



Resource Pack

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

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WEEK 18

Gospel Partnership and Unity

Romans / Romans 15-16

OVERVIEW

GATHER

READ

CHAT

DO

PRAY

A vibrant, artistic depiction of a Roman temple. The columns and the central pedestal are covered in colorful graffiti and abstract patterns. The sky is a deep blue with white clouds. The overall style is a blend of classical architecture and modern street art.

THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

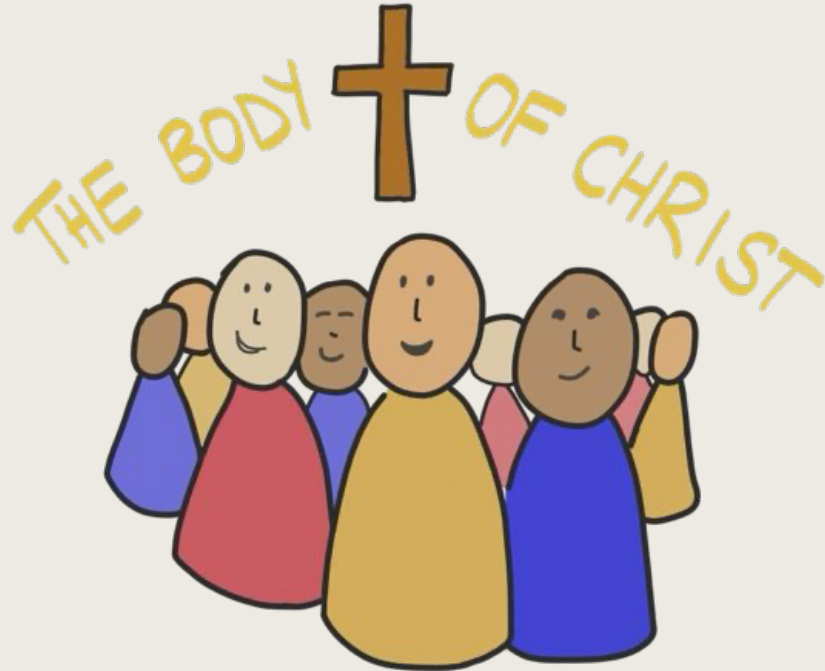
STRENGTHENED

BY THE GOSPEL

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Gospel Partnership and Unity

Romans 15-16



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

- ☐ Prayer Dice
- ☐ Printout Worksheet #1
- ☐ Crayons / Coloured pencils
- ☐ Clipboards if needed
- ☐ Worship Video Clips
- ☐ Small coloured card (approx. A6 size)
- ☐ Coloured pencils
- ☐ Hole puncher
- ☐ String
- ☐ Large wooden tree
- ☐ Play dough
- ☐ Play dough mats
- ☐ Wipes for cleaning
- ☐ Prayer memory cards
- ☐ Mini whiteboards and whiteboard pens
- ☐ Cards with envelopes
- ☐ Coloured pencils / pens
- ☐ Romans (memory Verse) Stickers
- ☐ Romans Card Games printout (worksheet #2)
- ☐ Printout of various Scripture verses on A6 card
- ☐ There are some beautiful designs available for purchase online. We found this one on Etsy
- ☐ Pencils/pens
- ☐ Clipboards
- ☐ Letter Writing Paper
- ☐ 4 x Memory verse printed and cut out and placed into some envelopes, each set with a different colour stamp drawn on the corner of the envelopes (see Worksheet #3 for memory verse)
- ☐ 5 hula hoops

ADDITIONAL INFO

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

SESSION OUTLINE

SERIES

Romans

BIBLE FOCUS

Romans 15-16

TOPIC

Gospel Partnership and Unity

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THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

The Gospel unites believers in mission, partnership, and hope.

SERIES OVERVIEW

ROMANS - Strengthened by the Gospel

Paul's letter to the Romans is one of the most important pieces of written correspondence in all of human history. Formerly known as Saul of Tarsus, Paul—a Pharisee who actively persecuted Christians—had a radical encounter with the risen Lord Jesus and was commissioned by Jesus as an apostle to proclaim the Good News to the Gentiles (the world of non-Jewish people). Paul proclaimed the Gospel, established churches, and wrote to these new communities and their leaders to instruct, encourage, and correct them. As one set apart for the gospel of God, Paul writes to the Roman Christians in order to proclaim this good news, defend his apostolic authority, enlist the prayerful support of the Roman Christians, and express his eagerness to visit them. Paul—as apostle, teacher, and pastor—longs for the believers to be strengthened and mutually encouraged by the gospel. We approach Romans with the same hope.

MULTIMEDIA

1. [SBK Kids Talk](#)
2. [Romans 15 for Kids](#)
3. [Romans 15:13 Devotional](#)

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. [All around the world](#)
2. [One Step, Two Step \(Cover\)](#)
3. [Thankful](#)

SONGS

PRIMARY

1. [All around the world](#)
2. [One Step, Two Step \(Cover\)](#)
3. [Thankful](#)



TEACHING TIME

Gospel Partnership and Unity

Now Paul is at the end of this long letter to the Christians in Rome. And he wants to encourage them to stay strong in their faith in Jesus.

He knows that they are all different from one another. Some are Jews; others are Gentiles. Some are slaves; some are slave owners. Some are educated; some are not.

But the most important thing to remember is that they're all working towards the same goal: building the kingdom of God *together!*

And so are we. We're all different: different ages, different families we belong to; different things that we're good at. But Jesus is inviting all of us to be part of building his Kingdom.

How do we do that? Paul talks about 4 different ways.. Can you imagine what they might be from what you've learned about Romans?

First: we **ENCOURAGE** each other. We are patient with each other; we're not selfish; we make friends with people we don't know very well; if we know the Bible better than others do, we help them.

Second: we **PRAY** for each other. Paul prayed for the people he was writing to - but he also asked them to pray for him. His work in sharing the gospel wasn't easy or safe. In the Kingdom, we all face different problems - so we pray for God to help each other.

Third: we **SHARE the GOOD NEWS** about Jesus with others. Invite friends to Kids Church and Kids Club. Pray for them. When we do that, they might become part of God's Kingdom too!

Fourth: we **TRUST** the Bible. Its truth is what unites us. Be careful of people who might seem very nice but they are not teaching the truth.

So in God's Kingdom, everyone is different but we need each other's help. And when we build the Kingdom together, the Holy Spirit gives us joy and peace and hope. And that is how the church grows!

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Early Childhood

How does Jesus want us to live?

2. Lower Primary

How does Jesus want us to live?

3. Middle Primary

What part do you play in building God's Kingdom?

4. Upper Primary

What part do you play in building God's Kingdom?

FOCUS

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WARM-UPS

- *Has anything happened this week that has really encouraged you?*
- *Why is encouragement so important*

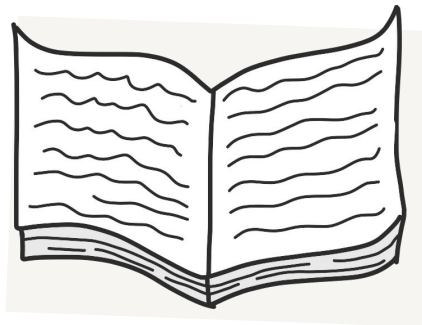


Early Childhood

Gospel Partnership and Unity



Since Jesus did not just do things to please himself, we should be kind and patient with others.



The Bible teaches us about God and shows us how to live.



So I pray that he will help you to love one another and be good friends. That is how Jesus wants you to live.

Early Childhood



God wants us to have the hope and joy he gives us.

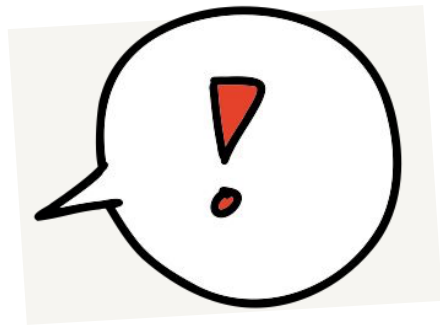


Please pray for me that I'll be kept safe as I teach the gospel, and that I will be able to come and visit you one day.



And I will pray for you that God will be with you and help you.

Early Childhood



Be careful of people who teach things that are not true about God.



They cause people to turn away from God.



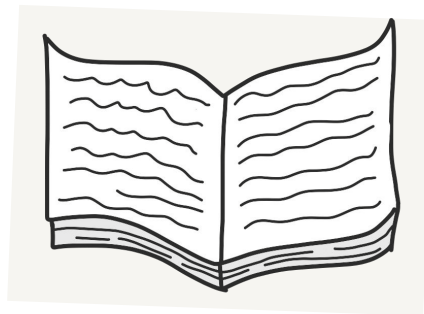
Listen to what the Bible teaches and keep following Jesus.

Lower Primary

Gospel Partnership and Unity



Ch15 V1-3 Since Jesus did not just do things to please himself, we Christians should be patient in helping one another.



4 We have the Bible to guide us and God to help us as he promises.

Lower Primary



5 So I pray that he will help you to agree with one another and to be friends. That is how Jesus wants you to live.

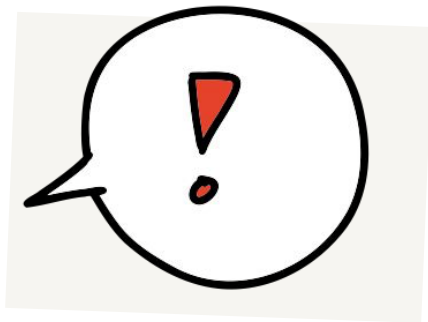


13 God wants us to enjoy living in the hope and joy that he gives.

Lower Primary

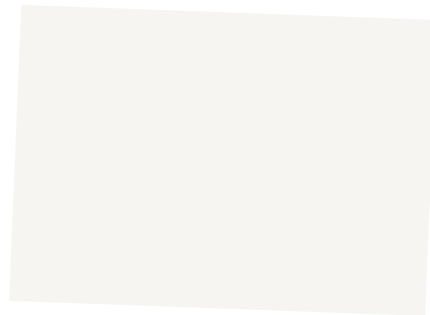
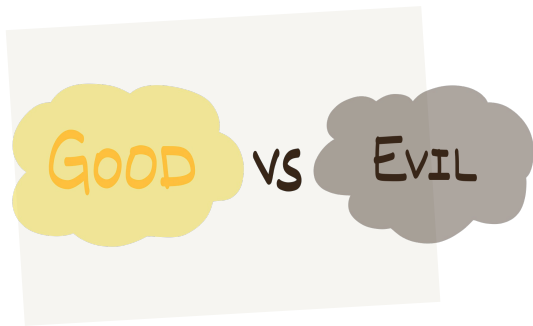


30-33 Please pray for me that I'll be kept safe as I teach the gospel, and that I will be able to come and visit you one day. And I will pray for you that God will be with you and help you.



17-18 It's very important that you be very careful of people who teach wrong things. They cause people to turn away from God.

Lower Primary



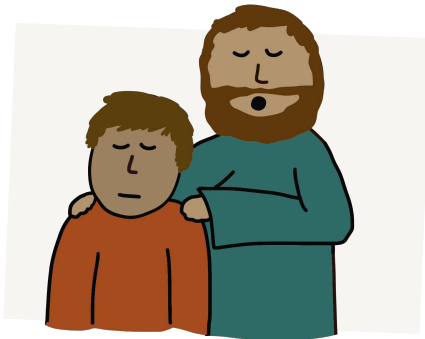
18-19 Stay away from them; they are just pleasing themselves. Hold on to the teachings that are good.

Middle Primary

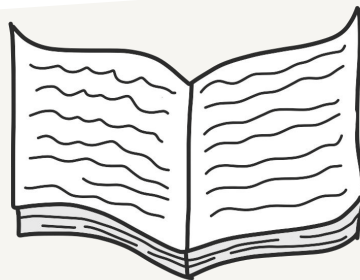
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Ch15Vs1 Those of us who trust Jesus with strong faith must help those believers whose faith is weaker. We must be patient with them. We should not just do things that will make us happy ourselves.



2-3 Instead, each of us should do things that will help others. We should help them to trust God more strongly. Even Jesus did not just do things to please himself.



4 Everything in the Bible is there to teach us something. Those words help us to be patient and strong. As a result, we can trust God to do what he has promised.

Middle Primary



5 It is God himself who helps us to be patient and encouraging. So I pray that he will help you to agree with one another and to be friends. That is how Jesus wants you to live. stbartskids.org



6-7 Jesus has accepted you, so you must accept each other. Then you will all praise God.



13 May the God who gives hope fill you with great joy. May you have perfect peace as you trust in him. May the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with hope.

Middle Primary



30 Please pray for me as I do this difficult work. Together we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ. God's Spirit has given us love for each other. So I ask you to help me and to pray with me.

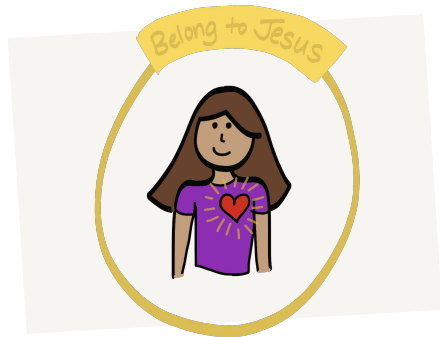


31 Pray that God will keep me safe from some people who don't believe in Jesus. Pray also that God's people at Jerusalem will happily accept the gift that I am taking to them.

PEACE

32-33 If God agrees, I will then be able to come to you, and we will enjoy each other's company and be encouraged. I pray that God will give you peace, and that he will be with all of you and help you.

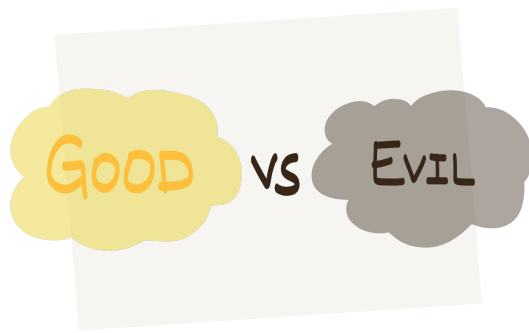
Middle Primary



16-17 It's very important that you be very careful of people who teach wrong things that are different from God's gospel that I taught you. Those people cause you to quarrel with each other and turn away from God. Stay away from



18 People who are like that are not servants of our Lord Jesus. Instead, they are pleasing themselves. They speak words that seem very nice, but they deceive people who easily accept a false message.



19 Everyone knows that you obey God. So I am very pleased. Hold on to the things that are good, and avoid things that are bad.

FOCUS

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Early Childhood

PRAYER

Dear God,
THANK YOU for Jesus.
HELP US to be kind, helpful and loving to others.
HELP US to follow you.
Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

View SBK ebook Romans 15-16 (selected passages)

- 1. What is the best present you have ever received?**
Encourage children to talk about their favourite birthday and Christmas presents.
- 2. Can you tell me about a time a present you received got broken?**
Maybe a remote control car ran out of batteries and wouldn't work. Maybe a puzzle piece got lost and now the jigsaw can't be completed etc.
- 3. Did you know that God gives us a VERY special gift? One that never gets lost or runs out of batteries or breaks. It is His Holy Spirit.**
Discuss with the children that God's gift, His Holy Spirit, shows the world that we belong to Him.
- 4. The Bible tells us that God's gift changes our hearts. How might we show others that we belong to God?**
Being kind.
Being gentle.
Being patient.
Being joyful.
Loving others.
Sharing etc

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5-6

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Lower Primary

PRAYER

Gracious Father,
Please give us the same attitude toward each other as Christ, so that we may glorify you with one mind and voice.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Romans 15-16 (selected passages) from SBK Lower Primary Scripture

1. Have you ever belonged to a team?

Why is it important to have a good coach?

A good coach knows how the whole team can do well. In the book of Romans, Paul is like a coach, helping the Christians in Rome (and us) to know what it means to be a part of the Kingdom of God.

2. In verse 1-3, how can we follow Jesus' example?

By being patient with each other.

Patience means (choose the wrong idea:

- Understanding when a friend is upset
- Sharing things with others
- Getting angry when we don't get our way
- Being calm if we have to wait in line

3. How does God help us to be patient?

He has given us the Bible that is full of people who were patient (Jesus, Mary, Joseph). They set us a good example. And if we love Jesus, he will help us to live happily with each other instead of getting cross.

4. Why does Paul need the prayers of the Romans (the people he is writing to)?

Because he needs to be kept safe while he is sharing the Good News, and because he wants to come and visit them one day.

5. Why is it important that we don't listen to people who are teaching wrong things?

Because they will lead us away from God. Instead, we trust the Bible and listen to wise people.

6. What does God want for us?

He wants us to live with his hope and joy (v13) and to know that God will help us to share his love with the friends around us..

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Middle Primary

PRAYER

Gracious Father,
Please give us the same attitude toward each other as Christ, so that we may glorify you with one mind and voice.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Romans 15-16 (selected) from Mid Prim Scripture

- What are some of the teams that you belong to? Why is a good coach important?**
A good coach knows the big picture of what the team needs to accomplish. Throughout the book of Romans, Paul is trying to coach Christians so we understand our part in the Kingdom of God.
- We encourage each other. How many ways of encouraging can you find in chapter 15: 1-5?**
Being patient, not selfish. Be ready to help each other; just being happy ourselves.
- How does God (Jesus) help us to be patient and encouraging?** Jesus is an example of being patient with his disciples and encouraging them to grow in faith. Ask the children about other stories in the Bible that illustrate patience eg Joseph; Hannah.
- We pray for each other. In chapter 15:30, why does Paul ask the Romans to pray for him?**
His work is not always safe but he longs to be able to get to more places to share the Good News.
- What are some ways that we can build the kingdom of God through prayer?** Praying for each other. Praying for friends and family who don't know Jesus. Praying that God will protect people who are persecuted. Praying that those suffering through natural disasters might turn to God.
- Invite children to pray for such people (silently or aloud).**

- We trust the Bible. Read chapter 16:17-18: Can you think of some untruths that people believe about Jesus or God?**

That God does not exist. That Jesus was just a good teacher but nothing more. That God doesn't answer prayer. That the Bible is just another book. Talk together about how it is through faith that we believe that God is real, that Jesus is our Saviour and that the Bible is God's message to us. All of Romans was written so that people would know the truth about the Gospel and come to faith in Jesus Christ.

- Read 16 v19. Why is it important to hold onto the things that are good and avoid the things that are bad?** Talk about 'good things' (summarised by obedience to Jesus) and how important it is to encourage each other to practise doing good. Help children to understand that we shouldn't follow people who tell us to do wrong things. Instead, keep our eyes on Jesus and listen to wise people. That way, we are helping to build the Kingdom of God.
- What's our next step?:**
When we follow Jesus by encouraging each other, by praying for our friends, by trusting the Bible, we will want to share everything about Jesus with people who don't know him. Just like Paul did.
Who will you share the Good News with this week?.

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5-6 ²³

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Upper Primary

PRAYER

Gracious Father,
Please give us the same attitude toward each other as Christ, so that we may glorify you with one mind and voice.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Romans 15 - 16 (selected passages) from the NIRV Bible

- What are some of the teams that you belong to? Why is a good coach important?**
A good coach knows the big picture of the what the team is trying to accomplish. Paul is trying to coach the Christians in Rome so that they know their part in building the Big Picture of the Kingdom of God.
- How many ways of encouraging each other, can you find in chapter 15: 1-7?** Being patient, not selfish. Be more concerned about others than just being happy ourselves. Accept each other.
- How does God (Jesus) help us to be patient and encouraging v5?** Jesus is an example of being patient with his disciples and encouraging them to grow in faith. Ask the children about other stories in the Bible that illustrate patience eg Joseph; Hannah.
- Paul asks for prayer In chapter 15:17-20 and 29-31, and again in 16: 30-32. Why is he so concerned that people pray for him?**
His work is not always safe but he longs to be able to get to more places to share the Good News.
- What are some ways that we can build the kingdom of God through prayer?** Praying for each other. Praying for friends and family who don't know Jesus. Praying that God will protect people who are persecuted. Praying that those suffering through natural disasters might turn to God. **Invite children to pray silently or out loud for such people.**

6. Read chapter 16:17-18. Can you think of some untruths that people believe about Jesus or God?

That God does not exist. That Jesus was just a good teacher but nothing more. That God doesn't answer prayer. That the Bible is just another book.

Talk together about how it is through faith that we believe that God is real, that Jesus is our Saviour and that the Bible is God's message to us.

All of Romans was written so that people would know the truth about the Gospel and come to faith in Jesus Christ.

7. Read 16 v19. Why is it important to hold onto the things that are good and avoid the things that are bad?

Talk about 'good things' (summarised by obedience to Jesus) and how important it is to encourage each other to do this so that the kingdom of God is built up.

Help children to understand that wrong things (lying, being mean) can become habits that we hold on to - and then they start to control us.

8. What's our next step?:

So if we encourage each other, pray for each other, trust the Bible and don't listen to people who point us in the wrong direction, we will be part of building the kingdom of God right here. And we will want to tell our friends all about Jesus.

Who will we share the Good News with this week?

Read together the verse about unity and hope in Romans 15: 5-6.

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5-6

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EARLY CHILDHOOD

Dear God,

THANK YOU for Jesus.

HELP US to be kind, helpful and loving to others.

HELP US to follow you.

Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Gracious Father,

Please give us the same attitude toward each other as Christ, so that we may glorify you with one mind and voice.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

TIPS

Make a list of some people you could intentionally pray for and encourage this week as they serve God.

Early Childhood

Dear God,

THANK YOU for Jesus.

HELP US to be kind, helpful and loving to others.

HELP US to follow you.

Amen.

Sunday School

Gracious Father,

Please give us the same attitude toward each other
as Christ, so that we may glorify you with one mind
and voice.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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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

- Prayer Dice
- Colouring
- Singing
- Prayer Tree (Kindy)
- Play Dough Mats (Kindy)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Whiteboard Prayers (Prep)
- Romans Review Card Games (Prep)
- Card Making (1-2)
- Scripture Messages of Encouragement (3-4)
- Letters of Encouragement (3-6)

GAMES

- Prayer Memory (Kindy)
- Partner Challenges (Prep-Yr 6)

Prayer Dice

YOU'LL NEED...

- Prayer Dice

STEPS

1. Introduce the prayer dice and show each of the 6 sides, walking the children through what each of them mean.
2. Take turns rolling the dice. The side that is facing up is the topic of prayer for that person. Encourage the children to pray aloud if they are ready. Their prayers could be as simple as 'Dear God, we pray for the church'. Encourage everyone to say Amen at the end of each prayer.



Link

One of the last things Paul reminded the Romans in his letter to them, was that they should be faithful in regular prayer. We too, should make this a priority in our lives.

Colouring

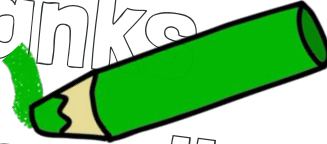
YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout Worksheet #1
- Crayons / Coloured pencils
- Clipboards if needed

STEPS

1. Provide each child with a colouring in sheet.
2. Get the children to colour in the picture and help them write who or what they want to thank God for. Eg Mummy, Daddy, Grandma, Pet, Flowers, etc.

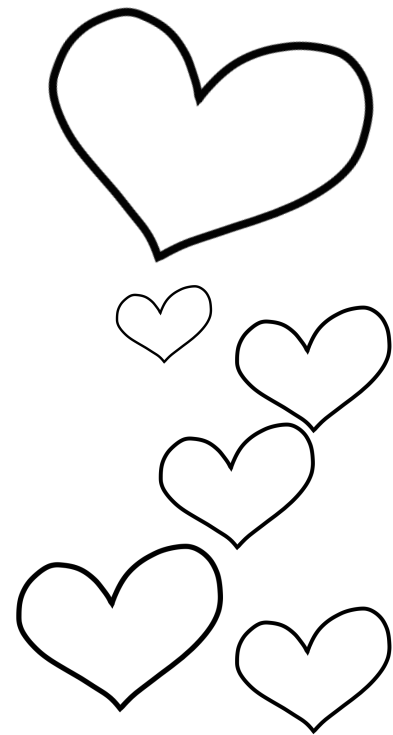
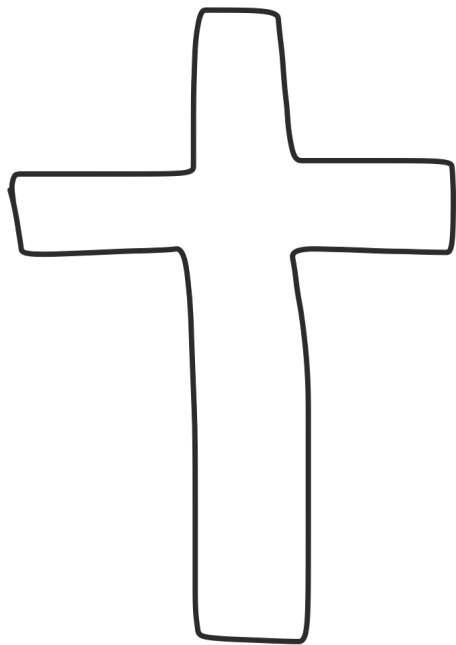
Give thanks
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he has done



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Praying for each other and for opportunities to share the Gospel should be part of our daily life.

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Thank You God for: _____

Singing

YOU'LL NEED...

- Worship Video Clips:
[I Will Pray](#)
[Five Finger Prayer](#)
[Stop what you're doing and pray to Jesus](#)
[Pray about everything](#)

SERIES
Romans

BIBLE FOCUS
Romans 15-16

TOPIC
Gospel Partnership and Unity

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STEPS

- Lead the children in this week's worship songs about prayer.
- Remind the children that we need to pray for each other and that Jesus is the Good News that we need to tell everyone about.



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Prayer Tree

YOU'LL NEED...

- Small coloured card (approx. A6 size)
- Coloured pencils
- Hole puncher
- String
- Large wooden tree

STEPS

1. Give each child two pieces of card
2. Invite the children to draw two pictures. One being something they can thank God for, and the other being a picture of someone that they know who they would love to come to know Jesus. Children are welcome to do more cards if they would like.
3. Thread string through the hole punch in the corner, tie the string, and encourage the children to hang their prayers on the wooden tree in the creche room at the end of the session.



Link

Praying for each other and for opportunities to share the Gospel should be part of our daily life.

Play Dough Mats

YOU'LL NEED...

- Play dough
- Play dough mats
- Wipes for cleaning

STEPS

1. Invite the children use play dough to create/cover all of the different love hearts on the mat.
2. Talk about the symbol of a love heart and what it means. Remind children of the great love of God that we can experience through Jesus. Remind children how much God loves them and how we can show love to others through His example.



Link

Jesus showed us how to love others by His example, and we should follow that example everyday.

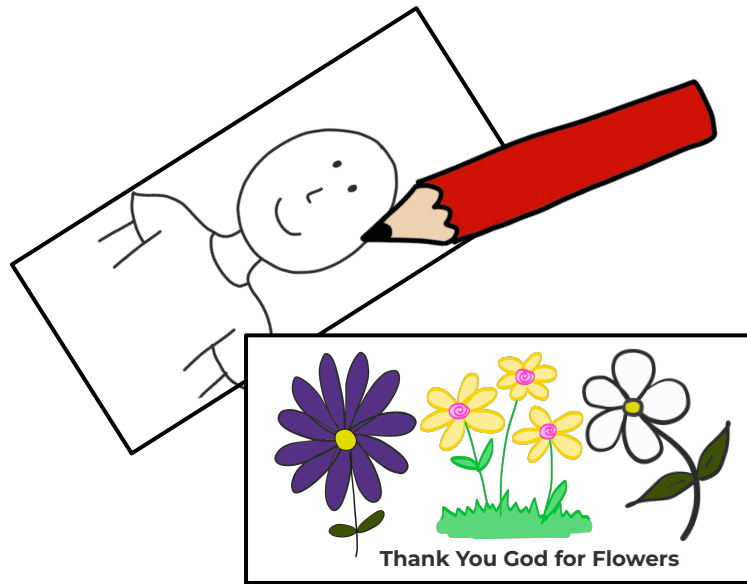
Whiteboard Prayers

YOU'LL NEED...

- Whiteboard pens and mini whiteboards

STEPS

1. Give each child a whiteboard and markers.
2. Invite the children to draw two pictures. One being something they can thank God for, and the other being a picture of someone that they know. Children are welcome to do more cards if they would like.
3. Talk with the children about what they drew and say a prayer thanking God and praying for their family and friends.



Link

Paul was constantly writing letters and praying for the Christian communities around him. We too can pray for others.

Romans Review Card Games

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout of Worksheet #Worksheet #2

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 success (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.



Link

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

WORKSHEET 4

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.

Jesus came to save the Jews.

We have all sinned.

The Good News is about Jesus.

Christ died on the cross for our sins.

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.

WORKSHEET 2

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



Card Making

YOU'LL NEED...

- Cards with envelopes
- Coloured pencils / pens
- Romans (memory Verse) Stickers

STEPS

1. Talk about how Paul was a passionate letter writer and recap some of the content of his letters - challenging, encouraging, reminding, rebuking, explaining, and more.
2. Explain that today the children will be given the opportunity to design and write a card to another Disciple Maker, to encourage them and to pray that God would fill them with hope and joy. Have the children choose a remaining Romans stickers to place on the front of the card and then write a short message on the inside, before decorating.
3. Ask to the children to consider who they might write to and encourage:
 - > **an older member at their church**
 - > **a mission partner**
 - > **a family member who helps disciple them**
 - > **their small group leader**



Link

Paul wrote letters to groups of believers in many different regions. We can also write letters to encourage other believers in sharing the Good News and serving others.

Scripture Messages of Encouragement

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout of various Scripture verses on A6 card

There are some beautiful designs available for purchase online. We found this one on [Etsy](#)

- Pencils/pens
- Clipboards

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STEPS

1. Talk about how Paul encouraged lots of groups to stay faithful to the Gospel. He knew God's word and wanted others to know it too.
2. Today, offer the children the chance to select a Scripture Card to give to another Disciple Maker at St Bart's.
3. Read the words on the cards to them and talk about their meaning.
4. On the back of the card, get the children to write a short message of encouragement to someone else. One example could be to pray that they might be filled with all peace and joy.
5. Ask to the children if they have someone specific at St Bart's that they would like to encourage. Else, ask them to simply write 'Hello Disciple Maker' before writing their message.



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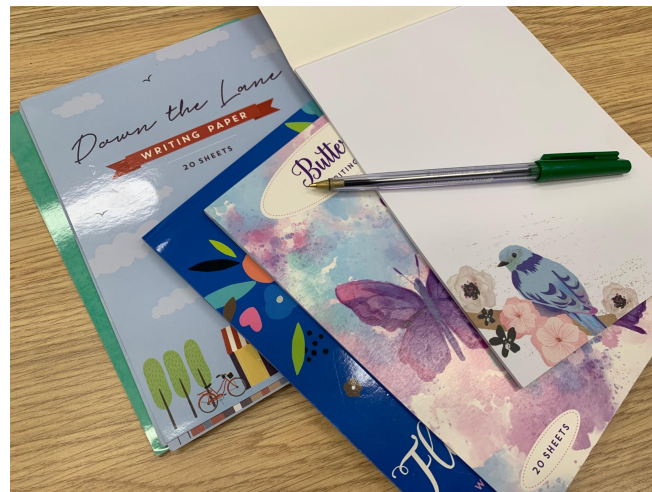
Letter Writing

YOU'LL NEED...

- Writing Paper
- Pencils
- Clipboards

STEPS

1. Talk about how Paul was a passionate letter writer and recap some of the content of his letters - challenging, encouraging, reminding, rebuking, explaining, and more.
2. Explain that today the children will be given the opportunity to write letters to others, to encourage them in sharing of the Good News and serving others.
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GAME: Prayer Memory

YOU'LL NEED...

- Prayer memory cards

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1. Lay the prayer cards face down in rows.
2. One at a time children turn over two cards, if they match they keep them.
3. If they don't match the cards are turned face down again and it's the next child's turn.
4. Keep playing until all cards have been matched. The winner is the child with the most cards at the end.



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One of the last things Paul modelled to the Romans in his letter to them, was that they should be faithful in regular prayer. We too, should make this a priority in our lives.

GAME: Rob the Nest

YOU'LL NEED...

- 4 x Memory verse printed and cut out and placed into some envelopes, each set with a different colour stamp drawn on the corner of the envelopes (see Worksheet #3 for memory verse)
- 5 hula hoops

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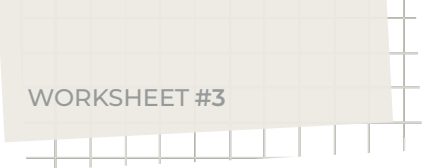
1. Split everyone into 4 even groups. Each group is allocated a different colour.
2. In the centre of the room put the envelopes in one of the hula hoops. Put one hula hoop in each of the corners, this is each teams 'nest'.
3. Each group sends one runner at a time to collect one of the envelopes and return to their group.
4. If the stamp on the envelope is their group colour, they keep the envelope behind their 'nest'. If it is not their colour, they place it in the nest.
5. Continue steps 3-4 until all the envelopes in the centre have been taken. Then teams are allowed to steal from other nests (still only ONE runner per team at a time).
6. Meanwhile the rest of the group works to put together all the words to form today's Scripture verse.
7. The first group to form the verse accurately is the winning team.

Scripture Verse: Romans 15:13
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



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As Paul finishes his letter to the Romans, he encourages them to keep Christ as their example as they show love and patience with one another. He also prays that God would be the source of his strength and also fill them with hope and joy.

A graphic of a worksheet with a grid pattern, partially visible in the top left corner.

WORKSHEET #3

The printable ROB THE NEST SCRIPTURE can be found on the next page.



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