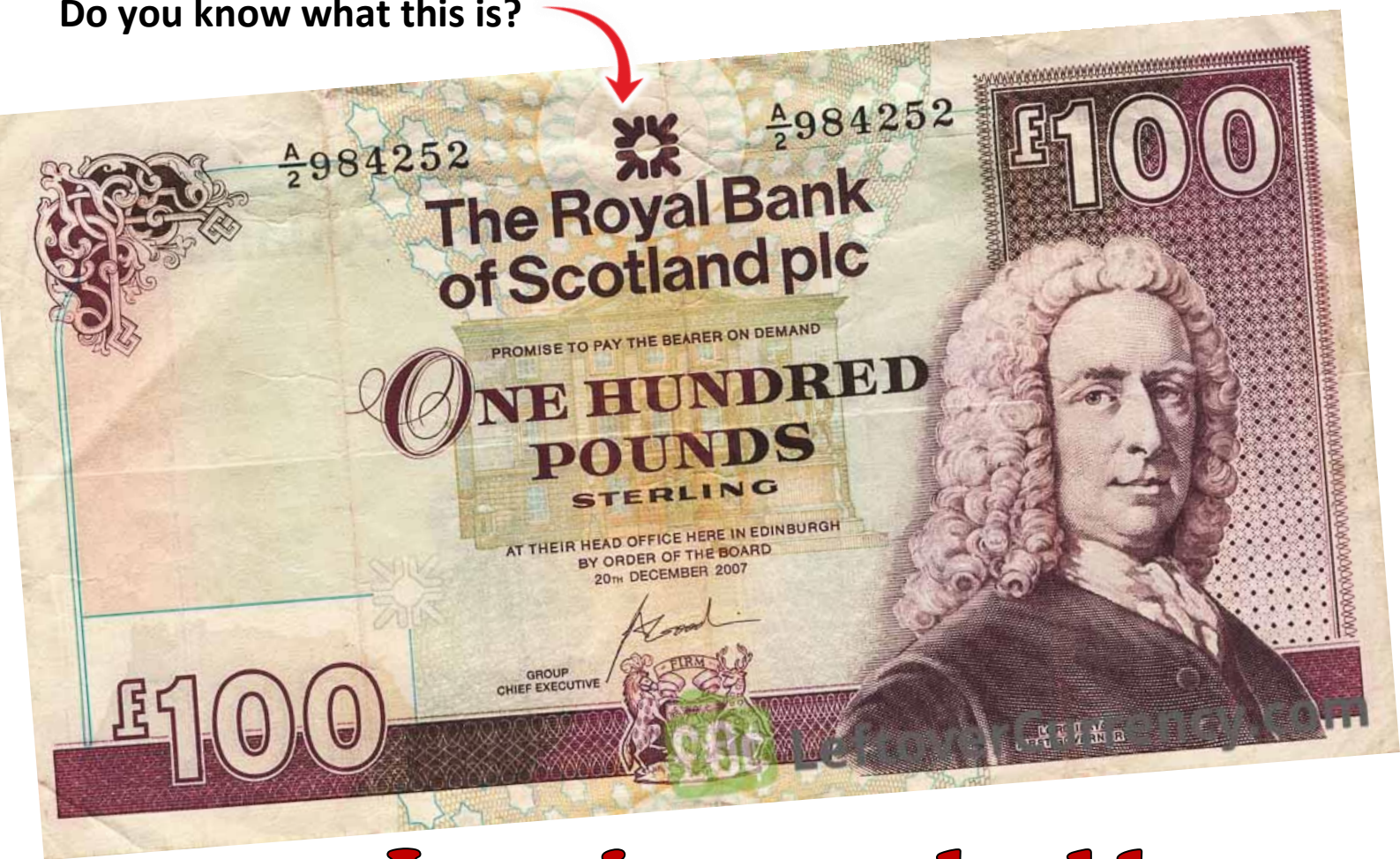


1 Corinthians 1.⁴⁻⁹

faithful

Do you know what this is?



Imagine you had been given this in an envelope ...

£100 – all for you! WOW! What would you spend it on?

With my £100 I would ...





It's only a piece of paper, but ..

... there's something on that bit of paper which makes it a lot more valuable than the piece of paper it's printed on.

Can you see what it is which makes it so very valuable?

Have a look at the large picture on page 1 of the worksheet: see if you can find these seven words on the picture there.



PROMISE TO PAY THE BEARER ON DEMAND



A PROMISE!

That's what makes the piece of paper valuable!

The 'Bearer' is the person who's carrying (or 'bearing') the bit of paper.

'On demand' just means that when the person carrying the bit of paper presents it to the person (or in this case the bank) which has made the promise, and asks for (or 'demands') the £100 ..

.. then the person promises to pay up!

Yay!



promises, promises ..

Everything depends, of course, on whether you can actually **trust** the person who's made the promise!

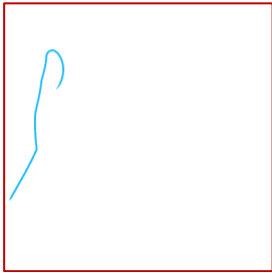
People who make a promise should always keep their promise.

But not everyone does do they?

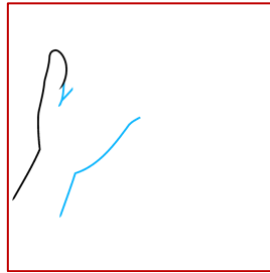


How to draw a pinky promise

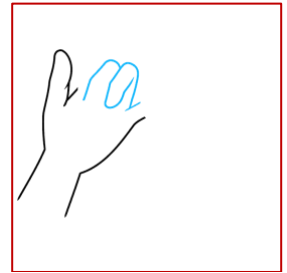
Try following the 10 easy steps below to draw your own 'pinky promise' ...



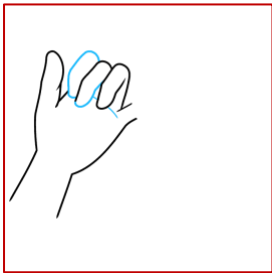
1. Begin by drawing a series of curved lines. Use one line for the arm and wrist. Use another for the side of the hand and top of the thumb. Double it back upon itself to form the tip of the thumb.



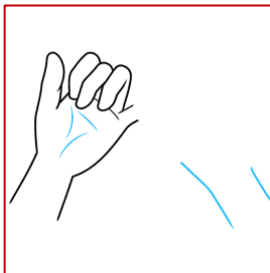
2. Draw a curved "V" shape line to form the space between the thumb and pointer finger. Then, outline the other side of the hand and arm using a long, curved line.



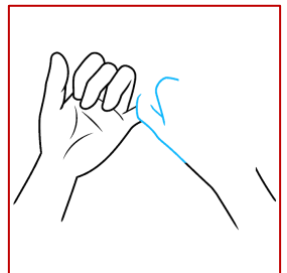
3. Begin drawing the fingers curled in upon the palm. Use a curved line for the first. For the second, draw a curved line and double it back upon itself. At its base, draw a short overlapping line to indicate the base of the pinky finger.



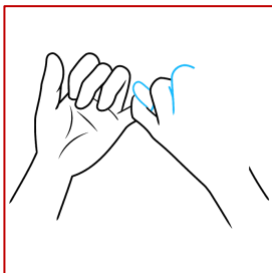
4. Draw the pointer finger and complete the middle finger, using a curved line for each. Draw a curved line passing behind the fingertips to indicate the top of the palm.



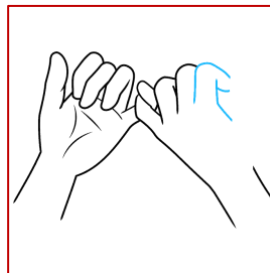
5. Contour the palm with three curved lines. They should be arranged as an inverted triangle but not connected. Then, draw two curved lines to begin the arm and wrist of the second hand.



6. Use a curved line to outline the back of the hand and the pinky. Then, draw a curved "Y" shaped line to draw the base of the pinky and the top of the adjoining finger.



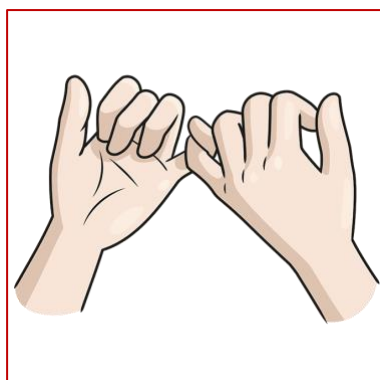
7. Use curved lines to enclose the tip of the pinky of the first hand between the pinky and ring fingers of the second hand. Then, draw a curved "Y" shaped line to form the front of the ring finger and the top of the middle finger.



8. Use curved lines to outline the pointer finger and the side of the hand between the finger and thumb.



9. From the wrist, draw a long, curved line to trace the side of the hand and back of the thumb. Double it back upon itself to form the front of the thumb, completely enclosing the hand. Then, draw short, curved lines to contour the knuckles on the back of the hand.



10. Colour your cartoon hands. Human skin comes in many shades. Illustrations featuring one light-toned hand and one dark-toned hand are popular, as they symbolize a unity between people of different backgrounds.

Today's Bible passage ..

Read

1 Corinthians

1.4-9

⁴I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— ⁶God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The passage on the left is from a letter which Paul wrote to the church in Corinth.



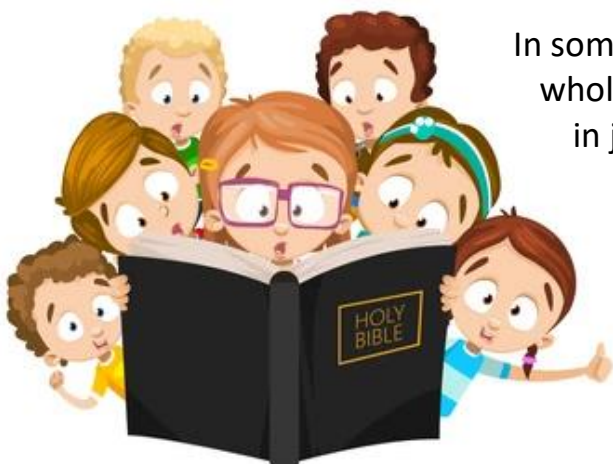
Right from the start of the letter he wanted them to know how good and how great God is.

There were all sorts of problems which the believers faced: but Paul knew that the really important thing for them to do was to get their eyes on God.

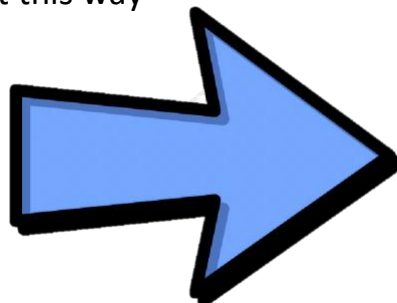
He wanted to remind them especially that

God is faithful

Can you see those words in the passage?



In some ways, the message of the whole Bible can be summed up in just this way



God
is
faithful
Always



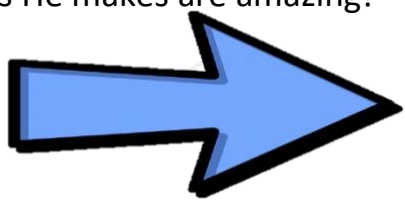
3 words ... which tell you 2 important truths about God

1. God makes promises!

God just loves making promises!

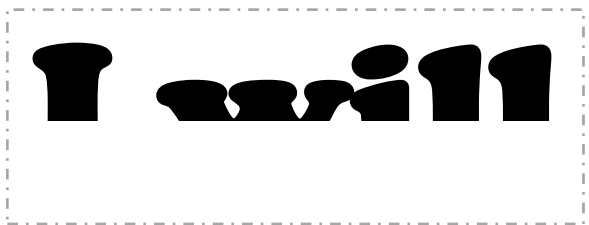
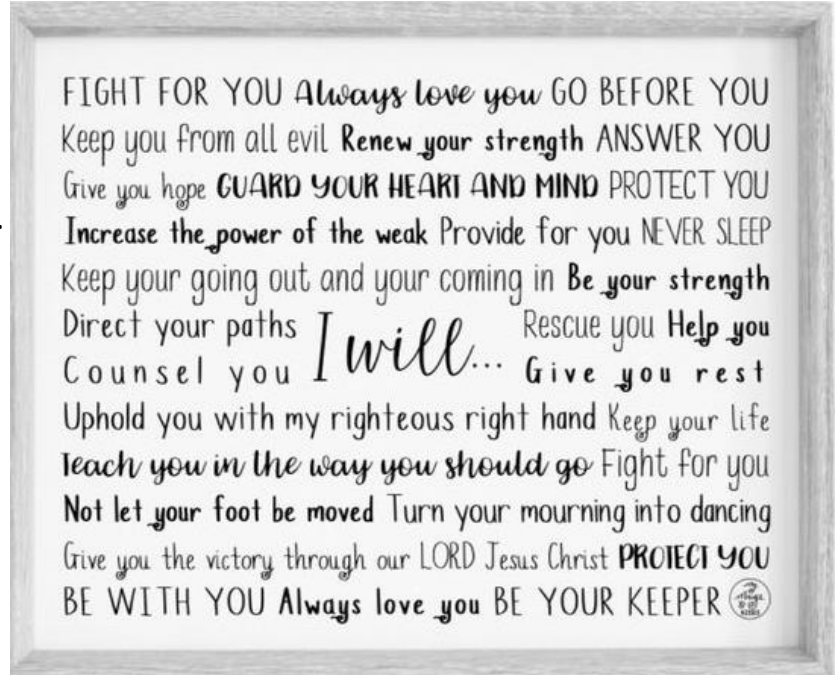
All through the Bible, He's making promises.

And the promises He makes are amazing!



Have a look at some of them here:

all of them start with God saying simply



(can you draw in the bottom half of the two words?)



Look at **verse 8** of the passage and fill in the blank spaces below to see what is one of the wonderful promises which God has made to all who trust in Jesus.

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2.

God always keeps His promises!

always

You can always trust God!

When He says He will do something, you can be sure He will do it.

Always!

Joshua was a great leader of God's people who saw God do amazing things; and this is what he said just before he died (*he'd lived for over 100 years by then!*)



“You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed.

Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed”
(Joshua 23.14)

Every promise which God has made becomes yours when you trust in Jesus!

(That's another promise which God has made!)

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are **Yes** in Christ.
2 Corinthians 1:20 NIV

It's great to know not just that God has made all these amazing promises –

but He keeps them all too!



A Prayer

Think about what you've been learning today.

Now try praying this prayer (or making up your own prayer!)



Thank You, Lord Jesus, for what I've been learning today.

It's great to discover that the Bible is full of promises.

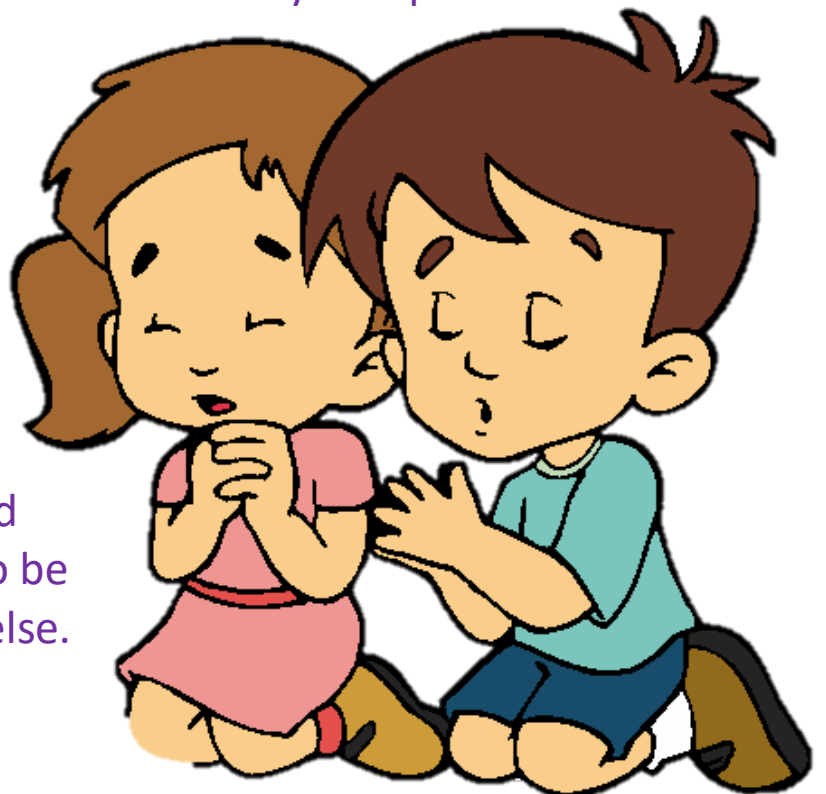
It's great to find out that all the promises which God has made become ours when we trust in You!

And it's great to know that You *always* keep your promises too!

That's miles better than being given a £100 note (that would be great as well! But it's much better having a whole book which is full of the most amazing promises from someone who will always keep their promises, no matter what).

Please forgive me that I'm not always as reliable or 'faithful' as You are: sometimes I don't do what I've said I would do – I'm really sorry for that.

Please help me to be like You and keep my promises always, and to be faithful to You and to everyone else.

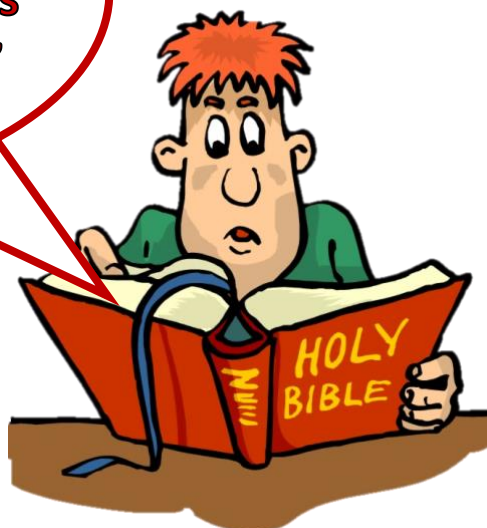


Today's verse for you to try and remember!



**"God is faithful, who has called
you into fellowship with His
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord"**

1 Corinthians 1.9



A WORDSEARCH

Here's a wordsearch about God's faithfulness

God is Faithful!

H U S H L R D L Z U F O R E V E R
E I O U E E N D U R I N G V K G W
J U N C H A N G I N G K G Z W T H
R I Y T C G P R E J O I C E P R C
A S P K W Z A O B Y D M X S O U T
Y G X D R W V K F V T P R F C S N
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H M H G J H U C X O N N B O X Y K
F D G F M N P R A I S E H I M Q B
U Z S I Q L E S N C O N S T A N T
L C C S B E L I E V E S P X O Y D
X Q B C U N F A I L I N G E Z B T

Unchanging Always Believe Constant Enduring Faithful Father
Forever Praise Him Promise Rainbow Rejoice Saves Steadfast
Trustworthy Unfailing

Spot the difference!

"I will praise You for Your faithfulness, my God" (Psalm 71.22)

Here are the Israelites praising God for His faithfulness: can you spot the differences between the 2 pictures?

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



For you to COLOUR IN


Great

is

your

faithfulness

God is faithful. He is the One who has called you
to share life with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
1 Corinthians 1:9

A black and white line drawing of an open book. The book is the central focus, with text written on its pages. Above the book is a sun with rays, and to the left is a large cloud. Below the book is a rainbow. The entire scene is set against a background of smaller clouds.

The Lord
will do what
he says.

Isaiah 38:7