God used the prophet Samuel to tell King Saul what he wanted him to do.

God is going to punish the Amalekites through you.
1. Go and attack them.
2. Do not spare any of them.
3. Kill all their cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.

Complete Saul’s checklist.
15:7
15:9 (first part)
15:9 (last part)

Samuel and Saul then had a conversation that shows just how warped Saul was. Put what they said in your own words.

Saul (v 13)

Saul (v 21)

Samuel (v 14)

Samuel (v 22)

Follow the red line (ignoring each x) to see why God rejected Saul as king over his people.

Start
God told Samuel to go to Bethlehem where he would be shown who was to be king after Saul.

What was Samuel’s reaction? (16:2)

Who did God want to be king?
Was it the eldest of Jesse’s sons?
Was it the tallest of them?
Was it the strongest?

Turn each word round to see what God had to remind Samuel.

NAM SKOOL TA EHT DRAINTUO

ECNARAEPPA, TUB EHT DROL

SKOOL TA EHT TRAEH.

What does this story have to say to us about how we should treat people who are different from us?

PRAYER SPOT

Pray that God will bless the adults, young folk and children in Scalpay in Harris, Bracadale in Skye and Acharacle, on the far west of Scotland.

People to pray for this week:

children who have to travel a long way to school,

those who have a new baby in the family,

those who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Now add the names of those you especially want to pray for between now and next Sunday.

KEY VERSE

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.’ (John 3:16)
Although David had been anointed king of Israel, it was several years before he took over the crown from Saul. And what a mess Saul made of those years!

When Saul saw the might of the Philistine army he was seriously scared. But he had nobody to go to for advice because the prophet Samuel was dead.

Had Saul always taken Samuel’s advice when he was still alive?

Saul did many silly things and many wrong things, but he did do some things right. You’ll find one of them at the end of verse 3. What was that?

BUT  What did King Saul do when the going got tough? Number the boxes to put the facts in the right order.

The spirit told Saul that the Philistines would take over Israel.  
He sent a servant to find someone who said they could make contact with the dead. 
The woman gave Saul and his men a meal before they went away. 
The woman knew who Saul was.  
Samuel’s spirit appeared to Saul. 
He disguised himself and went to the witch. 
Saul was terrified. 
Saul was told that he and his sons would all die the very next day. 
He asked God for help, but God had rejected him. 
Saul asked the witch to contact Samuel.
PRAYER SPOT

Pray that God will bless the young folk and children in Shawbost, Coigach and Dingwall. Remember to pray for the older people in these congregations too.

People to pray for this week:

- any who are moving home or school,
- those moving into secondary school next summer,
- those who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Now add the names of those you especially want to pray for between now and next Sunday.

What does the Bible have to say about it?
Fill in the blank words from Deuteronomy 18:10-11.

'Let no-one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practises ........................................ or ................................, interprets ............... or casts ................................, or who is a ............... or ................................ or who consults the .....................

Using the occult is as bad as sacrificing a son or daughter in a fire ... and that's bad!

Unscramble the words to discover some of the things that God absolutely forbids.

- RONUETF LETGNIL
- ________________
- OHSOPOSECR
- ________________
- AROTT RADCS
- ________________
- UOAJI OBDRSA
- ________________

KEY VERSE

'For God so ............... the ............... that he gave his one and ........... Son, that whoever ............... in him shall not ............... but have eternal ......' (John 3:16)
Tell of Samuel’s birth and call into God’s service in pictures. Write one sentence with each illustration beginning with the word or words you are given.

God made Samuel a prophet and used him to anoint Saul as the first king of Israel. Tell the story of how they met in five sentences. Use one of these words in each sentence. The story is found in 1 Samuel 9:1-8, 15-20 and 10:1 if you need to jog your memory.

1. Elkanah
2. Hannah
3. Eli
4. One night

One day Samuel came to King Saul with a message from God. God said that he was going to punish the Amalekites. He told Saul to do three things. What were they? (1 Sam 15:1-16:13)

What did Saul not do?

What reason did he give for not doing them?

What did Samuel tell King Saul about sacrifices and obedience?
South America covers a vast area: 17,824,513 sq km. It is made up of 12 different countries.

The population is HUGE - in 2008 it was reckoned to be 382,426,313. The biggest country in South America is Brazil, with a population of 191,908,598.

The Free Church of Scotland has had mission work in Peru since 1916. Now there are Free Church missionaries working in other parts of South America too.

Pray for missionaries who have gone out from this country.

Pray especially for those who are separated from their families.

Ask the Lord to bless the work they do in schools, colleges and churches.

Pray that God will use their work to tell people about the Lord Jesus.

Pray for South American Christians, that they will be missionaries to their own people.

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Here's a number code for you.

A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J  K  L  M  N
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O  P  Q  R  S  T  U  V  W  X  Y  Z
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The last Sunday School lesson was about Saul and the witch at Endor. Use your number code to tell the awful thing that Saul did. Write on the black lines and leave the red lines for decoding.

Still using the number code, name some things mentioned in that story that the Bible says we should never ever do.

Swop your worksheet with another member of your class for decoding.

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KEY VERSE

'For God so ............... the ............... that he gave his one and ............ Son, that whoever ............... in him shall not ............... but have eternal ......' (John 3:16)
JESUS SPEAKS TO NICodemus
(John 3:1-8)

Unscramble the words and write the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus in the speech bubbles.

Nicodemus said: teacher from you a God We do things You amazing know are
can be man again a How born

Jesus said: again cannot kingdom Unless is man of see he born the a God
a born the is of Spirit man he God’s enter cannot Unless kingdom

Although Nicodemus was a teacher, he still needed to learn from the Lord Jesus. Jesus taught him the most amazing good news. Your memory verse is the good news.

Find each word of the good news in the grid.

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE
Jesus told Nicodemus about those who believe in him and about those who don't believe in him. What did he say about those who believe and about those who don't believe?

You learn many interesting things from your teachers at school. What's your favourite subject at school?

You learn different things at Sunday School. What do you learn about at church and in Sunday School that you don't learn at school?

The best of all teachers is Jesus, and the best of all books is the Bible.

**KEY VERSE**

'For God so ............... the .............. that he gave his one and ........ Son, that whoever ............... in him shall not .............. but have eternal ......' (John 3:16)

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**PRAYER SPOT**

Pray that God will bless the young folk and children in Point in Lewis, Fortrose on the east coast, and Gairloch and Kinlochewe on the west.

People to pray for this week:

- children who are expecting a baby in the family,
- those who are missing someone who lives a long way away,
- those who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Now add the names of those you especially want to pray for between now and next Sunday.
Zacchaeus had a problem. Fill in the blanks in his story.

Zacchaeus was a ___ collector. People did not ___ tax collectors. He heard that ____ was coming to his town. He very much wanted to ___ Jesus. He was a short ___ and he could not ___ over the other people in the ____. Zacchaeus climbed up into a ____. Now he could see ____ over the crowd. Problem solved!

Transfer the columns into their places in the grid to show what happened next.

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Transfer the columns into their places in the grid to show what happened next.
Draw arrows to show what Zacchaeus was like before and after Jesus changed his heart.

**BEFORE**
- he loved money
- he was not trusted
- people didn’t like him
- he repaid people
- he was a cheat
- he didn’t have many friends
- he gave away money
- he was a sinner
- he believed in Jesus
- he was forgiven

**AFTER**
- Is it wrong to be rich?
- Is it wrong to love riches?

Of all the things you own, which do you love most of all?

No possession is more important than family and friends. Who are your best friends?

The best friend of all is Jesus. If you have not yet asked the Lord Jesus to be your Saviour and Friend, you could do that today.

**KEY VERSE**

Jesus said, ‘God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth.’ (John 4:24)

Pray that God will bless the young folk and children in Glenelg, Fort William and Perth. Pray for the older folk too!

People to pray for this week:
- children who are unhappy at school,
- those who have tests to sit,
- those who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Now add the names of those you especially want to pray for between now and next Sunday.
The story today is about a young man and the Lord Jesus. The crossword clues are based on their conversation.

A young man ran up to Jesus and knelt in front of him.

'Good ..... (2 down). What must I do to ..... (5 across) ..... (3 across) ..... (4 down).'

'Why do you call me good?' Jesus asked him. 'There is none good but God ..... (6 across). You know the ..... (1 down). Do not ..... (8 across). Do not commit ..... (6 down). Do not ..... (9 across). Do not tell lies. Do not defraud. Honour ..... (11 across) father and ..... (7 down).'

'Teacher,' the young man said, 'I've kept these since I was a boy.'

Jesus ..... (14 across) at him and loved him.

'Go, ..... (13 down) all you have and give to the ..... (12 down), and you will have ..... (10 down) in ..... (15 across).'

And the young man was sad, because he was very rich.

The young man had tried very hard to live a good life ever since he was a boy. But what was it that he loved more than Jesus?
The young man had always tried to keep the Ten Commandments. Tick the commandments that you find most difficult to keep.

Worship God alone.
Make no idols.
Do not misuse God’s name.
Keep Sunday special.
Honour your parents.
Do not murder.
Do not commit adultery.
Do not steal.
Do not tell lies.
Do not want things just because other people have them.

Is it possible to keep all God’s commandments all of the time?

What does the Bible say people are doing if they think they keep the commandments perfectly? (1 John 1:8)

That’s bad news. Read 1 John 1:9 for the good news. Have your confessed your sins and been forgiven?

KEY VERSE
Jesus said, 'God is ..........., and his ................. must ............... in spirit and in ..............’ (John 4:24)

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PRAYER SPOT
Pray that God will bless the young folk and children in Glenurquhart, Fort Augustus and St Andrews. The congregation in St Andrews is just a few years old.

People to pray for this week:

children and young people who are feeling unwell,

those looking forward to going to camp this summer,

those who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Now add the names of those you especially want to pray for between now and next Sunday.
The Lord Jesus was invited to Simon’s house for a meal. Simon was a Pharisee. Crack the code to show what happened while he was there.
**JESUS’ STORY**

Jesus told Simon about two men who were in debt. One owed 50 denarii and the other owed 500. Neither had any money to give to the money-lender. The money-lender cancelled their debts. Jesus asked Simon who he thought would love the money-lender more.

What was Simon’s answer?

**JESUS’ LESSON**

Simon had shown Jesus very little love. Tell one way in which verse 44 shows that.

How had the woman shown how much she loved Jesus? (v 44)

Tell another way in which Simon showed how little he loved Jesus. (v 45)

What had the woman done? (v 45)

Jesus told the woman that her sins were forgiven. He said that her faith had saved her and she should go in peace.

All who truly love the Lord Jesus are forgiven and saved. Think about your love for Jesus and talk about it to him in prayer.

**KEY VERSE**

Jesus said, 'God is ..........., and his ................. must ................. in spirit and in .................' (John 4:24)

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**PRAYER SPOT**

Pray that God will bless the young folk and children in Trotternish in Skye, Inverness and Arran. Also remember those who have gone away from these places to study and work.

People to pray for this week:

- children who find schoolwork difficult,
- those who come to church and Sunday School,
- those who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Now add the names of those you especially want to pray for between now and next Sunday.
You are a newspaper reporter for a day. Write a report, illustrated by your own drawings (there were no cameras then!) of this story. Use the headings and picture captions you are given.

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Pray that God will bless the young folk and children in Lochbroom, Kilmallie and Bishopbriggs, both those who go to church and those who do not.

People to pray for this week:

- children who find it difficult to make friends,
- those who are bullied at school,
- those who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Now add the names of those you especially want to pray for between now and next Sunday.

In which of these stories did Jesus have power over illness?
- the prodigal son
- the healing of the woman who was ill for 12 years.

In which of these stories did Jesus have power over death?
- raising Lazarus
- the good Samaritan

In which of these stories did Jesus have power over disability?
- the good shepherd
- the healing of blind Bartimaeus

Over what does Jesus have power in this story? (v 25)

Here’s a big word to learn. And you’ll learn it more easily if you colour it in.

OMNIPOTENT

Jesus is omnipotent - that means he has power over all things.

Does Jesus have power to forgive all sins?

Does that mean that Jesus has power to forgive your sins?

KEY VERSE

J......... said, ‘God is ..........., and his ................. must .............. in ............ and in .............’ (John 4:24)
TEST THE TEACHER!

Answer all these questions on a sheet of paper, checking your answers in the Bible. You could do this as a group. Then use the questions as a quiz for your teacher and see if he or she knows all the answers!

At what time of day did Nicodemus come to Jesus? (John 3:2)
Nicodemus was a man of what? (3:1)
Of what was he a member? (3:1)
What did Nicodemus say that Jesus was? (3:2)
Why did he say that? (3:2)
What did Jesus tell Nicodemus? (3:3)
What was Nicodemus's puzzled reply? (3:4)
What was Jesus' explanation? (3:5-6)
What did Jesus say about the wind? (3:8)
What was the good news that Jesus told Nicodemos - you have been learning it as your key verse? (3:16)

In what town did Jesus meet Zacchaeus? (Luke 19:1)
What did Zacchaeus do for a living? (19:2)
What did he want to do? (19:3)
Why could he not do that? (19:3)
What did he decide to do? (19:4)
What did Jesus say to Zacchaeus? (19:5)
What did Zacchaeus do then? (19:6)
What did the people in the crowd think? (19:7)
What did Zacchaeus decide to do? (19:8)
What came to Zacchaeus's house that day? (19:9)
Why did the Son of Man come? (19:10)
Who is the Son of Man?

Describe the young man who came to Jesus. (Mark 10:22)
What did he call Jesus? (10:17)
What did he ask the Lord Jesus? (10:17)
What was Jesus' reply? (10:19)
What did the young man say to that? (10:20)
What were Jesus' feelings for the young man? (10:21)
Jesus told him that he lacked one thing. What was it the Lord told him to do? (10:21)
To whom was he to give his money when he had sold his possessions? (10:21)
What would he have if he did what Jesus told him? (10:21)
What did the young man do? (10:22)
Fill in the blanks and then find the words in the grid. The story is found in Luke 7:36-50.

A Pharisee invited ______ for ______ .

He did not _____ Jesus’ ______.

A woman came. She stood __________

Jesus. She washed his feet with her ______, 
dried them with her ________. She then 
kissed ____ feet and put expensive 
perfume on them. She did that to _____ 
how much she ________ ____.

PRAYER SPOT

Pray that God will bless the young folk and children, and their families, in Applecross and Lochcarron, Kiltarlity and Campbeltown,

People to pray for this week:

children who love playing sports, that they will play fairly,

those who aren’t sporty at all,

those who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Now add the names of those you especially want to pray for between now and next Sunday.

You’ve made your teacher work hard today in answering the quiz. If there is time, tell your teacher your favourite Bible story.

KEY VERSE

‘The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.’

(Psalm 103:8)

List some of the facts Dr Luke discovered in his research.

What did Jesus do after his suffering and death? (v 3)

Over how long a time did Jesus show himself to his disciples after he rose again? (v 3)

On one of these occasions what did Jesus tell his friends to wait for? (v 4)

What did he promise would happen to them? (v 5)

When the time came for Jesus to leave his friends and go back to heaven, the Lord Jesus made the same promise once again. What did he tell his friends would happen to them? (1:8, first half).

And what did Jesus say they would become? (1:8, second half)

Put in the vowels to see what happened then.

J_s_s w_s t_k_n _p t_ h__v_n
b_f_r th__r v_ry y_s _nd _
cl__d h_d h_m fr_m th__r s_ght.
The two angels who appeared to the disciples as Jesus went back home to heaven told them some amazing news.

Unscramble the words to find out what God’s people should be doing until Jesus comes back again.

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Acts 7 ends with the death of Stephen, the first person to be killed for believing in the Lord Jesus. Reading Acts 8 is like reading a diary of what happened right after that.

Crack the code to show what happened.

Verses 4 to 8 give the next diary snapshot. Answer the questions from these verses.

What did Christians do wherever they went?

What did the people do when they heard Philip and saw the wonderful things God did?

Write verse 7 in your own words.

What did this cause in the city?
The last diary entry tells a very dramatic story.

Imagine you were there that day and write telling a friend the four main points of what happened.

(v 9-11)

(v 12-13)

(v 14-17)

(v 18-24)

What was Simon’s really big mistake? (v 20)

There is no way anyone can buy their way into heaven. What is the one and only way we can go to heaven?

There is no way anyone can buy their way into heaven.

What is the one and only way we can go to heaven?

KEY VERSE

'The Lord is ...................... and ......................, ....... to .............., abounding in ..............' (Psalm 103:8)

PRAYER SPOT

The Free Church of Scotland has two congregations in England. One is in London and the other in Cobham. Pray for the people there today.

People to pray for this week:

the children in these churches who often live far from each other,

those who attend who come from other parts of the world,

those who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Now add the names of those you especially want to pray for between now and next Sunday.
An angel of the Lord told Philip to go to the desert road that led from Jerusalem to Gaza. Philip must have wondered what he would find there. Fill in the blanks and then fit the same words into the crossword.

P______ met an important Ethiopian man.
He w______ for Queen C________ in her treasury. This man had been in Jerusalem to w________ God. On his way home he was reading the b__ _ of I________. God’s Spirit told Philip to go to the man’s chariot and stay near it. Philip ran up to the c________ and heard the man reading aloud.

'Do you understand what you are r_________?' Philip asked the man.
'How can I unless s_________ explains it to me,' he replied. Then he a______ Philip to come into his chariot. He had been reading about Jesus’ d_______ foretold by Isaiah. It was about Jesus being like a s_______ led to the slaughter. 'Who is the p________ speaking about?' the man asked.

Philip told him about J_______ and the Ethiopian believed what he heard and became a Christian right there and then!
When they passed by some w_______ he a______ Philip to b__________ him. And when they came out of the water after his baptism, the S_______ of G___ took Philip a______ and the Christian Ethiopian didn’t see him again.
Tick the lessons that can be learned from this story. Put a cross beside things that are just plain wrong. And underline anything that you think applies to you.

God was working through his servant Philip.

God still works through his people today.

God never uses people to do his work.

God spoke through the Bible to the man.

The man understood all the Bible said.

We need help to understand the Bible.

The Bible speaks about the Lord Jesus Christ.

The man believed what the Bible said.

The Lord Jesus Christ died so that his people can be forgiven.

Jesus' death on the cross was a terrible accident.

If the Lord speaks to people they can become Christians today, wherever they are and whatever age they are.

PRAYER SPOT

Ask your heavenly Father to bless the young folk and children, and their families, in Plockton and Kyle and Tarbert.

People to pray for this week:

children who have heard about Jesus all of their lives,

those who have never even heard his name,

those who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Now add the names of those you especially want to pray for between now and next Sunday.

KEY VERSE

‘The Lord is .........................
  and ........................,  ....... to
  ........, abounding in ........’
(Psalm 103:8)
Illustrate verses 9 to 12.

Peter went up to the house roof to pray while he was waiting for the meal to be made.

Write in the words of the conversation God had with Peter in v 13-15.

God said

And then God said

Peter said

Fill in the vowels to show what happened while Peter was wondering what God was showing him in the vision.

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th _ m ss _ng _rs t _ st y v rn _ght.

Tell the day-by-day story of what happened in your own words.

THE NEXT DAY v 23-29
Peter told Cornelius about the Lord Jesus Christ. Till then the gospel had only been told to Jewish people. Now God showed that the good news was for everybody all over the world.

How did Peter know that God really had changed the hearts of these non-Jewish people? (v 45-46)

The Holy Spirit lives in the hearts of all those who love the Lord. Have you asked the Lord Jesus to be your Saviour? You could be like Cornelius and ask him today.

Do you remember this key verse? It was the first one you learned this year.

**KEY VERSE**

'I am the L__ your G__,
who b__ you o__ of E__,
out of the l__ of s___.'

(Exodus 20:2)
Saul, whom we last saw as an angry heathen, determined to root out all the Christians and put them in prison, became a Christian himself. Saul changed his name to Paul. In fact, his name change is mentioned right in the middle of today’s Bible story! (v 9)
Elymus was a real trouble maker. Make up a number code to tell his story.

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He tried to turn the proconsul against Jesus.

Paul said he was of the devil.

Elymas was blinded.

Someone had to lead him by the hand.

The proconsul believed on the Lord Jesus Christ.

All of God’s people are missionaries. If you believe in the Lord Jesus, have you ever told a friend about him? There are many, many children your age in our country who have never heard about the Saviour.

KEY VERSE

‘For the S....... of M...... came to s.......... and to save what was ..........’

(Luke 19:10)

PRAYER SPOT

Pray that God will bless the young folk and children, and their families, in Portree, Cumbernauld and Urquhart.

People to pray for this week:

the children of missionaries who are living abroad,

those children who have to go away to school,

those who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Now add the names of those you especially want to pray for between now and next Sunday.
WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER?
After you’ve done this you can test your teacher’s memory too.

THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
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THE GOOD NEWS SPREADS
Write four short sentences about the good news of Jesus spreading to Samaria from Acts 8:1-25.
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THE ETHIOPIAN
Write four short sentences about Philip and the Ethiopian from Acts 8:26-40.
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Illustrate either the story of the good news being taken to the Gentiles in Acts 10:9-48 or the story of the Holy Spirit calling Paul and Barnabas to missionary work in 13:1-12.

Write a prayer asking God to bless missionaries at home and abroad.

PRAYER SPOT

Pray that God will bless the young folk and children, and their families, in Urray and Strathconon, Raasay and Dumbarton.

People to pray for this week:
children who are sad or unwell,
those who help care for them,
those who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Now add the names of those you especially want to pray for between now and next Sunday.

KEY VERSE

‘Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the b........ of life. He who c........ to me will never go ............., and he who b............. in me will never be ............’. (John 6:35)
The story of Christianity reaching Europe is very dramatic. Imagine you are one of two actors preparing to tell the story to a group of school children. Beside each picture write a sentence about what happened. Then, along with a friend in your Sunday School, read it to the rest of the class. You should read the yellow boxes and your friend read the blue. When you write and read it, be as dramatic as you can.

Don’t go! v 7-8

v 9-10

v 11-12

v 13-15

These men ... v 16-18

v 19-24

v 25-28

v 29-34

v 35-37

v 38-40
In a vision God showed Paul that he should go to Macedonia. Paul and Silas set out by sea. When they arrived they met Lydia. She became a Christian. A spirit-possessed slave girl told fortunes. She made money for her master. Paul commanded the evil spirit to leave her. Paul and Silas were put in prison. There was an earthquake. They could have walked free but did not. The jailer and his family believed in Jesus. He looked after Paul and Silas. Paul and Silas left and went to Lydia’s house.

Lydia and the jailer believed in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Do you?

**KEY VERSE**

Jesus is 'the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!' (John 1:29)

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**PRAYER SPOT**

Pray that God will bless the young folk and children, and their families, in Clyne, Dumfries and Sleat and Strath on the Isle of Skye.

People to pray for this week:

- children who attend Sunday School every Sunday,
- those who never come at all,
- those who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Now add the names of those you especially want to pray for between now and next Sunday.
If you read through the headings in Acts 17-28, you’ll see the places where the gospel was preached, starting with Thessalonica and finishing in Rome. In some places the good news brought about serious discussion, for example, in Corinth. In other places it caused riots.

God used storms and shipwrecks, riots and discussions, dramatic events and quiet conversations to begin the gospel’s spread throughout Europe. Today the gospel continues to spread - from generation to generation and from place to place, especially in that part of Europe which until the late 20th Century was controlled by Communism. Put the columns in the correct places to discover what happened at the end of the book of Acts.
Unscramble the words to discover some of the places the early missionaries went to.

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SOME FASCINATING FACTS

The first person the Bible records as having been converted in Europe was a woman.

When Paul and Silas were chained up in prison they sang praise to God at midnight rather than feeling sorry for themselves.

In Ephesus the reason that there was a riot against the gospel was that the silversmiths realised that if people became Christians they wouldn’t want to buy silver idols any more!

KEY VERSE

‘For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.’
(1 Corinthians 11:26)

PRAYER SPOT

Pray that God will bless the young folk and children, and their families, in Dornoch, Elgin and Dunblane. Remember the schools there too.

People to pray for this week:

- children who are often blamed for things they haven’t done,
- those who share the good news about Jesus with others,
- those who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Now add the names of those you especially want to pray for between now and next Sunday.
The Roman Empire stretched all the way to England. The amazing system of roads built by the Romans meant that traders travelled far and wide. Of course, God used that to spread the good news about Jesus. Christian traders took the gospel with them as well as the goods they were selling. The existence of the Roman Empire, and the creation of travelling links and opportunities, were all part of God’s plan for spreading the gospel.

Crack the code to see what the Romans thought of the gospel.

Early English Christians had to worship in secret because otherwise they were thought to be committing treason.

One of the earliest Britons martyred for being a Christian, and therefore a traitor, was Alban. St Albans, a town near London, is named after him.

Draw a group of Christians worshipping in secret.
The British tribes gave the Romans a hard time. In 410 AD the Roman army pulled out of Britain and went back to Italy.

Draw a Roman legion leaving Britain.

What happened in 5th and 6th Century Britain? Turn each word round to find out.

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kcirtaP dehcaerp ni dnalerI

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seiranoissiM tnew daorba morf niatirB

Have you ever told anyone about Jesus?

**KEY VERSE**

‘Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you’ (Ephesians 4:32)

**PRAYER SPOT**

People come from all over the world to London. Over 300 different languages are spoken by the children who attend school in London. Often missionaries go overseas to tell others about the Lord Jesus. But missionaries are also needed here and many work in the great city of London.

Several Free Church members work with London City Mission, reaching out to Londoners, those who have made the city their home, and those who are there to study or on holiday. Please pray for the work that they do.

Write a short prayer for the work of London City Mission.
Paul and Silas went by sea to Macedonia. That’s where Lydia was converted.

Augustine crossed the English Channel and preached in Canterbury in England. He became the first Archbishop of Canterbury.

Columba opened a monastery in Iona, on the West of Scotland, and preached there.

Traders, soldiers and other travellers spread the news about the Lord Jesus.

Patrick went to Ireland to tell the people there about the Lord.

Missionaries went from Britain to other parts of Europe to tell about Jesus.
Although the good news about the Lord Jesus Christ has been preached for 2,000 years, there are still many people who have not heard that he is the one and only Saviour.

With the others in your class work out who in your area might not know the greatest news of all, and how they could be told about Jesus.

Do you know the names of any missionaries who are working today? If not, ask your teacher. Write down their names and then pray for them.

**Who might not know**

**How they could be told**

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**KEY VERSE**

Jesus said, ‘You are my friends if you do what I command’ (John 15:14).

**PRAYER SPOT**

Pray that God will bless the young folk and children and their families in Ardnamurchan and Livingston.

People to pray for this week:

- children in countries where people suffer for their faith,
- those who teach them about the Lord Jesus,
- those who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Now add the names of those you especially want to pray for between now and next Sunday.
Over the year you have learned eight key verses. Fill in the blanks in your key verses to see how well you remember them. The Bible reference is given for each one just in case you have to look them up.

**KEY VERSE 1**
'I am the L........... your G......, who b....................
you o..... of E...............,
out of the l........... of s...................' (Exodus 20:2)

**KEY VERSE 2**
'For the S....... of M..... came
to s........... and to save what
was ...........' (Luke 19:10)

**KEY VERSE 3**
'Then Jesus .................,
'I am the ........... of .......
He who ............... to me
will .......... go .............,
and ..... who b.............
in ..... will ............... be
................' (John 6:35)

**KEY VERSE 4**
'Be ............... and very
............... Be..............
to ............... all the l...........
my servant ............. gave you.'
(Joshua 1:7)

**KEY VERSE 5**
Samuel said, 'S............, for your
............... is .................'
(1 Samuel 3:10)

**KEY VERSE 6**
'For God so ............ the .......... that he
........... his one and ...........
Son, that......................
............... in him shall
not ............ but have
eternal ......' (John 3:16)

**KEY VERSE 7**
Jesus said, 'God is .........., and his ............... must ............... in
............... and in ................' (John 4:24)

**KEY VERSE 8**
'The Lord is ............... and
gracious, ........ to anger, abound-
ing in .............' (Psalm 103:8)
Some weeks ago you learned the story of God calling the boy Samuel to serve him. The story is found in 1 Samuel 3. Tell the story in your own words. If you have forgotten the story, ask your teacher to tell you it again.

Samuel was a young boy when God called him. God still calls children today to believe in him and to serve him.

When Samuel heard God’s voice, he said, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’ Today God speaks to us through his Word, the Bible.

Copy KEY VERSE 6 from the other side of the sheet and then write a short prayer in answer to what God is saying to you in it.

PRAYER SPOT

Pray that God will bless the young folk and children, and their families, in East Kilbride and Bonar Bridge.

People to pray for this week:

- children who live in remote places,
- those who are teased because they go to church,
- those who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Now add the names of those you especially want to pray for between now and next Sunday.

MY PRAYER