Lesson 6: Conflict

Today's Bible Story

As the Apostle Paul traveled from place to place, he would write letters to people of the churches. One of these churches was in the City of Corinth. Paul wrote:

To God's church in Corinth: Christ Jesus chose you to be his very own people, and you worship in his name, as we and all others do who call him Lord.

My prayer is that God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ will be kind to you and will bless you with peace!

I never stop thanking my God for being kind enough to give you Christ Jesus, who helps you speak and understand. You are certain that everything we told you about our Lord Christ Jesus is true. You are not missing any blessings as you wait for him to return. Until the day Christ does return, he will keep you completely innocent. God can be trusted, and he chose you to be partners with his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

My dear friends, as followers of Jesus, I beg you to get along with each other. Don't take sides. Always try to agree in what you think. Some people sent by Chloe told me that you keep arguing with each other. They have said that some of you claim to follow me, while others claim to follow Apollos or Peter or Christ.

Has Christ been divided up? Was I nailed to a cross for you? Were you baptized in my name? No. I am just a messenger. God sent me to tell the good news without using big words and fancy language, because that would only make the cross of Christ lose its power.

I know that the message about the cross doesn't make any sense to lost people. But for those of us who are being saved, it is God's power at work. Our message may seem foolish to some, but God chose to save those who believe this "foolish" message we preach!



From 1 Corinthians 1:1-25

Bible Rhyme

To a church, Paul wrote a letter
saying, "You should all know better.
"Jesus Christ has chosen you
"and you trust his Word is true.

"Why then do you fuss and fight,
"saying only *you* are right?
"Don't start breaking into teams.
"Keep your eye on what faith means.

"Don't just follow human wisdom;
"that can only cause division.
"Lest the power of God be lost,
"trust the message of the cross!"

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Map of the Region around the Mediterranean Sea



The map above shows some important cities from the New Testament.
See how many of these biblical cities you can correctly label on the map:

Cities to which Paul wrote biblical letters:

To the churches in
Rome, Corinth, Ephesus,
Thessalonica, and **Philippi.**

Other important cities in Paul's life:

Tarsus (where he grew up),
Jerusalem (where he studied), and
Damascus (where he met the risen Jesus).

The city of Corinth was strategically located on a narrow land bridge between northern and southern Greece. It was an important trade city.

This land bridge is called the ISTHMUS of Corinth (pronounced "iss-muss").
How many words can you make from the letters I S T H M U S?

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