



Resource Pack

Children's ministry resources & activities for groups & families exploring this week's theme.

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WEEK 1

The Gospel in a Sentence

Romans / Romans 1:1-17

OVERVIEW

GATHER

READ

CHAT

DO

PRAY



THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

STRENGTHENED

BY THE GOSPEL

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The Gospel in a Sentence

Romans 1:1-17

GOOD NEWS

GOD'S POWER TO SAVE
EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES



HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

This resource has been written and produced by St Bart's Kids and we're delighted to be able to share this curriculum with you. We pray that it would be an amazing tool to aid teaching and learning occurring either at home or within your children's ministry setting.

This package is part of a series based on **the book of Romans**. The items within this package all pertain to **one session**.

The tabs on this document will help guide the main sections that should be incorporated within a session. Within each section you will find modifications for different age/learning levels - look for the tags Early Childhood, Lower Primary, Middle Primary, and Upper Primary.

All of the items within
If you have any questions or would like to know more about St Bart's Kids resources, please contact hello@stbartskids.org

TIMING

Welcome and play	15 mins
Teaching Time (includes morning tea for Early Childhood)	15mins
Game (Kindy - Year 6 only)	10mins
Small Groups/Activities	20mins
Worship	10mins
Check-out	

MATERIALS

- Biscuit trays (metal)
- Magnetic Alphabet Letters
- Chalk Pen (optional)
- Printout of Worksheet #1 (Paul's letter image)
- Alphabet Stamps
- Paper and envelopes
- A toy mailbox (or cardboard box with a slot in the side).
Idea: use scrap paper to create your own envelopes!
- Whiteboard markers
- Laminated printout of the children's names
- Printout of Memory Match cards (Worksheet #2)
- Printouts of the children's names (to help with letter recognition)
- Green and Red Tokens
- Picture prompts (see Worksheet #3)
- Printout of Worksheet #Worksheet #4
- Paper, clipboards and pencils
- Ipads or computers with internet access
- A room with space to move from one side of the room to the other

ADDITIONAL INFO

This resource is the first in an eighteen week series based on the book of Romans.

SESSION OUTLINE

SERIES

Romans

BIBLE FOCUS

Romans 1:1-17

TOPIC

The Gospel in a Sentence

WEEK

1

OVERVIEW

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

The Good News is about Jesus - God's Son. This Good News is for ALL people, everywhere.

SERIES OVERVIEW

ROMANS -

Rejoicing in Jesus' victory over the grave and the life we can have in him.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" John 20:1-2

MULTIMEDIA

1. [SBK Kids Talk](#)
2. [The Epistles of Paul \(Scripture Explorers - Romans 1-6\)](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Here are some resources we recommend for helping teach the Gospel to kids.

1. [The Book of Romans \(The Bible Project\)](#)
2. [Romans Road to Salvation \(ShareFaith Media\)](#)

SONGS

EARLY CHILDHOOD

1. [Romans 1:16 \(For I am not ashamed\)](#)
2. [I am not ashamed \(Romans 1:16\)](#)
3. [I'm not ashamed \(Dance a-long\)](#)

SONGS

PRIMARY

1. [Romans 1:16 \(For I am not ashamed\)](#)
2. [Romans 1:16 Memory Verse Song \(Hillsong Kids\)](#)
3. [I'm not ashamed \(Dance a-long\)](#)



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TEACHING TIME

Gospel in a Sentence

When Artemis 2 splashed down a couple of weeks ago, many people watched it live. News travelled quickly around the world. Why? Because this was an historic, exciting event. The news was too good NOT to share!

After being risen from the dead and spending time with his followers, Jesus left them with one big task: to share the good news. They didn't have our modern technology - so they did a lot of walking and writing. Paul would have dictated his letters to a scribe who wrote it onto papyrus (like a scroll).

In this letter to the believers in Rome, Paul wanted them to know how **powerful** the good news is. He had experienced it for himself - remember Paul wasn't always a follower of Jesus. In fact when Jesus confronted him, he was on his way to arrest Christians. But when he met Jesus, he believed! And the good news that changed Paul's life can also change our lives.

It's about God rescuing us (saving us) from sin. We *have* to be rescued from sin because God is holy. He's perfect - and no one with sin can belong to him.

So how did God rescue us? He sent his own Son - Jesus - to die for our sins. He was the only one who could do that for us. And then God brought Jesus back from the dead - so we can forever be his friends.

What do we have to do? Believe! Believe that Jesus died because of our sin. He didn't come to teach us *how* to be good - but to make it possible for us to be forgiven.

The Gospel is a promise made long ago by God. Anyone who put their trust in Jesus belongs to his family. So it doesn't matter how good you are or how clever you are, or who your parents are. What matters is that we believe that Jesus died for us.

It's simple and powerful. The good news was spread all over the world by ordinary people. Some gave their lives because they believed it and were not ashamed of it. And God invites us to spread the same Good News today!

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Early Childhood

What is the Good News??

2. Lower Primary

What is the Good News??

3. Middle Primary

Why is it important that the Good News is simple?

4. Upper Primary

Why is it important that the Gospel is simple and powerful?

FOCUS

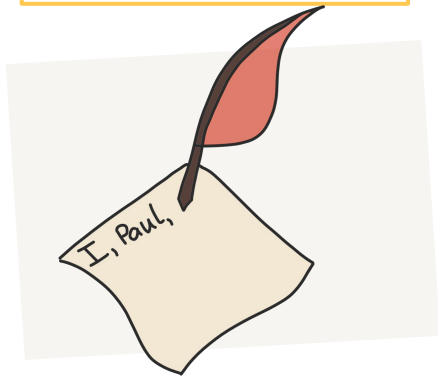
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WARM-UPS

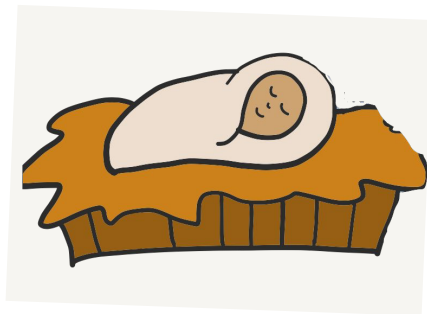
- *If you want to send an important message to someone, how do you do that?*
- *What if you wanted to send an important message to the whole world. How would you do that?*

Early Childhood

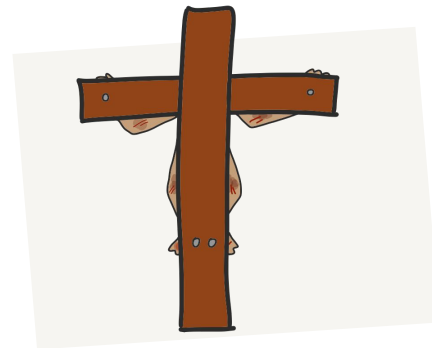
The Gospel in a Sentence



Hi, my name is Paul and I'm writing a letter for you all.

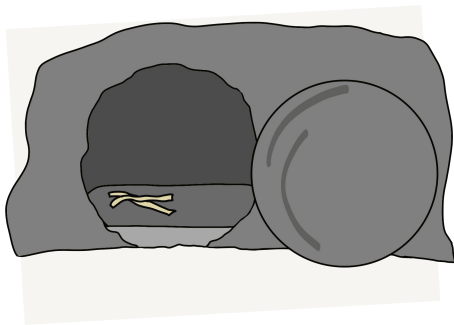


I want to tell you about Jesus. He was born as a baby....



Died on a cross so our sins can be forgiven...

Early Childhood



Then he rose to life again.



This is the gospel:



that all who believe in what Jesus has done for them will be put right with God.

Lower Primary

The Gospel in a Sentence

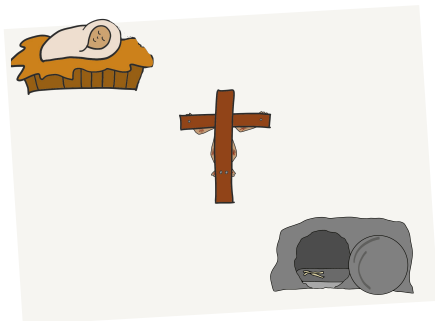


1 This is a letter is from me, Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ. God has sent me to tell others his good news.

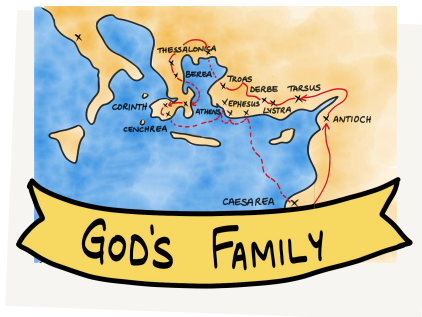


2-3 God promised this good news long ago, through his prophets. This good news is about God's Son, Jesus.

Lower Primary



4 Jesus died on the cross but God raised Jesus to life again. He is Jesus Christ our Lord. We have grace because of what Jesus did.

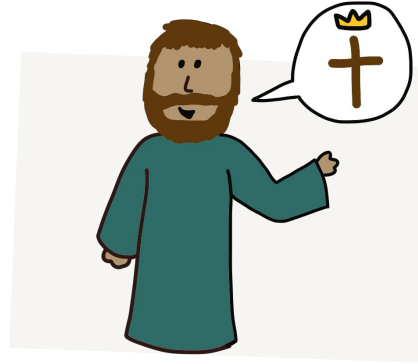


5-7 I have been sent to share the Gospel with the Gentiles, including you, so that you might put your trust in Jesus. God has chosen you to be a part of his holy family.

Lower Primary



8-10 I thank my God for all of you. Everywhere in the world, people are talking about how you trust in Jesus Christ. I always remember you in my prayers and pray at last I might be able to visit you.



11-15 I have been busy sharing the Gospel with lots of different groups. I love preaching the Gospel. It is important that all people, including you in Rome, hear the good news.

Lower Primary



16 I am not ashamed to tell people this good news. It is God's power to save all people who believe in Jesus. The Gospel is for everyone!



17 The good news explains how God is full of mercy and saves those who put their trust in Jesus.

Middle Primary

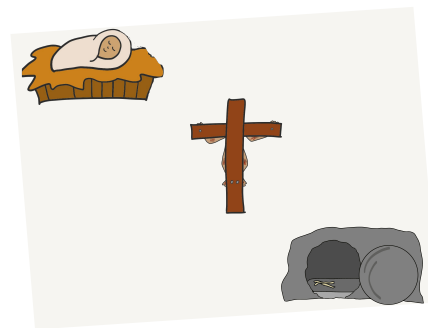
The Gospel in a Sentence



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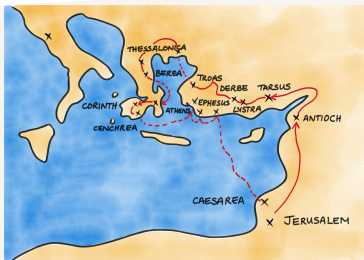


2-3 God promised this good news long ago through his prophets. This good news is about God's Son, Jesus Christ, born into King David's family line.

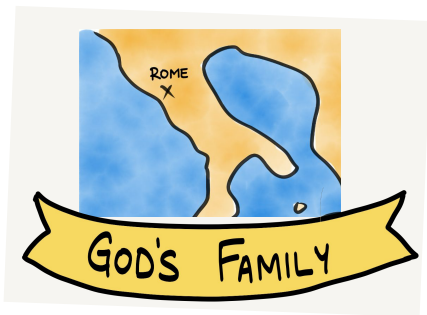


4 Jesus was born as a human baby, died on the cross and was raised to life again by God's Holy Spirit. In that way God showed clearly that Jesus was his powerful Son.

Middle Primary



5 He sent me to tell his message to people from all countries so that they would trust him and obey him.

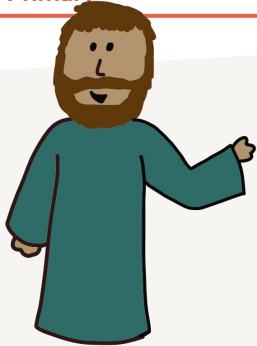


6 You Christians in Rome are also among those people! God has chosen you to belong to Jesus Christ, to be his own people.

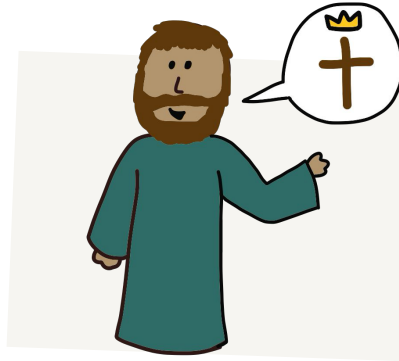


6 My prayer for you is that God and Jesus will keep helping you and giving you peace as you serve God.

Middle Primary



8-10 I thank my God for all of you. Everywhere in the world, people are talking about how you trust in Jesus Christ. I always remember you in my prayers and pray at last I might be able to visit you.



11-15 I have been busy sharing the Gospel with others. I'm so happy to keep preaching the Gospel. I have a duty to tell his message to all people, including you in Rome.



16 I am not ashamed to tell people this good news. It is God's power to save all people who believe in Jesus Christ. It is meant for the Jews and also for the Gentiles.

Middle Primary



Believe

17 The good news explains how God accepts people as being put right with himself. He does this when they believe in Jesus.



GOOD NEWS

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'Everyone that God accepts as right will live, because they trust him.'

FOCUS

The Good News is about Jesus - God's Son. This Good News is for ALL people, everywhere.

Early Childhood

PRAYER

Dear God,
 THANK YOU that we can be friends with you because of Jesus.
 HELP US to remember that everyone needs to be saved.
 HELP US to not hide the Good News but to share it with others.
 Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

View SBK ebook Romans 1: 1-17 (abridged)

1. Have you ever received a letter or a postcard in the mail?

Talk about how Paul was someone who wrote letters to the churches that were beginning to grow just after Jesus went back to heaven. It would have been written on a big scroll and passed around the churches to be read out loud.

2. Who did Paul write this letter to?

The Christians living in Rome.

3. When Paul wrote to the believers in Rome, who was he writing about?

Jesus.

4. The Good News is all about how Jesus (God's Son) died on the cross for our sins so that we could have eternal life. What is the ONE thing we need to do?

Trust in Jesus.

5. The Gospel is Good News for:

- Only clever people
- Only really good people
- Only bad people because they have done wrong things
- Only people who go to church
- Everyone.

Answer (e) The Gospel is for everyone!

6. How can we thank Jesus for this VERY Good News?

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes. Romans 1:16

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOCUS

The Good News is about Jesus - God's Son. This Good News is for ALL people, everywhere.

Lower Primary

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you that you have made a way for us to be friends with you. Help us to remember that everyone has turned away from God and is in need of being rescued.

Help us to not be ashamed of the Good News but to share the good news with others, no matter who they are.

Thank you for those who actively work to make sure all receive the Gospel message. Amen.

Read **Romans 1: 1-17** from SBK Lower Primary Scripture

1. **Have you ever received a letter or a postcard in the mail?**

Talk about how Paul was someone who wrote letters to the churches that were beginning to grow just after Jesus went back to heaven. It would have been written on a big scroll and passed around the churches to be read out loud..

2. **When Paul wrote to the believers in Rome, who was he writing about?**

Jesus

3. **Paul wanted to make sure that the believers in Rome understood the most important things about Jesus. Can you answer these question from Paul's letter?**

- **Jesus was God's Son but how did he come to earth?** He was born as a baby
- **Why did he die on the Cross?** So that our sins could be forgiven
- **What happened 3 days after Jesus died?** God raised him up to live again. Forever.

4. **Why do we need to have our sins forgiven?**

Because every one of us does wrong things. Only if those sins are forgiven, can we be put right with God.

5. **What does it mean to be put right with God?**

We can be part of his family because Jesus died for us.

6. **The Gospel is Good News for:**

- a. Only clever people
- b. Only really good people
- c. Only bad people because they have done wrong things
- d. Only people who go to church
- e. Everyone.

Answer (e) The Gospel is for everyone!

7. **How can we thank Jesus for this VERY Good News?**

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a.

b.

Middle Primary

PRAYER

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Thank you for those who actively work to make sure all receive the Gospel message. Amen.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Romans 1: 1-17 from SBK Middle Primary Scripture

1. What has God sent Paul to do?

To tell his Good News to ALL people.

2. The Good News was promised a long time ago by God. What is it about?

Ask the children to find all the pieces of the Good News in the text. *Hint: look at verses 2-6.*

It is about God's Son Jesus

He was born as a baby, died on a Cross and was raised from the dead by God

People need to trust Jesus and obey him. That is how we can belong to God.

3. What is the prayer that Paul prays for the believers in Rome?

That God would help them as they serve him, and give them peace.

4. Why is Paul so thankful for the Roman believers?

He hasn't met them yet but he has heard how keen they are in their faith.

5. Who does Paul share the Good News with?

Everyone! It is for people who are wise and educated and for people who are not! It's for slaves and free people. And for people of all ethnic groups.

6. Why does everyone need the Good News?

Because everyone is in the same position. We have all sinned and need rescuing. And the only rescue plan is that we can have salvation because Jesus died for us.

7. Who are the people in our community who need to hear the Good News?

Talk about refugees and citizens, poor people and rich, smart and not smart, people in the city and the bush, adults and children.

8. Paul tells us that he is NOT ashamed of the Gospel. What does ashamed mean? Why is he not ashamed or embarrassed by the Good News?

Paul himself has been rescued by God and knew that this was the only way for people to be saved and to be in relationship with God again.

9. What do we need to do in order to be saved by God?

Trust in Jesus/have faith in Jesus.

10. Are there times when you feel ashamed or embarrassed about sharing the Good News? Why have you felt like this? Share your own experiences.

11. Pray together for courage to share the Good News (especially with the people mentioned in Q7).

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes. Romans 1:16

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Upper Primary

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you that you have made a way for us to be friends with you. Help us to remember that everyone has turned away from God and is in need of being rescued.

Help us to not be ashamed of the Good News but to share the good news with others, no matter who they are.

Thank you for those who actively work to make sure all receive the Gospel message. Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Romans 1: 1-17 from the NIRV Bible

1. In verses 2-6, brainstorm the key words or phrases Paul uses to describe the good news (the Gospel).

- promised long ago
- it's about God's Son, descended from David
- he was raised from the dead by God
- his name is Jesus
- we receive grace because of what Jesus did
- we invite people to obey God and trust in Jesus

2. Could you describe the Gospel in one sentence?

Encourage children to break into pairs and try to use to express the good news in their own words.
Mention that Jesus died for our sins, forgiveness, trusting Jesus....

3. That's a lot in the first part of this letter to the romans (and we will be spending 18 weeks going through it). Why do you think jumped straight into explaining the Gospel at the beginning?

It was so important that they understand the Gospel!
Explain that there had been some divisions in the church and Paul wanted to start with what was most important - what the Gospel actually is.

4. Read verses 7-13. What do they tell us about why Paul is writing this in a letter.

He has never visited the believers in Rome - but they were very dear to him. He has heard of their faith and prays them and is determined to visit when he could.

5. Read v 14-15. Who is the good news for?

Everyone! It is for people who are wise and educated or even illiterate. It is for people from different ethnic groups and social status. *The Gospel is simple enough for everyone!*

6. Why does everyone need the good news?

Because everyone is in the same position. We have all sinned and need rescuing. And the only rescue plan is that Jesus died for us and all who put their trust in him will be saved.

7. Who are the people in our community who need to hear the good news? Talk about refugees and citizens, poor people and rich, smart and not smart, people in the city and the bush, adults and children.

8. Why is Paul not ashamed of the Gospel?

He knows that it is the only way for people to become friends (put right) with God. Paul (once Saul and an avid opposer to Christianity) was rescued by God- and he longs for other people to know this good Nwns and trust in Jesus.

9. Are there times when you feel ashamed or embarrassed about sharing the Good News? Why is that?

Share your own experiences.

10. Pray together for courage to share the Good News with the people mentioned in Q7.

FOCUS

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EARLY CHILDHOOD

Dear God,

THANK YOU that we can be friends with you because of Jesus.

HELP US to remember that everyone needs to be saved.

HELP US to not hide the Good News but to share it with others.

Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dear God,

Thank you that you have made a way for us to be friends with you. Help us to remember that everyone has turned away from God and is in need of being rescued.

Help us to not be ashamed of the Good News but to share the good news with others, no matter who they are.

Thank you for those who actively work to make sure all receive the Gospel message. Amen.

TIPS

Make a list of the things that embarrass you or that you might be ashamed of if people found out.

Does believing in Jesus appear on your list? If so, pray that God might help you be bold and comfortable admitting that you are a Christian and that you might grow in confidence in sharing the Good News with others.

Early Childhood

Dear God,

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Amen.

Sunday School

Dear God,

Thank you that you have made a way for us to be friends with you. Help us to remember that everyone has turned away from God and is in need of being rescued.

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In this section, you'll find activities for Early Childhood and Primary School aged kids. There's a range of crafts, activities and games suitable for both individuals and groups.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- Alphabet words
- Letters from Paul - stamps
- Posting Letters
- Handwriting (names) (Kindy)
- Memory Match (Kindy)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Memory Match (Prep)
- Good News? Bad News? (Prep)
- Romans Snap Cards (1-2)
- Gospel War-cry (3-4)
- Say what you see (5-6)

GAMES

- Red Rover (Kindy)
- Good News/Bad News? (Prep-Yr 6)

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STEPS

1. Allow children to play with the magnetic letters, sticking them to the metal trays to tray and form words.
2. Option: Using the chalk pens, write the alphabet on the biscuit trays and have the children try and match the magnetic letters to the letters written on the tray.



Link

This activity is a great way for children to play and form words using letters of the alphabet. Forming nonsense words is perfectly acceptable at this age!

Alphabet words

YOU'LL NEED...

- Biscuit trays (metal)
- Magnetic Alphabet Letters
- Chalk Pen (optional)

Letters from Paul - stamps

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout of Worksheet #1 (Paul's letter image)
- Alphabet Stamps

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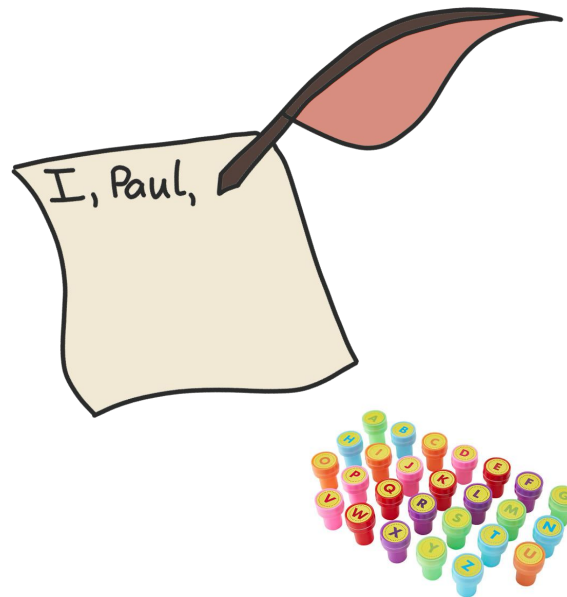
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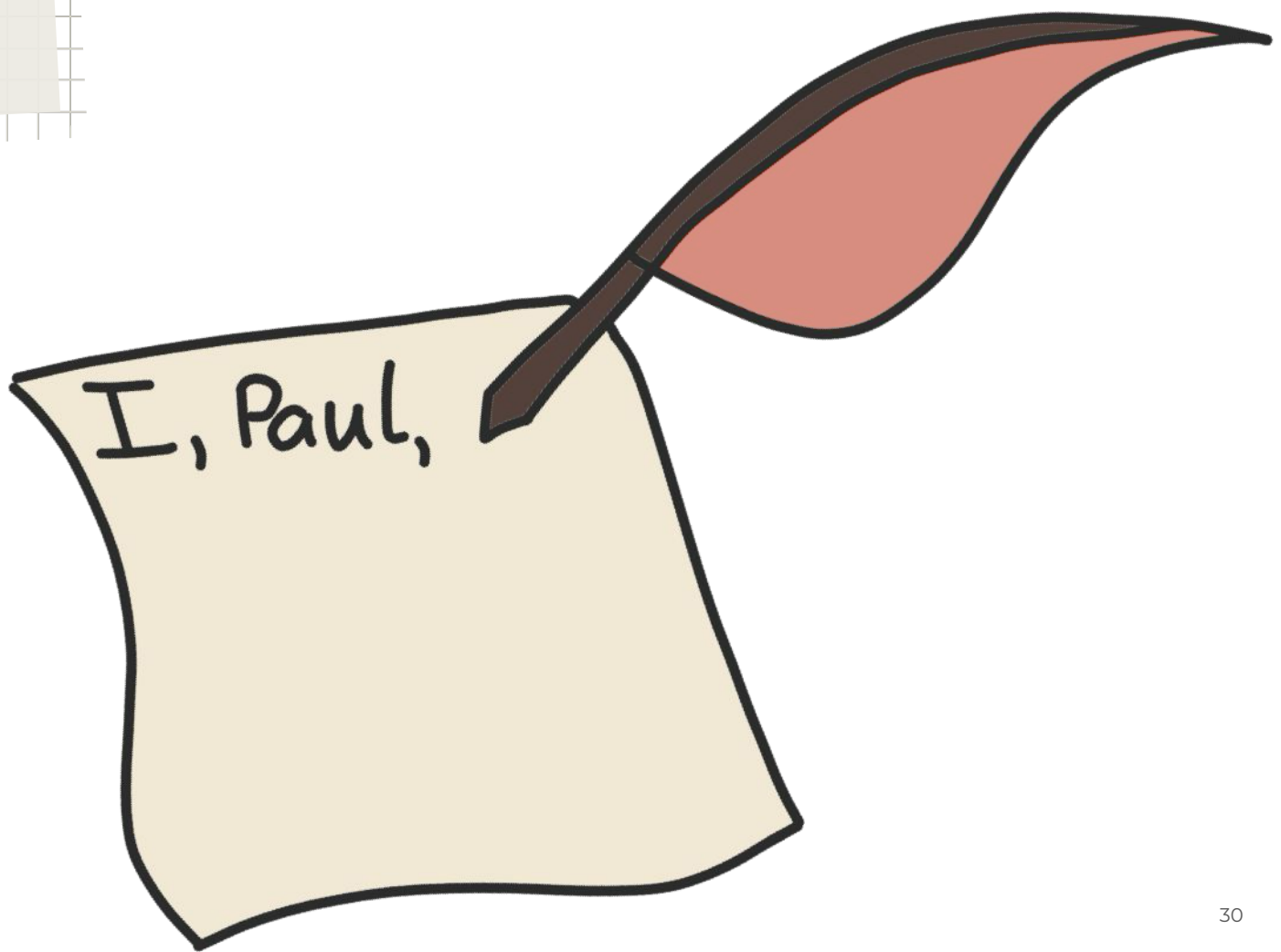
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1. Remind the children we are looking at a letter Paul wrote to the Romans. Talk about how Paul wrote letters to lots of groups, encouraging them to stay firm in their faith.
2. Give each child a printout and encourage them to use the alphabet stamps to stamp letters all over their page and use the stamps to help them write 'a letter'.



Link

Letter recognition comes before letter writing. This activity is a great way for children to play and form words using letters of the alphabet. Forming nonsense words is perfectly acceptable at this age!



Posting letters

YOU'LL NEED...

- Paper and envelopes
- A toy mailbox (or cardboard box with a slot in the side).
- *Idea: use scrap paper to create your own envelopes!*

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STEPS

1. Have children pretend to write letters and put these inside envelopes.
2. Get them to practise 'posting' these into the mailbox slot.



Link Posting letters is fun! Paul wrote many letters to different churches to encourage them.

Handwriting (names)

YOU'LL NEED...

- Whiteboard markers
- Laminated printout of the children's names

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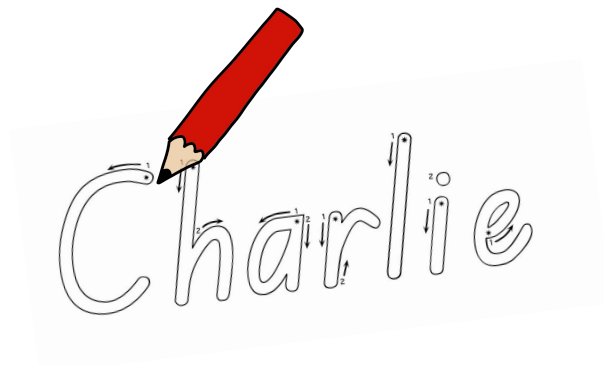
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STEPS

1. Provide each child with a laminated copy of their first name. If possible, download the correct font for your schooling region. [Here is one site you can download the Queensland Beginner and Cursive Handwriting Fonts.](#)
2. Start by asking the children the first letter of their name, and then ask the children to find this letter on their name chart.
3. Demonstrate how to find the dot in that letter and follow the arrows to trace the letter in the correct way. Use whiteboard markers on the laminated cards (and tissues to remove them or a simple microfibre cloth).
4. Repeat for each letter until they have traced their name.



Link

Paul wrote a letter to the Galatians, reminding them that there was one, true Gospel. Can you trace the letters in your name?

Memory Match

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout of Memory Match cards (Worksheet #2)

STEPS

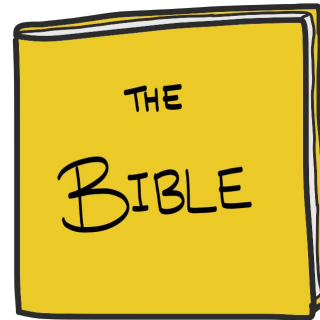
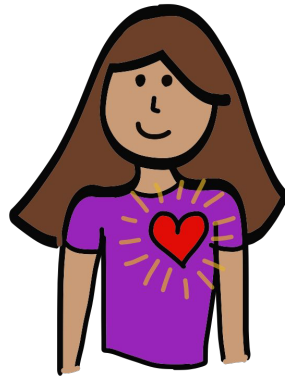
1. Print and glue the memory pictures onto card (idea: recycle packing boxes to use for a thick card option).
2. Show the images, one at a time to the children - talking about the pictures and what they mean.
3. Then shuffl the cards and place them upside down in a grid fashion.
4. Demonstrate how to take turns and play 'memory', where each player turns over two cards to try and find the matching pair. If a matching pair has been found, the player keeps those and then turns over two more. Continue until all pairs have been located.



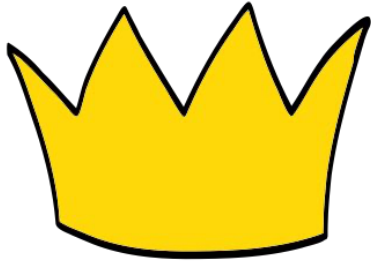
Link

Paul's letter to the Romans is all about how the Good News is for all people. Each of these images relates to what Paul writes about in the book of Romans.

GOD



GOOD NEWS
GOD'S POWER TO SAVE EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES



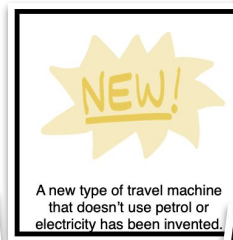
Good News? Bad News?

YOU'LL NEED...

- Green and Red Tokens
- Picture prompts (see Worksheet #3)

STEPS

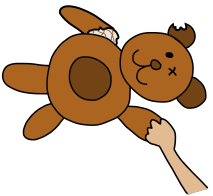
1. Display all of the picture prompts on a table.
2. Using one as an example, ask the children whether they think it is 'good news' or 'bad news'. If 'good news', then place a GREEN counter on top of the picture. If 'bad news' place a red counter on the top.
3. Continue, asking and engaging the children's responses as to why things are 'good news' or 'bad news'.



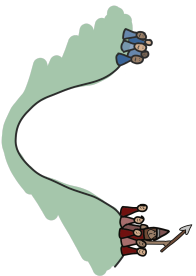
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There are lots of things that happen everyday that we could say are good or bad. The Good News that Jesus saves is good (or great) news!

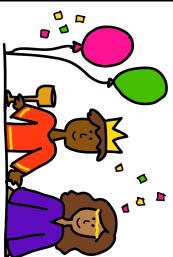
The printabing GOOD NEWS? BAD NEWS? Card set can be found on the following pages.



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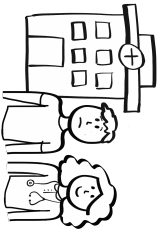
People keep fighting with other people



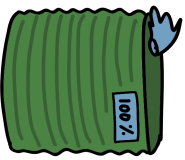
Your parents said you could have a birthday party



Someone made you sad



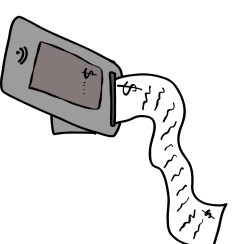
The local hospital has found a cure for a disease



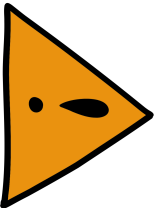
All the rain tanks are full



A new type of travel machine that doesn't use petrol or electricity has been invented.



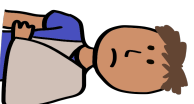
Things keep costing more and more



Your street had to be shut because of dangerous wires



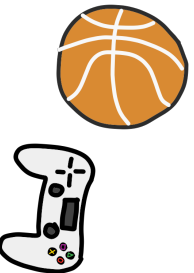
You had some rotten fruit in your lunch



You fell and broke your arm



Everyone had a safe place to live



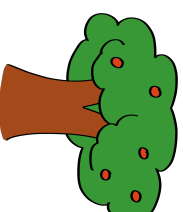
You were given fun toys for your birthday



Your friend told you lies



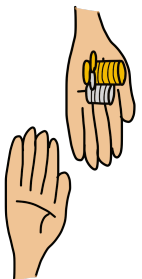
Towns have been flooded



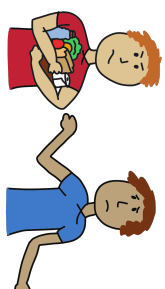
Farmers have worked out how to grow fruit that don't get eaten by bugs



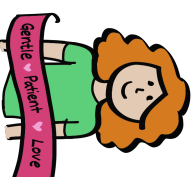
A business was robbed in your neighbourhood



People have started giving more money to those in need



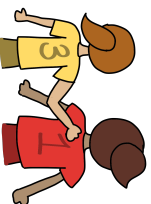
Your friend would not share with you



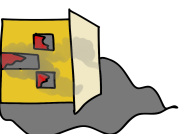
Your school has been nominated as one of the most kind, loving, and caring



All wars have stopped



Your favourite sports team won the Grand Final



There was a house fire in your street



Scientists developed medicine that tastes like chocolate

SERIES
Romans

BIBLE FOCUS
Romans 1:1-17

TOPIC
The Gospel in a Sentence

Romans Snap Cards

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout of Worksheet #Worksheet #4

STEPS

***Prior to playing the game, go through each of the cards and explain what they represent (see next page for description).

1. **Play a game of snap.** Shuffle the cards. Dish them out to each player until there are no cards left.
2. Players are to keep their cards in the hands, with the pictures face down. Players take turns going around the circle, placing a card face-up on the centre pile.
3. If a proceeding card matches the previous one, they are to 'snap' by being the first to slap their hand over the pile of cards. If they succeed (be the first), they pick up the entire pile of cards. The winner is the person with the most cards in this game.
4. **ALTERNATIVE: Play a game of memory.** Shuffle the cards and lay them all face down. Each child is to take a turn flipping two cards over. If they match, that player takes the cards, leaving blank spaces where they were. If they don't match, flip them back over. Continue around the circle, each having turns until all cards are in pairs.



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Each of the images used in this card game showcase themes and concepts Paul writes about throughout the book of Romans.

WORKSHEET 4

Jesus came to save the Jews.

We have all sinned.

The Good News is about Jesus.

Christ died on the cross for our sins.

We are called to love Jesus with our whole heart and to love others.

We deserve judgment for our sin. But God offers us grace.

Jesus is King of the whole world.

We must stop idolising or making gods of other things.

It was always part of God's plan to rescue his people.

Paul wrote this letter to the Romans.

Jesus came to save the Gentiles (non-Jews).

We all have a choice - to go our way or God's way.

The Good News has been recorded in the Bible for us to read and learn.



The Good News is about Jesus and how we died on the cross and rose to new life to save us.

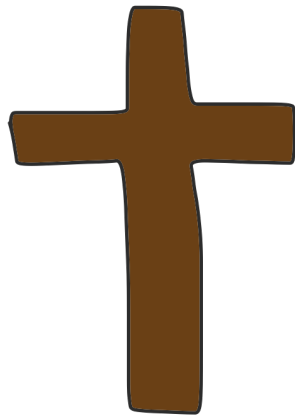
Paul wrote this letter to the Romans.

Christ loves us so much he died for us.

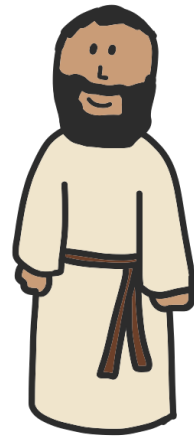
The gift of God is eternal life, through Christ Jesus.

The full ROMANS SNAP CARD printable set can be found on the following pages.

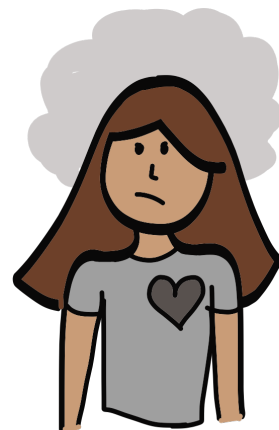
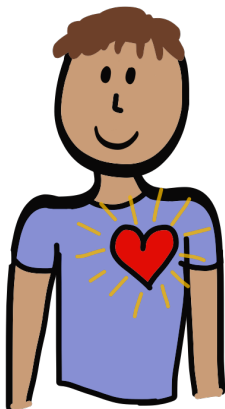
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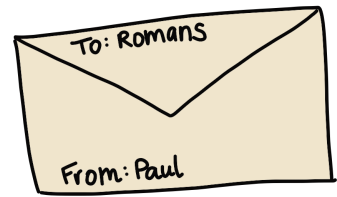


GENTILE

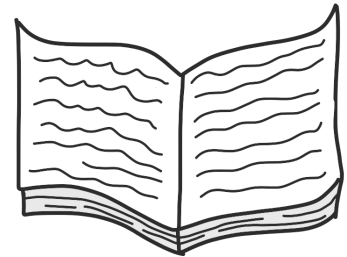


JEW

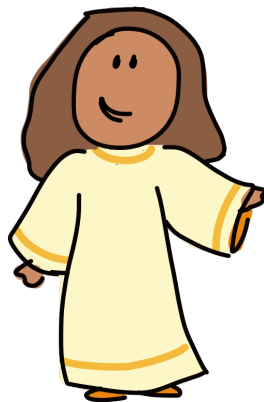




GOD



ETERNAL LIFE



Gospel War-cry

YOU'LL NEED...

- Paper, clipboards and pencils

STEPS

1. Paul wrote this letter to the Romans to explain that the Good News of Jesus Christ brings salvation to those who believe.
2. Create a Gospel war-cry that summarises Paul's teaching. Be creative, make it catchy, and make sure it emphasises the point that there is only one, true Gospel and that the only good news that saves is by grace through faith in Christ alone (not because of added extras).



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Paul's letter to the Romans is like a war cry to guard and proclaim the message of salvation. Paul fought for the one-true Gospel - that salvation is made possible because of Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection to new life.

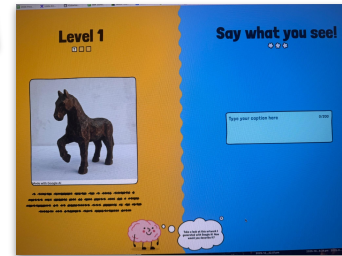
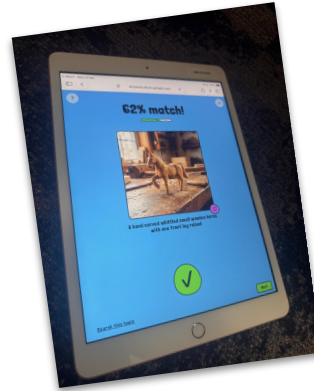
Say what you see

YOU'LL NEED...

- I pads or computers with internet access

STEPS

1. Navigate to the [Google Arts and Culture Say What you See page](#).
2. This page using AI generated images. Your task is to generate a close match by briefly describing the original image in detail. Have children work in pairs or trios to try and work their way through the levels.



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Can you describe these images accurately using one sentence? Can you describe the Gospel in one sentence?

GAME: Red Rover

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printouts of the children's names (to help with letter recognition)

SERIES
Romans

BIBLE FOCUS
Romans 1:1-17

TOPIC
The Gospel in a Sentence

WEEK

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STEPS

1. One child starts out the front while the others form a line (shoulder-to-shoulder) on one side of the room so that all children can see the child out the front.
2. The child out the front (with help from an adult if younger) chooses a letter to call over. They then say "Red Rover, Red Rover, I call over anyone with a letter ... in their name"
3. Children use the printout of their name to help them see if they have the letter called out.
4. All the children with that letter in their name are to try and run across to the opposite side of the room without being tagged.
5. Once all of these children have run to the other side or have been tagged, the remaining children are called as a group.
6. If a child is tagged, they join the child out the front for the next round.
7. Repeat until all the children have been tagged. The one child who remains at the end is the winner!



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Paul wrote a letter to the Galatians, reminding them that there was one, true Gospel. Can your listen in this game to the letters of the alphabet that are in your name?

GAME: Good News/Bad News?

YOU'LL NEED...

- A room with space to move from one side of the room to the other

STEPS

1. This activity is based on a human likert scale, where participants choose a side of the room to stand on, based on their answer to a given question. Each question will be targeting whether children think the statement is good news or bad news.
 - a) Your mum just brought you a new set of Lego
 - b) Your dad tried to eat a cane toad and then got really sick
 - c) You went to the zoo and got to cuddle a baby koala
 - d) You fell down and hurt your wrist so badly that you broke a bone
 - e) You found some vegetables in your lunchbox that you don't like
 - f) Your parents bought a ticket in the local school raffle and won 1st prize
 - g) You put your hand in your pocket and found a chocolate bar you put there yesterday...but it is melted
 - h) You were planning a picnic in the park with friends but the weather forecast says it will be storming
 - i) You finished your homework on time but left it at home on the day that it was due
 - j) Jesus died on the cross and rose again so that we could be saved



Link

There is good news and bad news. Can you decide which is which?