and they let the wind blow the boat where the wind wanted to. ¹⁸ The ^astorm was very strong. The next day the ^bseamen started to ^cthrow everything that was on the ^dboat, into the sea.

^l **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^m **south:** when you look to the *east where the sun comes up, south is to your right.

ⁿ **island:** a small *piece of *land in the sea.

^o **difficult:** is when something is hard to do, not easy.

^p **life-boat:** a small *boat that people get into when a big *boat goes down at sea.

^q **safe:** is when and where you do not have to worry, you will not have problems.

^r **seamen:** men who work on a *boat at sea.

^s **life-boat:** a small *boat that people get into when a big *boat goes down at sea.

^t **tie:** is when you put a *rope *around something so that it will not fall off.

^u **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^v **rope:** a long thin *piece of *material that people use to *tie things together. [see *drawing]

^w **around:** in front of me, to my right, to my back and to my left.

^x **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^y **sandbank:** a place where the sea is not very deep, you can *almost see the sand.

^z **sail:** the big *cloth that makes a *boat go forward when the wind blows in it. [see *drawing]

^a **storm:** strong winds that blow and make the *waves of the sea very big.

^b **seamen:** men who work on a *boat at sea.

^c **throw:** when I throw a stone at you, it goes from my hand to you.

^d **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

¹⁹ On the 3rd day they ^ethrew the ^fboat's ^gsails and ^hropes and poles into the sea. ²⁰ For many days, we did not see the sun or the stars, the ⁱstorm just kept on and on. We ^jthought that we •would die, we did not think that anyone •could ^ksave us or that we would keep on living. ²¹ The men had not eaten any food for a long time. Then Paul ^lstood in front of the men and he talked to them. He said: 'Friends, I told you that we must not ^msail away from Crete. Why didn't you listen to me? If you had listened to me, we •would not have had these big problems and you would not have ⁿlost all your things. ²² But now I want to ^oencourage you, you must be strong. Not one of you will die, but the ^pboat will break and go down.

²³ I ^qbelong to God and I ^rworship Him. Last night an ^sangel of God came to me. ²⁴ The ^tangel said to me: "Paul, you must not be ^uafraid. You must go and

^e **threw:** today I *throw a stone at you, yesterday I threw a stone.

^f **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^g **sail:** the big *cloth that makes a *boat go forward when the wind blows in it. [see *drawing]

^h **rope:** a long thin *piece of *material that people use to *tie things together. [see *drawing]

ⁱ **storm:** strong winds that blow and make the *waves of the sea very big. [see *drawing]

^j **thought:** today I think, yesterday I thought.

^k **save:** is when you have very big problems and someone comes and helps you.

^l **stood:** today I stand, yesterday I stood.

^m **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

ⁿ **lost:** is when you had something, but you don't have it anymore, it is gone.

^o **encourage:** is to make someone feel strong and go on, to tell him not to stop.

^p **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^q **belong:** is to be the people of God or part of them and to *serve Him.

^r **worship:** is to *pray to God and *serve Him.

^s **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^t **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^u **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

stand in ^vcourt before ^wCaesar in Rome. God will be good to you and ^xsave you and also all the people with you on the ^yboat. He will be good to them because He wants to be good to you."

²⁵ Friends, don't worry, don't be ^zdiscouraged. I ^abelieve in God, I believe He will ^bsave us as the ^cangel told me. ²⁶ But the ^dboat will break on one of the ^eislands.'

²⁷ It was 14 days after the ^fstorm had started and the ^gboat had ^hfloated on the ⁱAdriatic sea. It was near the ^jmiddle of the night when the ^kseamen said that the boat was near ^lland. ²⁸ They ^mmeasured how deep the water was, it

^v **court:** the place where a *judge *punishes people who have done wrong.

^w **Caesar:** the •king of the *Roman people and all the *countries where the *Romans *ruled.

^x **save:** is when you have very big problems and someone comes and helps you.

^y **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^z **discouraged:** is when you do not want to do something, you think you can not do it.

^a **believe:** is when you •know that God will do what He said He will do.

^b **save:** is when you have very big problems and someone comes and helps you.

^c **angel:** a *servant of God in *heaven who sometimes talks to people and gives them a *message from God.

^d **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^e **island:** a small *piece of *land in the sea.

^f **storm:** strong winds that blow and make the *waves of the sea very big.

^g **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^h **float:** is when a *boat or wood stays on the water, it does not go down.

ⁱ **Adriatic sea:** the sea *between Sicily and Crete. Today the name of that sea is the *Mediterranean Sea.

^j **middle of the night:** very late at night, 12 o'clock.

^k **seamen:** men who work on a *boat at sea.

^l **land:** the *ground, the dry parts of the world, not the sea.

^m **measure:** is to find out how long or deep something is. [see *drawing]

was 20 ⁿfathoms deep. Later they ^omeasured again and then the water was 15 ^pfathoms deep. ²⁹ The ^qseamen were ^rafraid that the ^sboat would break on the ^trocks. So they ^utied 4 ^vanchors to ^wropes and they ^xthrew the anchors into the sea at the back of the boat. Then they ^yprayed for the day light to come. ³⁰ Some of the ^zseamen wanted to get away from the ^aboat. They said they wanted to ^bthrow ^canchors at the front of the ^dboat, but they ^etook the life-boat and they wanted to put it into the sea and try to get away from the boat. ³¹ Then Paul said to the ^fofficer and ^gsoldiers: 'Those ^hseamen must stay

ⁿ **fathom:** 20 fathom is about 40 metres deep.

^o **measure:** is to find out how long or deep something is. [see *drawing]

^p **fathom:** 15 fathom is about 30 metres deep.

^q **seamen:** men who work on a *boat at sea.

^r **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^s **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^t **rock:** a big stone.

^u **tie:** is when you put a *rope *around something so that it will not fall off.

^v **anchor:** a heavy *piece of *metal that *seamen *throw into the sea to stop their *boat.

^w **rope:** a long thin *piece of *material that people use to *tie things together. [see *drawing]

^x **threw:** today I *throw a stone at you, yesterday I threw a stone.

^y **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^z **seamen:** men who work on a *boat at sea.

^a **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^b **throw:** when I throw a stone at you, it goes from my hand to you.

^c **anchor:** a heavy *piece of *metal that *seamen *throw into the sea to stop their *boat.

^d **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^e **life-boat:** a small *boat that people get into when a big *boat goes down at sea.

^f **officer:** a *leader of *soldiers or *guards.

^g **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^h **seamen:** men who work on a *boat at sea.

on the ⁱboat. If they do not stay on the boat, then God will not ^jsave you.'

³² Then the ^ksoldiers cut off the ^lropes of the ^mlife-boat and the life-boat ⁿfell into the sea. ³³ Just before the sun came up, Paul ^oencouraged everyone and he said they must eat some food. He said: 'You were ^pafraid of what will happen and you have not eaten for 14 days. ³⁴ Now I ask you: Please eat some food because it will help you to keep on living. You must ^rknow that God will ^qprotect you, not one of you will ^rlose a hair from your head.'

³⁵ After Paul said this, he ^stook bread and he ^sprayed in front of them all and he thanked God. Then he broke the bread and he started to eat. ³⁶ Paul ^tencouraged them all and they also started to eat. ³⁷ We were 276 people on the ^uboat. ³⁸ After everyone had eaten ^venough, they ^wtook the ^wwheat that was on the ^xboat and they ^ythrew it into the sea to make the boat lighter.

ⁱ **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^j **save:** is when you have very big problems and someone comes and helps you.

^k **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^l **rope:** a long thin *piece of *material that people use to *tie things together. [see *drawing]

^m **life-boat:** a small *boat that people get into when a big *boat goes down at sea.

ⁿ **fell:** today you fall to the *ground, yesterday you fell.

^o **encourage:** is to make someone feel strong and go on, to tell him not to stop.

^p **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^q **protect:** is to help someone and stop his *enemies or the bad things that will *hurt him.

^r **lose:** is when you had something, but now you do not have it anymore.

^s **pray:** is to talk to God.

^t **encourage:** is to make someone feel strong and go on, to tell him not to stop.

^u **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^v **enough:** when you do not want any more.

^w **wheat:** *seeds that grow on wheat-plants, they make bread from it. [see *drawing]

^x **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^y **threw:** today I *throw a stone at you, yesterday I threw a stone.

The ^zboat breaks on the sand

³⁹In the morning they •saw ^aland, but they did not •know what place it was. They saw a ^bbeach where there were no ^crocks and they wanted to ^dsail the ^eboat onto the beach. ⁴⁰They cut the ^fropes of the ^ganchors and let it fall into the sea. They also ^hloosened the ropes from the ⁱrowing-oars. Then they lifted the ^jsail at the front of the ^kboat to let the wind take the boat forward and they tried to steer the boat to the ^lbeach ⁴¹There was a place where the water was not very deep. The ^mboat ⁿsailed onto the sand and it stayed there. The front of the boat stayed on the sand, it did not move. The ^owaves were very

^z **boat**: people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^a **land**: the *ground, the dry parts of the world, not the sea.

^b **beach**: the sand where the sea or *lake stops and the *land *begins.

^c **rock**: a big stone.

^d **sail**: is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^e **boat**: people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^f **rope**: a long thin *piece of *material that people use to *tie things together. [see *drawing]

^g **anchor**: a heavy *piece of *metal that *seamen *throw into the sea to stop their *boat.

^h **loosen**: is when you *free or *untie something that was *tied.

ⁱ **rowing-oar**: a *piece of wood that people *row with to make a *boat go forward. [see *drawing]

^j **sail**: the big *cloth that makes a *boat go forward when the wind blows in it. [see *drawing]

^k **boat**: people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^l **beach**: the sand where the sea or *lake stops and the *land *begins.

^m **boat**: people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

ⁿ **sail**: is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^o **wave**: is the water in the sea that goes up and down near the *beach.

strong and they broke the back of the boat. ⁴² Then the ^psoldiers ^qdecided to kill the ^rprisoners on the ^sboat, they did not want them to swim to the ^tland and run away. ⁴³ But Julius, the ^uofficer, wanted to ^vsave Paul and he stopped the ^wsoldiers, they did not kill the ^xprisoners. Then the ^yofficer told anyone who [•]could swim to jump into the sea and to swim to the ^zland. ⁴⁴ He told the other people to hold onto ^apieces of wood or parts of the ^bboat and to go to the ^cland.

And this is how all the people were ^dsaved and [•]got onto the ^eland.

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Paul on the ^fisland of Malta

¹ We all were ^gsafe on the ^hbeach and we heard that the name of the

^p **soldier**: a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^q **decide**: is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

^r **prisoner**: a person who is in *jail or on his way to jail. [see *drawing]

^s **boat**: people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^t **land**: the *ground, the dry parts of the world, not the sea.

^u **officer**: a *leader of *soldiers or *guards.

^v **save**: is when you do something or help someone stay *alive.

^w **soldier**: a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^x **prisoner**: a person who is in *jail or on his way to jail. [see *drawing]

^y **officer**: a *leader of *soldiers or *guards.

^z **land**: the *ground, the dry parts of the world, not the sea.

^a **piece**: a piece of an apple is part of the apple.

^b **boat**: people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^c **land**: the *ground, the dry parts of the world, not the sea.

^d **save**: is when you do something or help someone stay *alive.

^e **land**: the *ground, the dry parts of the world, not the sea.

^f **island**: a small *piece of *land in the sea.

^g **safe**: is when you do not have to worry, you will not die.

^h **beach**: the sand where the sea or *lake stops and the *land *begins.

ⁱisland was Malta. ²The people on the ^jisland were very ^kfriendly. It was cold and it started to rain, so they made a fire for us. ³Paul •got some dry wood to put on the fire. There was a snake in the wood and the snake came out because it was warm and it bit Paul on his hand. ⁴The people from the ^lisland •saw the snake hanging from Paul's hand. They said to each other: 'This man is a ^mmurderer. The ⁿgods want to ^opunish him because he has done wrong. He did not ^pdrown in the sea but now they sent a snake to kill him.'

⁵But Paul •took the snake off his hand and he ^qthrew it into the fire, and nothing happened to Paul. ⁶The people were looking at Paul, they waited for his hand to ^rswell up and for him to fall and die. They waited and when nothing happened to Paul, they started to think that Paul was a ^sgod. ⁷The name of the ^tleader of the people on the ^uisland was Publius. He had a ^vfield not far from where we were. He was ^wfriendly and he gave us a place to stay for 3 days. ⁸Publius's father was sick, he had a ^xfever and ^ystomach ^ztrouble.

ⁱ **island:** a small *piece of *land in the sea.

^j **island:** a small *piece of *land in the sea.

^k **friendly:** is when you smile and you are happy to see someone and help him.

^l **island:** a small *piece of *land in the sea.

^m **murderer:** a person who has killed someone.

ⁿ **god:** strong *living_beings that some people *thought were there to help them.

^o **punish:** is to make someone *suffer to help him stop doing wrong.

^p **drown:** is when a person goes down into water and can not come up again, and dies.

^q **threw:** today I *throw a stone at you, yesterday I threw a stone.

^r **swell:** is when you are *hurt and a *sore is growing under your *skin.

^s **god:** strong *living_beings that some people *thought were there to help them.

^t **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^u **island:** a small *piece of *land in the sea.

^v **field:** *land where *farmers *sow *wheat or *plant other plants.

^w **friendly:** is when you smile and you are happy to see someone and help him.

^x **fever:** is when your body becomes very hot because you are sick.

^y **stomach:** is where your food goes into after you have eaten it.

^z **trouble:** big problems.

Paul went to him and he ^aprayed for him. Paul put his hands on him and he ^bhealed the man. ⁹ After Paul ^chealed Publius's father, all the other sick people on the ^disland came to Paul and Paul healed them. ¹⁰ The people gave us many ^egifts and when we ^fsailed away with another ^gboat, they gave us everything we needed.

They ^hsail away from Malta

¹¹ After 3 months we ⁱsailed with a ^jboat from the ^kisland of Malta. The ^lboat came from the town of Alexandria and it had waited on the ^misland for the ⁿwinter to pass. The name of the ^oboat was Dioskuri. ¹² We ^psailed to the town

^a **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^b **heal:** is when *believers make a sick person well with the power of Jesus.

^c **heal:** is when *believers make a sick person well with the power of Jesus.

^d **island:** a small *piece of *land in the sea.

^e **gift:** something that you give to a person, he does not have to pay for it.

^f **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^g **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^h **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

ⁱ **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

^j **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^k **island:** a small *piece of *land in the sea.

^l **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^m **island:** a small *piece of *land in the sea.

ⁿ **winter:** the time of year when it is very cold.

^o **boat:** people get onto a boat when they want to go over the water from one place to another. [see *drawing]

^p **sail:** is when you ride on a *boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see *drawing]

of Syracuse and we stayed there for 3 days. ¹³ Then we ^qsailed from Syracuse to the town of Rhegium. The next day a ^rsouth wind started to blow and we ^ssailed for 2 days and came to the town of Puteoli. ¹⁴ There were some people who ^tbelieved in Jesus and they asked us to stay with them for one week and then we went to the city of Rome. ¹⁵ Someone told the ^ubelievers who lived in Rome that we were coming and they came to ^vgreet us. Some of them greeted us at the ^wMarket of Appius and some of them greeted us at the Three ^xguest houses. When Paul [•]saw all the ^ybelievers of Rome, he ^zprayed and thanked God and he was ^aencouraged.

Paul in Rome

¹⁶ When we came into Rome, the ^bofficer said Paul did not have to stay in ^cjail, he [•]could stay in a house, but a ^dsoldier stayed with him to ^eguard him. ¹⁷ After 3 days Paul asked all the ^fimportant ^gJews to come to him and they

^q **sail:** is when you ride on a ^{*}boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see ^{*}drawing]

^r **south:** when you look to the ^{*}east where the sun comes up, south is to your right.

^s **sail:** is when you ride on a ^{*}boat that moves forward when the wind blows. [see ^{*}drawing]

^t **believe:** is when you [•]know that Jesus is the [•]Christ who ^{*}forgave your ^{*}sins.

^u **believers:** people who [•]know that Jesus is the [•]Christ who ^{*}forgave their ^{*}sins.

^v **greet:** is when you say hello or goodbye to someone.

^w **market:** a place in town where people come to buy food and things.

^x **guest house:** a house where you can sleep if you pay, like a hotel.

^y **believers:** people who [•]know that Jesus is the [•]Christ who ^{*}forgave their ^{*}sins.

^z **pray:** is to talk to God.

^a **encourage:** is to make someone feel strong and go on, to tell him not to stop.

^b **officer:** a ^{*}leader of ^{*}soldiers or ^{*}guards.

^c **jail:** a strong place where ^{*}guards keep bad people and ^{*}prisoners. [see ^{*}drawing]

^d **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to ^{*}war. [see ^{*}drawing]

^e **guard:** is when a ^{*}soldier must make sure that someone does not run away. [see ^{*}drawing]

^f **important:** is when a person can tell other people what they must do.

^g **Jews:** the [•]Israelites, the people of God in the ^{*}Old Testament.

all came together. Paul said to them: 'Friends, I have done nothing wrong^h against our people or against the things ourⁱ forefathers told us to do. But the^j Jews in Jerusalem^k arrested me and they gave me to the^l Romans.¹⁸ The^m Romanⁿ rulers have asked me a lot of^o questions to find out if I did something wrong. They wanted to set me free because I did nothing wrong, I did nothing that they wanted to^p punish me for.¹⁹ But the^q Jews in Jerusalem did not want that.

Then I had to ask to come to Rome so that^r Caesar^s could^s judge me. But I did not^t accuse the[•] Israelites.²⁰ This is why I have asked to see you so I can talk to you. I^u believe in and^v hope for the same things that all the[•] Israelites believe in and hope for. This is why I am a^w prisoner and this is why the^x soldiers have^y tied me with^z chains.'

^h **against:** is when you do not want to be with a person, you want to fight him.

ⁱ **forefathers:** the father's *grandfathers and first fathers of a family or *nation.

^j **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^k **arrest:** is when *soldiers or *guards take a person and put him in *jail.

^l **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

^m **Romans:** the people from the city of Rome who *ruled that part of the world.

ⁿ **ruler:** a •king or *leader who tells the people of his *nation what they must do.

^o **question:** when I ask something, like: 'What is your name?'

^p **punish:** is to make someone *suffer to help him stop doing wrong.

^q **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^r **Caesar:** the •king of the *Roman people and all the *countries where the *Romans *ruled.

^s **judge:** is when the *leader of a *court says if a person has done right or wrong.

^t **accuse:** is when you say that a person has done something wrong.

^u **believe:** is when you •know that God will do what He said He will do.

^v **hope:** is when you wait for the things that God has *promised, that will come.

^w **prisoner:** a person who is in *jail or in *prison. [see *drawing]

^x **soldier:** a man who can fight and go to *war. [see *drawing]

^y **tie:** is when you put *ropes *around a person's hands and feet so that he can not walk away.

^z **chain:** a string of *metal *rings to *tie people in *jail. [see *drawing]

²¹ The ^aJews from Rome said to Paul: 'The ^bJews in ^cJudea did not give us any ^dletters about you. And not one of them came here to say bad things about you. ²² But we want to listen to what you say because we •know about this group of people who ^ebelieve in Jesus, but our people everywhere say that they ^fbelieve things that are wrong.'

²³ Then they ^gdecided on ^hwhich day they •would come back to Paul. When they came again, there were many ⁱJews who came to Paul's house. He talked to them from early in the morning ^juntil that ^kevening. He talked to them and he told them that God is ^lKing. He read from the ^mlaws of Moses and the books of the ⁿprophets and he showed them that they must ^obelieve in Jesus. ²⁴ Some of the ^pJews ^qbelieved what Paul said, but some did not believe him. ²⁵ They started to ^rargue and at the end of the day they went home. Before they went away, Paul said: 'The ^sHoly_Spirit had sent the

^a **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^b **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^c **Judea:** the *province in the *south of *Israel, where Jerusalem is. [see map]

^d **letter:** a *message that a person *writes and sends to another person. [see *drawing]

^e **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^f **believe:** is when someone thinks he •knows what is right.

^g **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

^h **which:** what or that one.

ⁱ **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^j **until:** the time to the end when something stops.

^k **evening:** at the end of the day, before people go to bed.

^l **King:** God is King, everyone must *serve and *worship Him.

^m **laws of Moses:** the *rules that God gave to his people in the *Old_Testament.

ⁿ **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^o **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^p **Jews:** the •Israelites, the people of God in the *Old_Testament.

^q **believe:** is when you think that someone is not *lying but telling the *truth.

^r **argue:** is when you talk to and fight with a person, using words.

^s **Holy_Spirit:** the *Spirit of God who helps people and gives them *faith in God.

^tprophet Isaiah to say something to your fathers, and what the ^uSpirit said is ^vtrue. ²⁶ He said: "You must go to these people and you must tell them:

You will hear and listen,
but you will not understand.

You will look and look,
but you will not see anything.

²⁷ These people became ^wstubborn.

They have stopped listening
and they can not understand.

They have closed their eyes
so that they can not see and can not ^xhear
and can not understand.

They do not want to ^yturn to Me
and live as I want.

Therefore I can not ^zheal them." ^{1a}

²⁸⁻²⁹ Paul said: 'I want you to •know that God is going to send his ^bmessage to the ^cGentiles, the message that He wants to ^dsave people. The Gentiles will ^ebelieve his message.' ^f

^t **prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says.

^u **Spirit of God:** the *Holy_Spirit whom we can not see.

^v **true:** is not a *lie, it is the same as what *really happened or what you will do.

^w **stubborn:** is when you do not want to listen to God or other people.

^x **hear:** this *means they did not want to listen and *obey the •Lord.

^y **turn to God:** is to stop doing bad things and to start *serving God.

^z **heal:** is when you were sick but you get better.

^a **Acts 28:26-27** these words are also in the *Old_Testament in Isaiah 6:9-10.

^b **message:** the *Good_News that God loves everyone and wants to *save them.

^c **Gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^d **save:** is when God *forgives a person's *sins and gives them *eternal_life.

^e **believe:** is when you •know that Jesus is the •Christ who *forgave your *sins.

^f **Acts 28:29** There is not a verse 29 in the *oldest *manuscripts.

³⁰ Paul stayed for 2 years in the house that he ^grented. Everyone who wanted to ^hvisit him, was welcome and they came to him. ³¹ Paul ⁱpreached to them and he told them that God is ^jKing. He also ^ktaught them about the •Lord Jesus •Christ. He was not ^lafraid to do it and no one tried to stop him.

^g **rent:** is when you pay someone to stay in his house or *farm.

^h **visit:** is when you go to your friend or someone and talk to him.

ⁱ **preach:** is to tell people about God.

^j **King:** God is King, everyone must *serve and *worship Him.

^k **taught:** I teach a person when I tell him things that he must •know, yesterday I taught him.

^l **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.