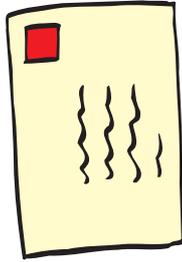


# DAY 36 EXPLORING EPHESIANS

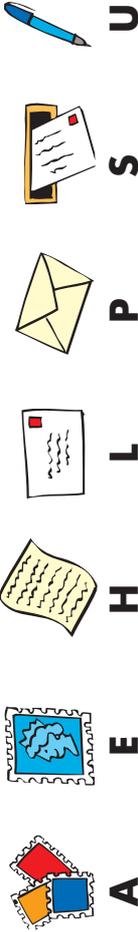
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The Book of Ephesians



Do you like getting letters? I love it! As soon as the postman arrives I stop what I'm doing and rush to see if anything exciting has arrived!

Crack the code to see who *this* letter is for and who sent it.



To: Christians living in \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

But we can read it too!  
It's in the Bible, and it's called **Ephesians**.

**Warning!** Ephesians is a letter packed full of **BIG IDEAS** and **exciting news**. Please make sure you understand the following symbols before attempting to read it!



Put on your imaginary seat belt for high-speed journeys through time and space.



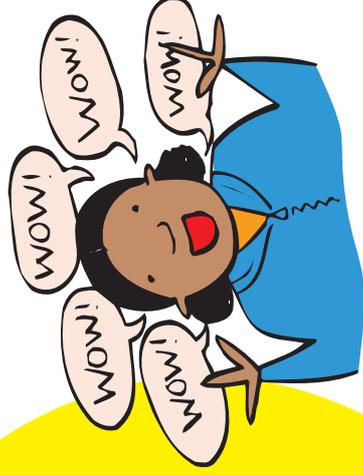
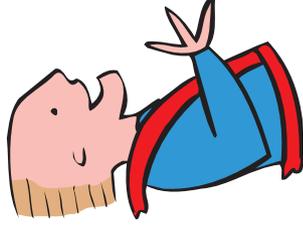
Stop and learn a great new word.



Check you remember what this word means?  
Go to Day 36 to remind yourself.



This is a **BIG** idea. Read this bit again, and say the word "**Wow!**" out loud five times.

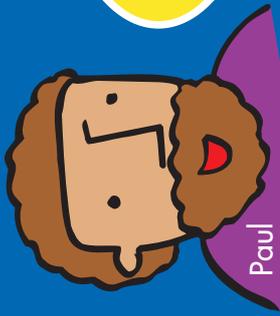


Great! Let's get started!  
Go straight on to Day 36.

# DAY 36

CONTINUED

# 1, 2, 3, GO!



Paul

## READ

Ephesians 1v1

What's special about Paul? (v1)

He's an **a** \_\_\_\_\_

An apostle is someone who was chosen by God and sent to teach us the truth about Jesus. We should listen to what he says!

Who's Paul writing to? (v1)

\_\_\_\_\_ in Ephesus.

Your Bible may say **saints**. That doesn't mean extra-special people. It means everyone who believes in Jesus!

## READ

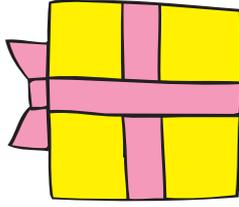
Ephesians 1v2

Your Bible may have used our first special word: **GRACE**.

Read around the present to see what **GRACE** means.



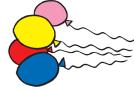
God's HUGE kindness to people *who* don't deserve it.



Circle the things that make you excited. Add some of your own.



Christmas



Parties



Chocolate



Holidays



Birthdays

Ephesians  
1v1-3

xtb

## READ

Ephesians 1v3

...to see why Paul's so excited!

Underline the correct words

Paul's **cross with/thanking and praising** God for giving us EVERY spiritual **banana/blessing** because of **our good behaviour/Jesus**.

No wonder Paul's excited! Spiritual blessings are the good things God gives us because of Jesus. More about exactly what these blessings are in the next few days.

**GO!** It's your turn

to praise God! Fill in blanks 1-3 on **pages 8 + 9** of your Prayer Diary and pray up to the first  .



**PRAYER DIARY**

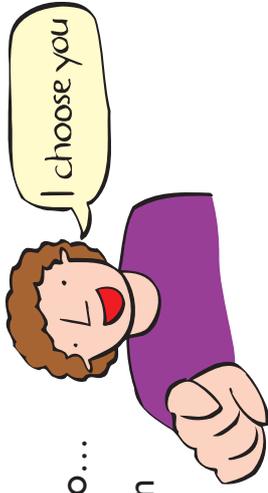
# DAY 37 CHOSEN CHILDREN

Ephesians  
1v4-6

xtb

Have you ever been chosen to...

- answer a question
- play in a team
- be in a play



If you're a Christian you've been chosen for something very special. This choice was made a long time ago!

## READ

Ephesians 1v4-6

Who chose us and when? (v4)

\_\_\_\_\_ chose us **before** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What did God choose us to be? (v5)

His \_\_\_\_\_

- Cleaners
- Children
- Gardeners

**Wow!**

Did you know God chose you to be His child before the world was made?



Why did God choose us? (v5, 6)



It pleased Him, He wanted to.



Draw a by the 2 right answers.



Because we're great.



To bring Him praise.

He didn't choose us because we are really nice or good—but because He **wanted** to.

How did God make us His children? (v5)



Through **J** \_\_\_\_\_.

Being God's child is one of the amazing spiritual blessings we have because of Jesus!



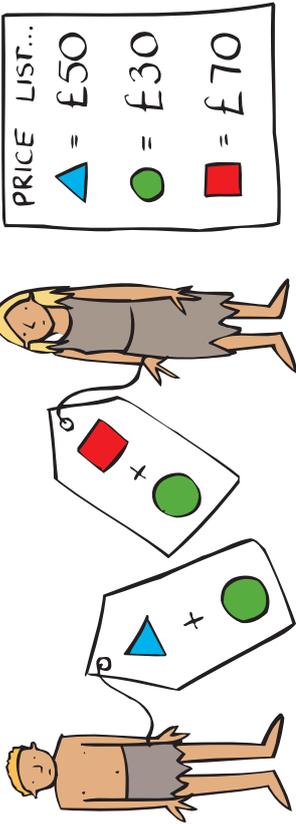
**PRAYER DIARY**

Fill in blanks 4-5 in your **Prayer Diary** (page 9) and pray up to the second .

# DAY 38 FREE AND FORGIVEN

xtb  
Ephesians  
1v7-8

We're in the slave market and we want to set free two slaves. How much will it cost to set them free?



But how much did **God** pay to set us free?  
Read the verses to find out.

**READ**  
Ephesians 1v7-8

Paul says we've been **set free**.  
What does he mean? (v7)

Our **s** \_\_\_\_\_ are **f** \_\_\_\_\_

**Redem / Redemption**  
Means to pay a price to set someone free.  
Your Bible may use these words in v7.

Did you know?

**Sin** is doing what **we** want instead of what **God** wants. Sin traps us and separates us from God. It's just like we are slaves and need to be set free (or redeemed).

Use the code to see what price Jesus paid to set us free from sin.

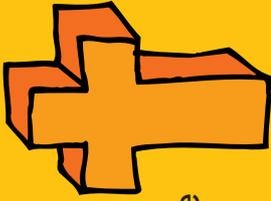
His \_\_\_\_\_

2 1 3 3 4

Jesus set us free by dying on the cross!

**Wow!**

That's a huge price to pay!



- Why did God free us? (v7)
- We deserved it
- His grace and kindness

Check out Day 36 to see what **grace** means.



Circle the words that describe **God's grace**. (v7, 8)

Stingy

**HUGE**

**GENEROUS**

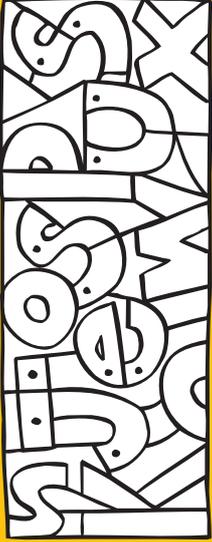
Tiny

Join Paul in praising God. Fill in blanks 6-7 on **Page 9** of your **Prayer Diary**. Pray up to the third .



**PRAYER DIARY**

# DAY 39 A GRAND PLAN

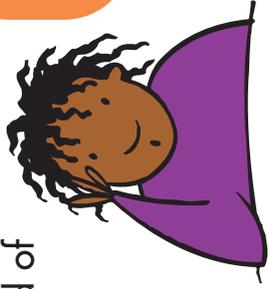


Colour in the dotted shapes to see who God's plans are all about!

God chose us and set us free through **Jesus**.  
But that's not all!



We're going forward to the end of time when Jesus comes again!



**READ**  
Ephesians 1v9-10

God wants **you** to know His plans!



What is God's plan? (v10)

Cross out the wrong words.



To bring **some things/everything** in heaven **and/or** earth together with **us/Jesus** in the centre, in charge.

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Ephesians  
1v9-10

What spoils our world?



Unjumble the letters

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Sin spoils our world. People ignore God and do what they want! God plans to make a **new world**. There'll be no sin, and Jesus will be at the centre, in charge!

Read around the world to see what God's plans are like.



What a great ending to God's rescue plan! Jesus in charge over a whole new world!



Fill in blank 8 on **Page 9** of your **Prayer Diary** and pray up to the 4th



# DAY 40 IT'S FOR YOU!

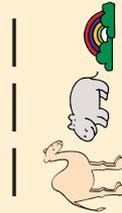
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Ephesians  
1v11-14

Who can be sure of receiving the good things God gives through Jesus?



Take the first letter  
of each picture.



**READ**

**Ephesians 1v13-14**

Put these events in order by numbering the boxes **1, 2 and 3.** (v13)

Given the Holy Spirit

Heard about Jesus

Believed



Both Jews and Gentiles can receive God's blessings through **Jesus**. It's all part of God's plan to bring Him praise.

**READ**

**Ephesians 1v11-12**

In v11-12 Paul's talking about **Jews** (God's Old Testament people).

Why did God choose some Jews to follow Jesus? (v11, 12)

They're clever

He planned it

They're good

For His praise

**T** = true  
**F** = false

Who guarantees (makes us sure) that we'll receive God's promises? (v14)



The \_\_\_\_\_



God gives all Christians the Holy Spirit to show we belong to Him and to keep us going until we're with God in heaven.



**PRAYER  
DIARY**

Fill in blanks 9-11 in your **Prayer Diary** (page 9) and pray up to the final 😊.



# DAY 42 POWER TRIP

xtb

Ephesians  
1v19-23

Paul's praising God again!

Cross out the **X**, **Y**, and **Z**s to see what for.

**XHIYSPZYOWXXYZEZZYZR**



Paul's taking us on a trip to heaven to see the **power** God the Father has given Jesus.

**READ**  
Ephesians 1v19-23

How did God show how **great** His power is? (v19, 20)



He **r** \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus from the **d** \_\_\_\_\_.

Remember—God uses that power to help us follow Him!

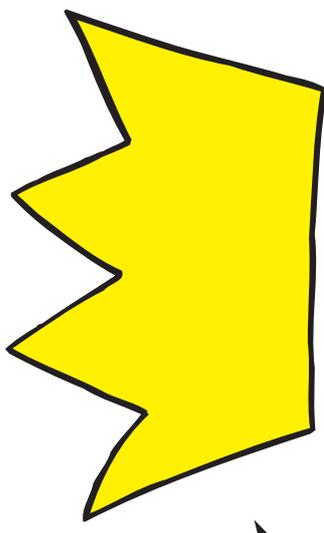
**Wow!**

Now Jesus is at God's right hand—the most important place of all!

What does Jesus rule over? (v22)

**Some things / Everything**

Write **Jesus** in the crown to show that He rules over all other powers.



Angels Evil spirits  
Human rulers

Who does Jesus use His power to help? (v22)

**THE** \_ \_ **UR** \_ \_

C H  
C H

Did you realise how important God's people are to Him? Powerful King Jesus is looking after His people (the church) and using us in His plans!



**PRAY** Praise God for the power He's given Jesus.

# DAY 43 BEFORE...

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Ephesians  
2v1-3

Draw lines to the correct pictures.

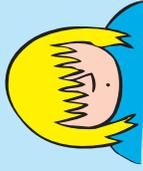
Before a haircut



Before a bath



Before a dinner



Before a bike ride

Before a party



Today Paul reminds the Ephesians what they were like before they followed Jesus.

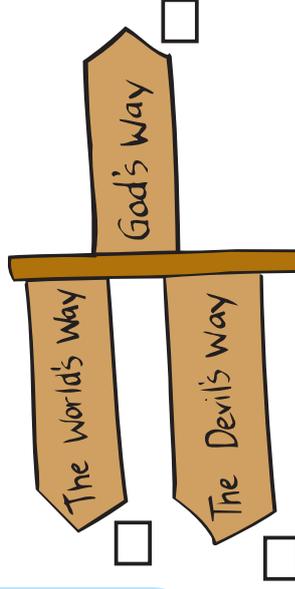
**READ**  
Ephesians 2v1-3

What were they before they followed Jesus? (v1)    **D** \_\_\_\_\_

They weren't physically dead! —but they were separated from God and the eternal life He gives.

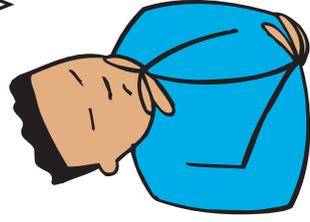
Which ways did they follow? (v2)

Tick the 2 correct signs.



Who did they please? (v3)

- God
- Themselves



Put a cross in the box next to **God's Way**

**Before** people follow Jesus they don't go God's way. They please themselves, follow everyone else and go the way the devil wants.

How does Paul describe them at the end of v3?

- God's friends
- God's enemies facing His anger

What a terrible situation they were in! *Get the good news tomorrow!*

**PRAYER DIARY**

Pray for someone you know who isn't a Christian using Page 10 of your Prayer Diary.

# DAY 44 AMAZING GRACE

Ephesians  
2v4-10

xtb

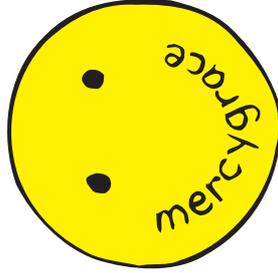
Remember the terrible situation the Ephesians were in? 😞

Read *along* the smile to see what *changed* everything.

God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

MERCY: God's decision to help us and not treat us the way we deserve.

GRACE: See Day 36.



It's a lo-n-g reading. Look out for **mercy** and **grace** as you read it.

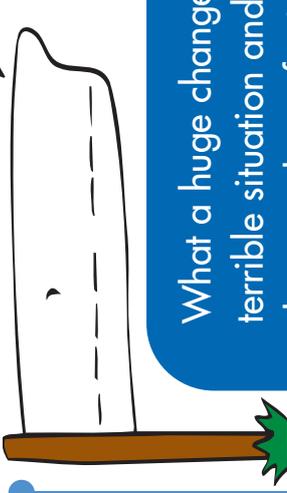
**READ**  
Ephesians 2v4-10

What has God done through Jesus?

v5 Made us **a** \_\_\_\_\_

v6 Raised us to be with **J** \_\_\_\_\_

AND verse 7 says God uses us to show the universe how wonderful He is!



Use the red letters to discover what way the Ephesians are going now. (v10)

What a huge change! God saved them from their terrible situation and helped them go His way and do great things for Him!

Why does God save us? (v4-5, v8-9)

Because of...

- Our good works—we deserve it.
- His mercy, grace and love.

I'm a Christian—I'm so wonderful!



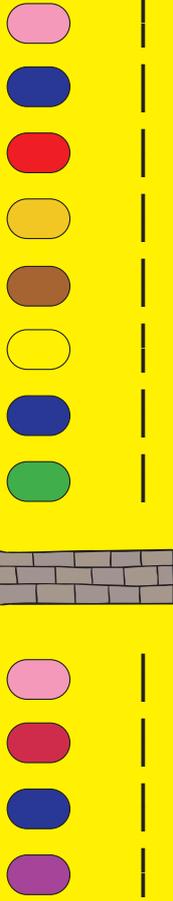
Who's saying the right thing? (v9)

God is wonderful!



**PRAY**  
It's God who deserves the praise! If you are a Christian, thank Him for saving you.

Crack the code to see who the wall separates.



**Jews:** God's Old Testament people

**Gentiles:** Everyone else

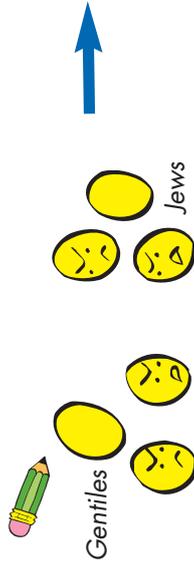
Keeping God's law made Jews different from Gentiles. God wanted the Jews to teach Gentiles about Him. Instead they hated each other! It was like there was a wall between them!

**READ**  
Ephesians 2v14-18

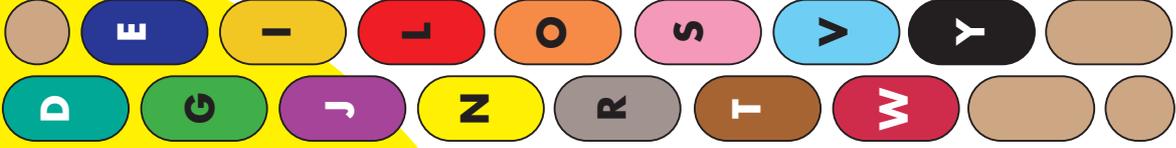
Who brought peace between Jews and Gentiles? (v14, 15)

J

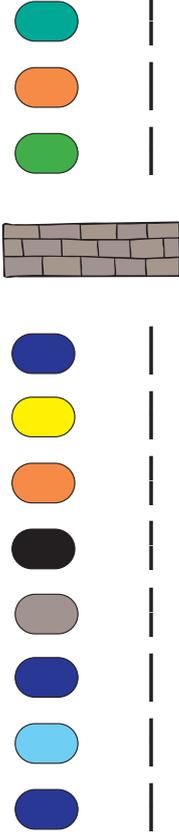
Finish the picture to show Jesus creating one new group out of two enemy groups (v14).



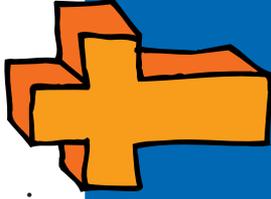
Wall Code



That's not the only wall Jesus broke down. Who does this wall separate?



**Sin** (doing what we want and disobeying God's law) separates Jews and Gentiles from God. They both need Jesus to bring them peace with God.



How did Jesus bring peace? (v16)

By dying on the c\_\_\_\_\_

Because Jesus died, Jews and Gentiles can be together with God! (v18) The wall's broken!

Wow!

**PRAY**

Read v18 again. You can go into God's presence and talk to Him anytime because Jesus died for you! Thank God for this.

# DAY 46 YOU BELONG

xtb  
Ephesians  
2v19-22

Paul wants the Gentiles (non-Jews) in Ephesus to be **sure** they're members of God's new people.

## READ Ephesians 2v19-22

What had the Gentiles been like? (v19)

F \_\_\_\_\_

They were so cut off from God's people they were like foreigners!

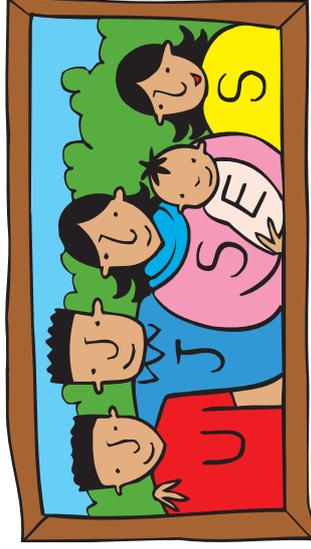
How does Paul describe them now? (v19)

Draw a 😊 by the right answers.

- Part of God's family (household)
- Still foreigners
- Citizens of God's kingdom

Once strangers, now part of the family!

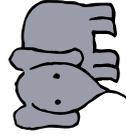
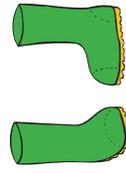
Find the letters in the family portrait to discover what made the difference.



**Everyone** who believes in Jesus is part of God's amazing family that stretches round the world!

How does Paul describe God's people?

(v21-22) ✓



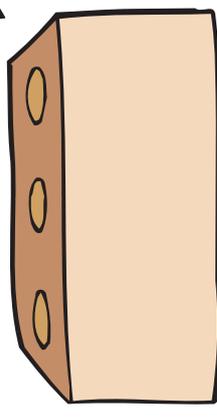
We're like a building where the Holy Spirit lives!

How does Paul describe Jesus? (v20)

The \_\_\_\_\_ **stone**

The cornerstone! The most important stone! Without Jesus God's people would fall apart!

If you follow Jesus, you're like a brick in God's building.



Write your name in the brick!

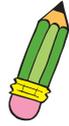
**PRAY**

Thank God that Jesus makes us part of God's new people.

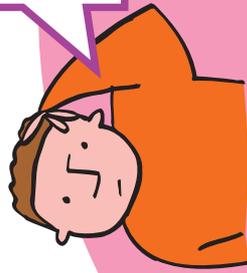
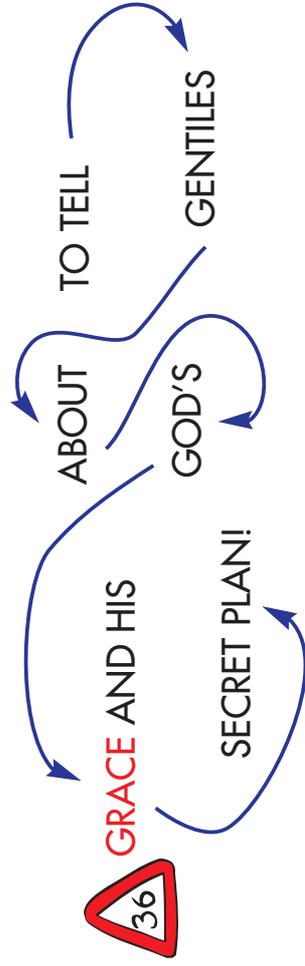
# DAY 47 GRACE AT WORK



What would you like to be when you grow up?



Follow the arrows to find out about **Paul's** amazing job.



**What secret plan?**

*Read the verses to find out.*

**READ**

**Ephesians 3v1-7**

God's Jews Gentiles Jesus

What is God's secret plan (mystery)? (v6)

**G** \_\_\_\_\_ can be part of **G** \_\_\_\_\_ people as well as **J** \_\_\_\_\_ because **J** \_\_\_\_\_ died.

**xtb**

Ephesians 3v1-7

How did the apostle Paul know God's secret? (v5) ✓

- He's very clever
- The Holy Spirit revealed it to him

God kept some of His plan secret until Jesus died and rose again. Then the Holy Spirit showed it to people like Paul.

Tick two **true** statements about Paul's great job. (v7)

- Paul deserved it
- It was a gift from God because of His **grace**
- God gave Paul the power to do it

Loads of **grace**! The Gentiles are part of God's family and God is helping Paul to tell them!



**THINK + PRAY**

**Grace** is God's HUGE kindness to people who don't deserve it. People like you and me! Thank God for His grace!

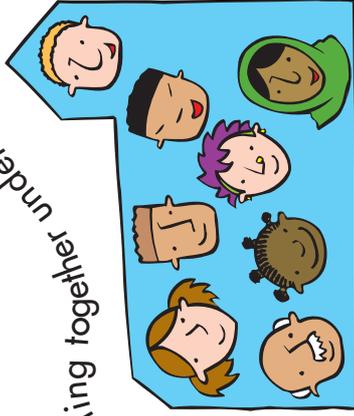
# DAY 48 PART OF A PLAN

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Ephesians  
3v8-13

Read around the church to remind yourself about God's big plan.

To bring everything together under Jesus' rule, with Him in charge.



God's people, (called the church), are part of that plan!

## READ

### Ephesians 3v8-13

Gentiles are becoming part of God's people just like God planned! Who does Paul want to tell? (v9)

**All people / Some people / No people**

Why did God bring Jews and Gentiles together in His church? (v10)

Take the first letter of each picture.



To make known His \_\_\_\_\_

Look at the picture of the church. It's full of different people! Circle someone younger than you, someone older, and someone with different colour skin.

God makes all sorts of different people friends through Jesus. People who wouldn't normally be friends! God uses His people, the church, to show how wise He is and to show that His plan is happening.

**Wow!**



Why might the Ephesians be discouraged? (v13)

- Their football team is losing
- Paul is suffering in prison



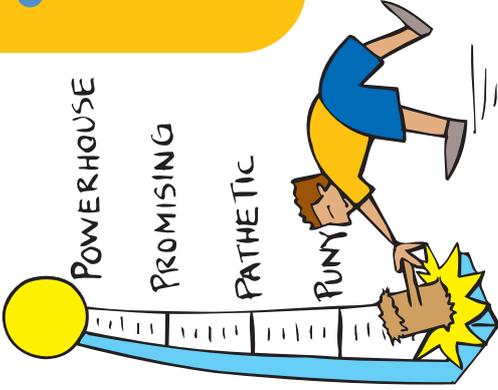
But they don't need to worry! God's in charge and He's got a great plan!

**THINK + PRAY**

Are there other Christians you find it hard to be friends with? It's important that Christians love each other. Ask God to help you to love other Christians, even when it's hard.

# DAY 49 GET PRAYING!

**READ**  
Ephesians 3v14-19



How strong are you?  
Shade up to level that describes you.  
What sort of strength does Paul want the Spirit to give Christians? (v16)

Underline the answer. **BIG MUSCLES**

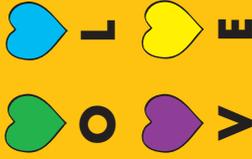
**STRENGTH INSIDE, IN OUR HEARTS**

Who lives in our hearts to make them strong? (v17)

**PRAY**  
It's not easy being a Christian!  
We need help to live God's way.  
Pray that Jesus would live in your heart forever and make you strong.

**xtb**

Ephesians  
3v14-19

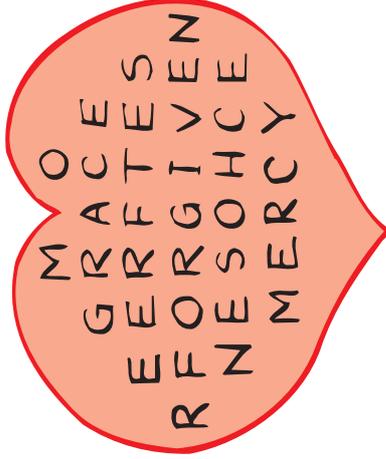


Paul wants us to understand

how **BIG** Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ is. (v18, 19)

We've found out lots about Jesus' love as we've explored Ephesians. Find these words in the wordsearch:  
**chosen, forgiven, mercy, grace, set free.**

Some are backwards!



But we need God's help to find out \_\_\_\_\_

Use the leftover letters (in order)



Jesus' love is so large there's always more to explore!

**PRAY**

Pray that God would help you understand and enjoy Jesus' love more and more.

Circle the things you **can't** do.



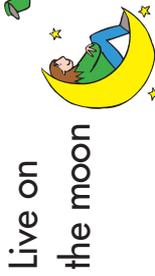
Handstands

Tie shoelaces

Fly helicopters



Swim



Live on the moon



Paul praises God because there's **nothing** God can't do.

**READ**  
Ephesians 3v20-21

What does Paul believe God can do? (v20, 21)

- Bits of what he's asked for
- Exactly what he asked
- More than he asked
- More than he can imagine asking



Tick the two right answers.

**Wow!**

Paul knows that God will do more for the Ephesians than he can even think of asking!

Use the first letter of each picture to complete the speech bubble.



God is \_\_\_\_\_ !

God's does \_\_\_\_\_

things! \_\_\_\_\_

How long should we bring glory and praise to God! (v21)

For \_\_\_\_\_

Have you found Ephesians hard? Well done for getting this far!



**PRAYER DIARY**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**You've successfully explored Ephesians 1-3!**

Your final task is to explore the prayer on **Page 11** of your **Prayer Diary**.