

Week 6 New Life

LEARNING FOCUS 6:
The Holy Spirit gives Paul
new life and happiness.

Paul is a very important person in the early Church. He wrote many letters to encourage and advise others.

Corinth was a city in Greece. In his letters to the Corinthians, Paul is quite strict in dealing with problems and encouraging too. The letters show how the Good News is given throughout the early Church.

Thinking time...

How did Paul feel on his journeys?

When he was going through a hard time, what kept him going?

Read some thoughts of Paul in his letter to the Corinthians...

I've had to put up with all sorts of things – dangers and hard times and all sorts of difficulties;

I've been flogged, put in prison and beaten up; I've had to work like a slave, go without sleep and food.

People have sometimes honoured me, and sometimes insulted me;

Sometimes praised me, and sometimes blamed me.

They thought I was lying, yet I always tried to tell the truth;

They called me a nobody, yet everybody knew me;

My life wasn't worth living, yet I have enjoyed every moment of it;

I've had a rough time, yet they haven't finished me off;

Many things have made me sad, yet I've been a very happy man.

**Based on 2 Corinthians 6:3-10
(God's Story 3)**

Some Key Questions

- What do you think Paul expected when he set off on his journeys?
- What happened to him?
- How do you think he was able to cope?
- What part of the letter did you like best? Why?
- How do you think we might live if we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us?

Task - Make a booklet about Paul entitled 'New Life and Happiness'.

You can include details about some of his journeys, his messages and his advice, and how he lived his life, including his hardships, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

You can use a Bible and the maps and information from your previous learning to help you as well.