

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Who are some people you struggle to get along with?
- How can you show love to those people?
- Why do you think God unites all kinds of people through Jesus?

The Church Divided

1 Corinthians 1-6

STORY POINT: THE GOSPEL UNITES ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE IN LOVE.

Paul wrote a letter to the church at Corinth. The believers there were facing problems. One problem was that the church was divided. The people did not always get along or agree about what was most important.

Paul wanted this to stop. "Is Christ divided?" Paul asked. Of course not. Jesus came to bring people together as one body—brothers and sisters in God's family.

What is most important is the gospel. Paul said, "The word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but it is the power of God to us who are being saved."

Paul also reminded the church that believers cannot boast about themselves or other people; no human is as wise or powerful as God. When Paul preached, he didn't use fancy words so that people would think he was smart. He simply shared the good news about Jesus. Everyone in the church is united around Jesus, who died on the cross for our sins. He is God's wisdom and power. When we remember the gospel, we can live in unity with others.

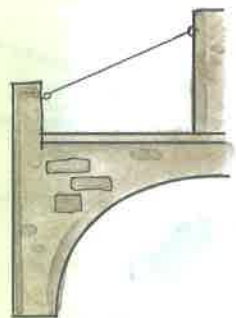
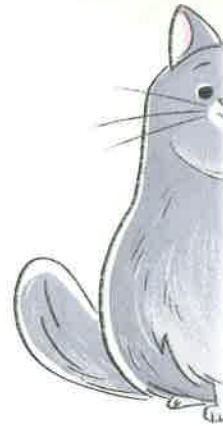
Paul wrote his letter to help the believers in Corinth. He told them many things about how to follow Jesus. Believers should live in such a way that people see them and know they belong to Jesus.

Christ Connection: Paul told the believers in the Corinthian church to come together because of the gospel. He reminded them that Jesus saves sinners. Because of Jesus and what He has done, believers can humbly come together as one body.



Divided Art

INSTRUCTIONS: Draw the second half of each picture below.



Younger Kids Activity Pages

Unit 32 • Session 3 The Church Divided

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Paul wrote a letter to believers in Corinth, where he had helped start a church.
- The people argued over which teachers and leaders were best.
- Paul reminded the believers that all Christians follow Jesus.
- The gospel unites all kinds of people in love.

KEY PASSAGE: Matthew 28:19-20

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What is our mission as Christians? Our mission is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Holy Spirit.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

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FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Lead your kids in kitchen experiments. Try to find unexpected food combinations that actually taste good. Discuss God's plans to unite all kinds of people.



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