

# The Holy Bible



The Bible is made up of two parts: the \_\_\_\_\_ Testament and the \_\_\_\_\_ Testament. We find the stories about the life of Jesus in the \_\_\_\_\_ Testament, in the four \_\_\_\_\_ (*hint: this word means “good news”*). These four books of the Bible are named after their authors: M\_\_\_\_\_, M\_\_\_\_\_, L\_\_\_\_\_, and J\_\_\_\_\_.

After Jesus ascended (went up) into Heaven to return to God the Father, His followers wrote letters to each other and to their communities to tell them all about the amazing life and teachings of Jesus. These letters make up part of the Bible. They are sometimes called “epistles” which means a letter that is used for teaching. These epistles were written by the Apostles. There is one letter that was written by an anonymous author. That means we do not know who wrote it. It is called the Letter to the Hebrews. The most famous letters were written by Saint Paul. There are 27 books in this part of the Bible. Saint Paul wrote 13 of them. Let’s take a look at some of his writing. This passage is from Saint Paul’s Epistle to the church in Ephesus:

# Living in the Light

(Ephesians 5:15–21)

Be careful how you live. Don't live like ignorant people, but like wise people. Make good use of every opportunity you have, because these are evil days. Don't be fools, then, but try to find out what the Lord wants you to do. Do not get drunk with wine, which will only ruin you; instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with the words of psalms, hymns, and sacred songs; sing hymns and psalms to the Lord with praise in your hearts. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, always give thanks for everything to God the Father. Submit yourselves to one another because of your reverence for Christ.



## Understanding the Story: The Psalms

Psalms (*pronounced "sawms"*) are a kind of sacred song or poem used in the worship of God. Tradition tells us that the Psalms were written by King David. The Psalms in the Bible express a huge range of emotions: some Psalms are joyful, some are sorrowful, some express fear and anger.

What is your favourite hymn or Christian song? \_\_\_\_\_.

Do you have a favourite Psalm? If not, open your Bible and find the Book of Psalms.

It's after the Book of \_\_\_\_\_ and before the Book of \_\_\_\_\_.

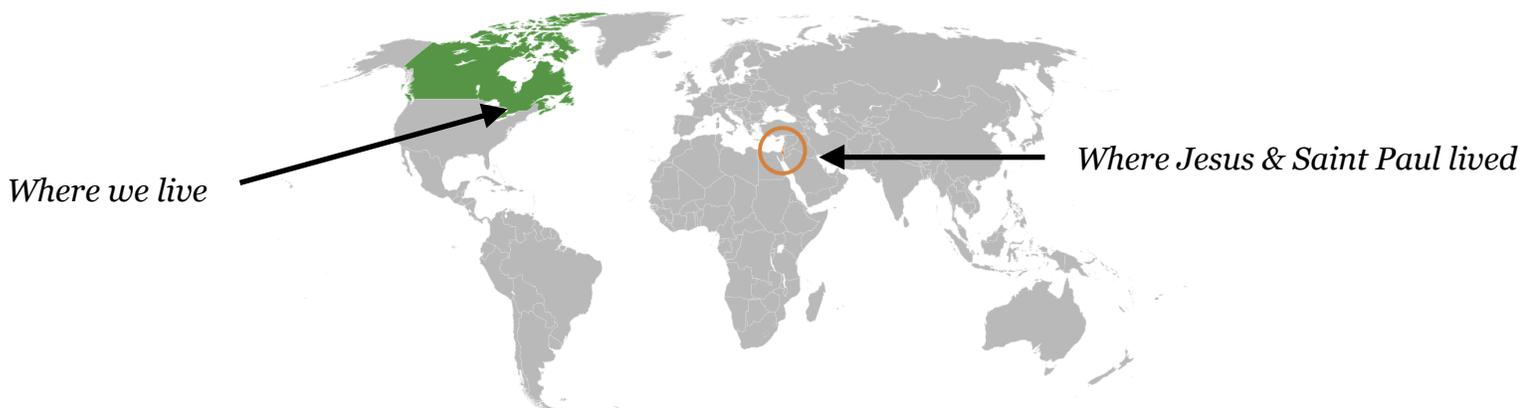
Read through a few of the Psalms. Which one did you like best? Psalm \_\_\_\_\_.

# Understanding the Story: The World of Saint Paul



Take a look at this map of the Mediterranean. Circle the area where Jesus lived.

Today's reading was from Saint Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Find the city of Ephesus and underline it on the map. Saint Paul was born in the city of Tarsus, find it on the map and draw a square around it.

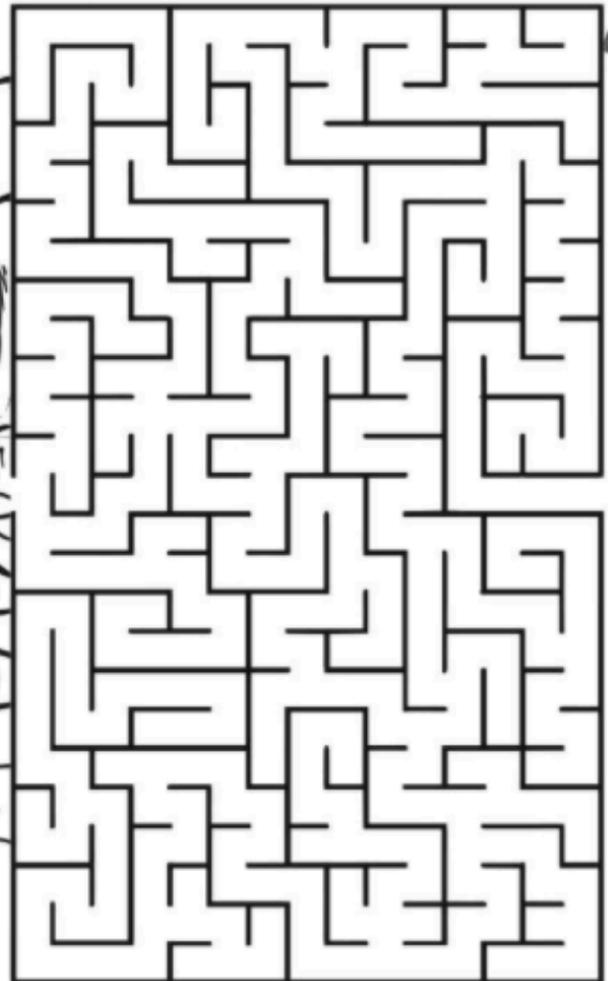


After Jesus, Saint Paul is often considered the most important person in the history of Christianity. He was one of the leaders of the first Christians. Saint Paul travelled all over the Mediterranean region, sharing the good news about the Lord Jesus and establishing churches. Some people did not like Saint Paul because the new teachings that he brought with him challenged their way of life. Saint Paul was arrested and put in prison but he continued to write to his friends in the Church. He wrote four of his epistles while he was in prison, including the Epistle to the Ephesians. He wrote this letter to encourage them to continue living the Christian life according to the teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ.



# THE MISSIONARY JOURNEYS OF PAUL

Help Paul spread the word about Jesus.



START



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Saint Paul

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Find the following words in the puzzle.  
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

BIBLE  
EPHESUS  
EPISTLE  
FATHER  
GOD  
GOSPEL

HYMN  
JESUS  
LETTER  
PAUL  
PRAISE  
PRISON

PSALM  
SPIRIT  
SUBMIT  
TRAVEL  
WISE

How many of these words appear in today's reading from the St Paul's Epistle? Read the passage again and underline any words you recognise from the word search!