

Front Door

At Home Storytelling

Letters of love and encouragement

1 Corinthians 1: 10 - 19

Review:

The Narrative Lectionary takes a big jump in Acts to tell of the ministry of Paul and other friends. The result of Paul's work was a series of church plants throughout the empire. Paul would settle in a town, work a day job as a tent maker (leather worker) and preach/teach in the synagogue. New people would learn and a community of believers would grow. Paul would share a simple message, help folks with know the scriptures, meet people where they were at and do as he preached.

1 Corinthians is the first of 13 letters attributed to Paul. They are sent to the various church communities he help build. They are meant to share hope, love and answer questions.

The narrative part of the story a little uneventful. To teach it is best to group the whole story of Paul into a single narrative. Using a map of the region to understand the travels of Paul.

Tell the story: Keeping true to the narrative, tell the story with elements of emotion and excitement. Be careful not to edit the text too much. Favorite options for storytelling is read from scripture, summarize from scripture, view storytelling video from, visualize story sequence on a white board.

Retell:

Take the time to have the children re-tell the story they have just heard. Many options exist for this activity, it should remain a child's free choice. Use story props, white boards, puppets or blocks. Ask your kids to name characters, sequence events and explore notable concepts on their terms.

Try This

Paul works to encourage and help the faith communities he starts. The only way to communicate was through letters. The letters were saved and shared and became the text we see in scripture.

What kind of letter would you write to your church? Attached is a fill in letter for you. After you learn a little bit of Paul and his work think about the important message we have to share about God's world and write your own letter in the style of Paul.

Resources:

[The Life of Paul](#)

Short animated video for kids and adults providing the background of Paul.

[Interactive map of Paul's travels.](#)

Follow along with Paul to find all the different places he went to share the good news. Use a globe to add a bigger perspective.

Dear friends at _____

We have shared many days together. I hope you learned _____ and _____.

Remember how Jesus, our Lord lived and that he lived again. God's love is as strong as _____ and _____.

Being together as a church is great because _____
_____. I know we are not
together right now. But please remember the that it is im-
portant to learn and share together. It helps us all when ____

_____.

I do miss you and remember the time we _____
_____.

Keep growing in love and _____.

your friend Paul