

# 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

- What lies did Eve believe? (See Genesis 3:1-4.)
- What lies about God are you tempted to believe?
- What would you say to someone if he or she claimed the Bible isn't true?

## Guarding the Truth

2 Corinthians 11

### STORY POINT: GOD GIVES US POWER TO STAND UP FOR THE GOSPEL.

Paul heard that the believers in Corinth were turning away from the gospel. Other people had come and taught them things that weren't true. So Paul wrote a letter to the church.

"Listen," Paul wrote, "I care about you. I want you to be faithful to Jesus and remember the gospel." The Corinthian believers had everything they needed—the good news of the gospel—yet they were turning away to listen to wrong teaching.

"I'm not a great speaker," Paul admitted, "but I know what I'm talking about." Paul relied on God's power to share the gospel. He spent his life sharing the good news, even though it meant facing suffering.

Paul wrote, "I won't back down. False teachers are trying to spread different messages so that the good news about Jesus won't go out. These teachers are against God, and they're only trying to take advantage of you."

Paul spoke up because he knew the truth. "If anyone deserves to be listened to, it's me. I've worked hard, been thrown in jail and beaten, and nearly died to share the gospel." Paul knew his suffering was worth it, and he wasn't going to give up. "I do all of this because God, the Father of the Lord Jesus, deserves to be praised."



*Christ Connection: Sharing Jesus with the world is not always easy. There will always be some who try to stop the good news from spreading. God calls believers to follow and obey Jesus no matter what.*

# Big Picture Scramble

Unscramble the key words to answer the big picture question.

## Why does the church exist?

The church exists to \_\_\_\_\_ God

**FIRLOGY**

by \_\_\_\_\_ Him,

**SHIPROWNIG**

showing His \_\_\_\_\_,

**OVEL**

and \_\_\_\_\_

**LETLNGI**

others about \_\_\_\_\_.

**SUSJE**



# What Would You Say?

God gives us power to stand up for the gospel. How would you respond to each of these claims? Find and read the references in your Bible for help.



**I'm not sure I can trust the Bible.**

(Proverbs 30:5)



**Jesus isn't really alive, right?**

(1 Corinthians 15:3-6)

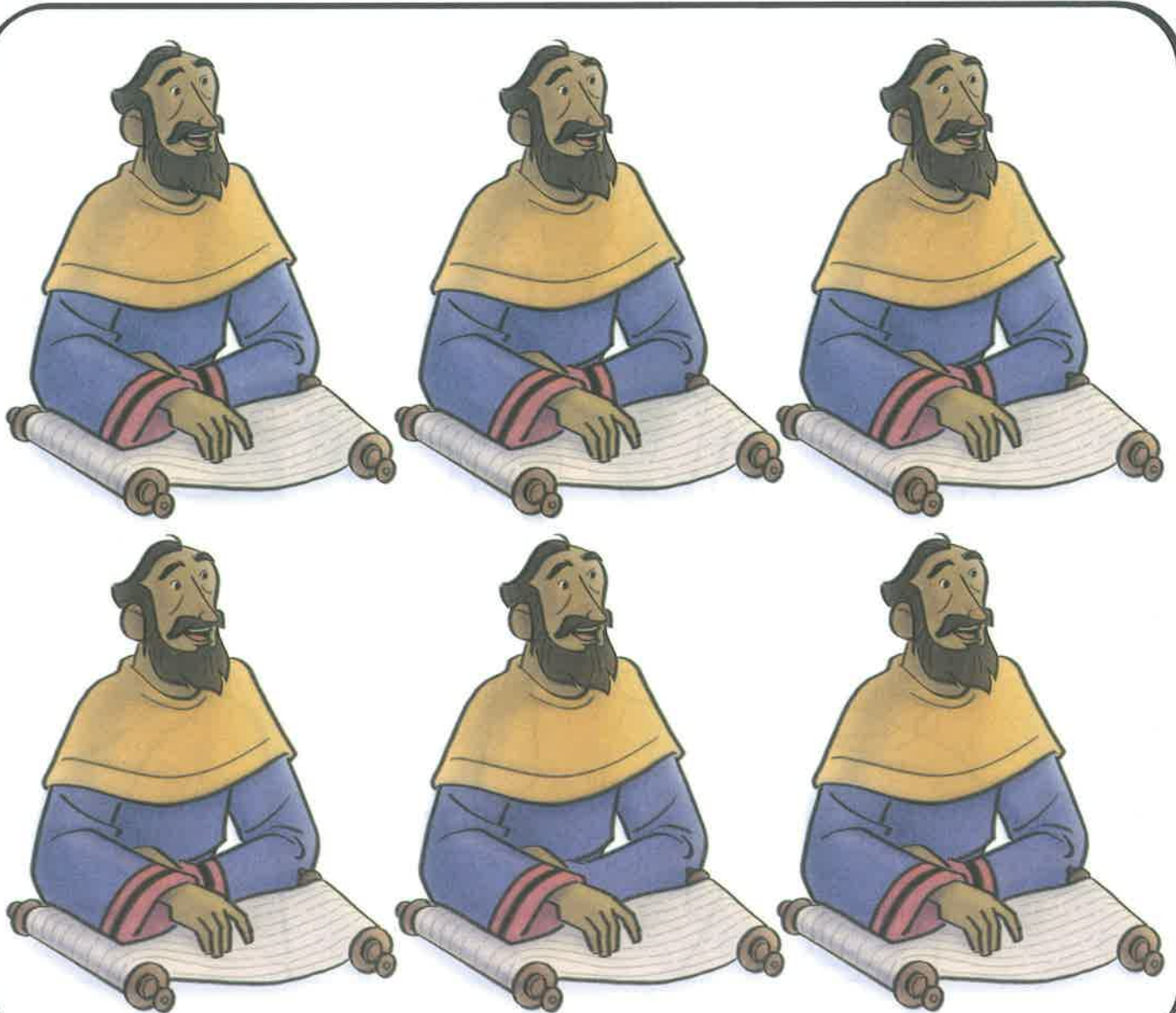


**I'm a good person. I don't need Jesus.**

(Romans 3:23)

# The Real Deal

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Find and circle the one version of Paul that is different from the others.



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**Guarding the Truth**

**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- Paul wrote a letter to believers living in Corinth.
- Believers there had been tricked by false teachers.
- Paul told them to listen only to the truth that he had taught them.
- Paul reminded them of ways he suffered for preaching the truth.
- God gives us power to stand up for the gospel.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Colossians 1:18

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- Why does the church exist? The church exists to glorify God by worshiping Him, showing His love, and telling others about Jesus.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- What does it mean to stand up for the gospel?
- How can you stand up for the gospel?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Have a soccer shootout in your home using a paper wad for the ball. Talk about the way Paul guarded the church from false teachings as a goalie guards her net from opponents trying to score.



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