

2 Corinthians 3.18

transformed

Join the dots ...

Complete the picture by joining the dots.

See if you can work out what it's a picture of – and write the answer in the box at the foot of the page.



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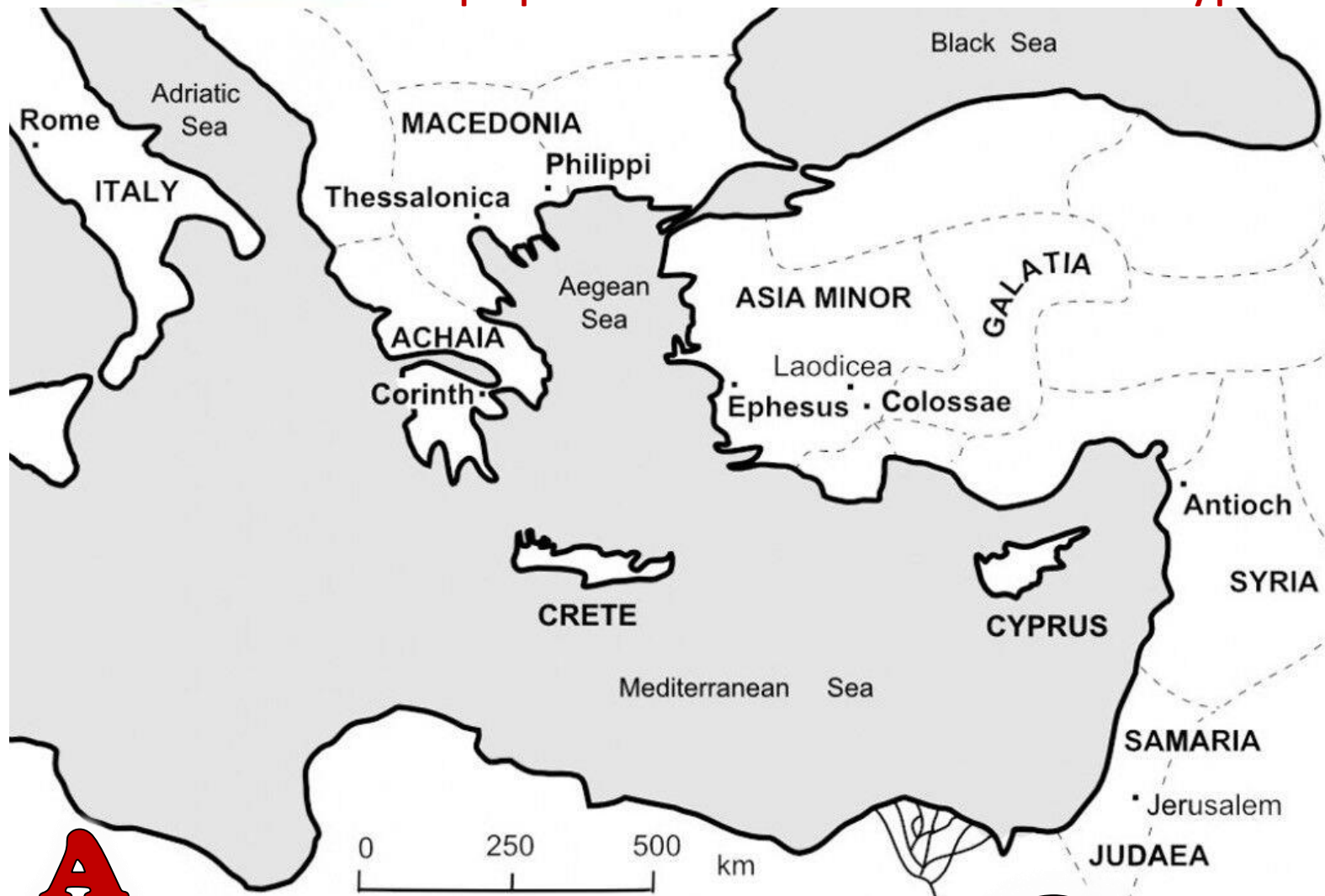


The passage we're looking at this evening comes from a letter written by the apostle Paul to the church at Corinth.

See if you can find Corinth on the map below.

Draw a circle round it when you find it!

Corinth was an important city. It was a big port. People from the west of the Mediterranean Sea and people from the east all met there. It was a busy place!



A
changed
man ..!

Paul was a changed man.

He was known as Saul to start with but later he became known as Paul.

He was a 'crooked' man .. but Jesus sort of straightened him up!

S^{aul} became
P^{aul}

Here's today's passage ..

Paul was reminding all the believers in Corinth how Jesus changes us.

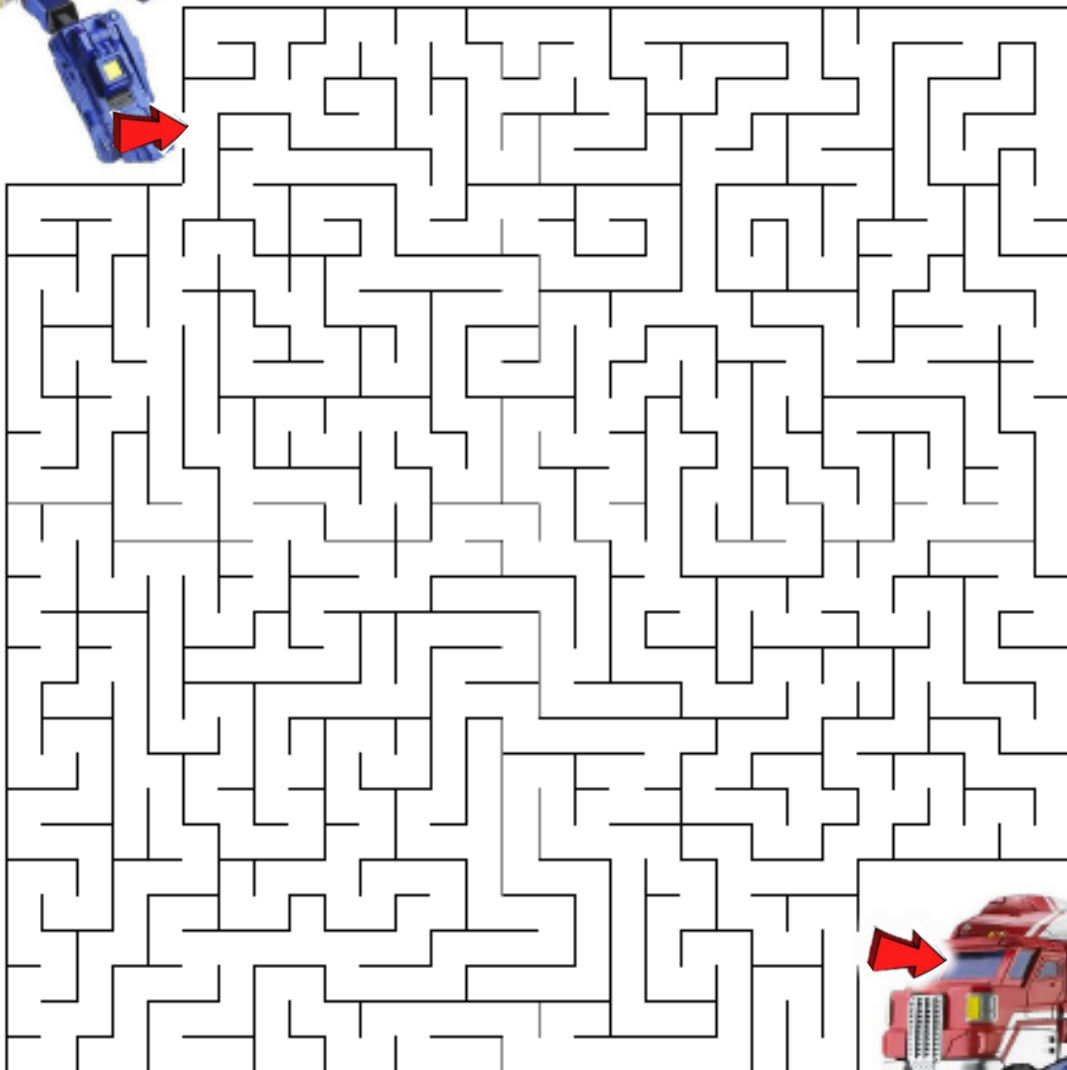
Can you spot the word which speaks about that change?

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*Did you get the right word?
Try the maze below – it's a clue!*



Help Optimus Prime change from a robot into a truck by making your way through the maze!



Read

2 Corinthians 3.¹⁸

¹⁸ And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Shaped by God ...



Have you ever worked with clay?

It can be a messy business!

Often the clay doesn't seem to want to do what you want it to do!

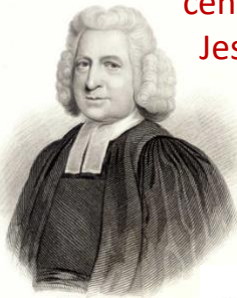
That's a picture which God uses in the Bible to explain what He is able to do for us.

He patiently works away at our lives to 're-make' them: we become the people He meant us to be.

Jesus

changes us

Charles Wesley was a great preacher in the 18th century. He certainly understood what Jesus is able to do in the lives of His people!



Here's the last verse of a very famous hymn he wrote, called, 'Love Divine, all loves excelling'



*Finish, then, thy new creation;
true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.*



Read

Jeremiah 18.¹⁻⁶

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ² 'Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message.' ³ So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. ⁴ But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. ⁵ Then the word of the Lord came to me. ⁶ He said, 'Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?' declares the Lord. 'Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel.'

Did you spot the part of the hymn where Charles Wesley was referring to what the Lord is doing in the lives of those who've trusted in Him?



Back to tonight's verse

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2 Corinthians 3.¹⁸

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The Bible is all about the change Jesus can make in our lives.

It explains –

- **why** we need change
- **who** brings about that change
- **how** that change happens
- **what** that change will be



why

do we need change?



Because our sin has made a mess of us.

Look back at **Jeremiah 18.4**: fill in the missing word

“But the pot he was shaping from the clay was **___ R E D** in his hands”

who

brings about that change?



“We .. are being transformed ..” –

it's the **___ D** who does this!

how

does that change happen?



“We .. contemplate the Lord's glory”

the Lord does this by His **S** _____
as we learn to get our eyes fixed on Jesus

what

will that change be like?



“We shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is” (1 John 3.2)

God's amazing purpose in sending His Son into the world is to make us like Jesus. The more you keep your eyes on Him, the more you end up like Him!

A Prayer

Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.

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



Thank You, Lord Jesus, that You love me so much.

It's not long until Christmas now when we remember how You came into this world: and I'm getting excited already!

But it's really exciting to learn about how You can change us and make us the people we're meant to be.

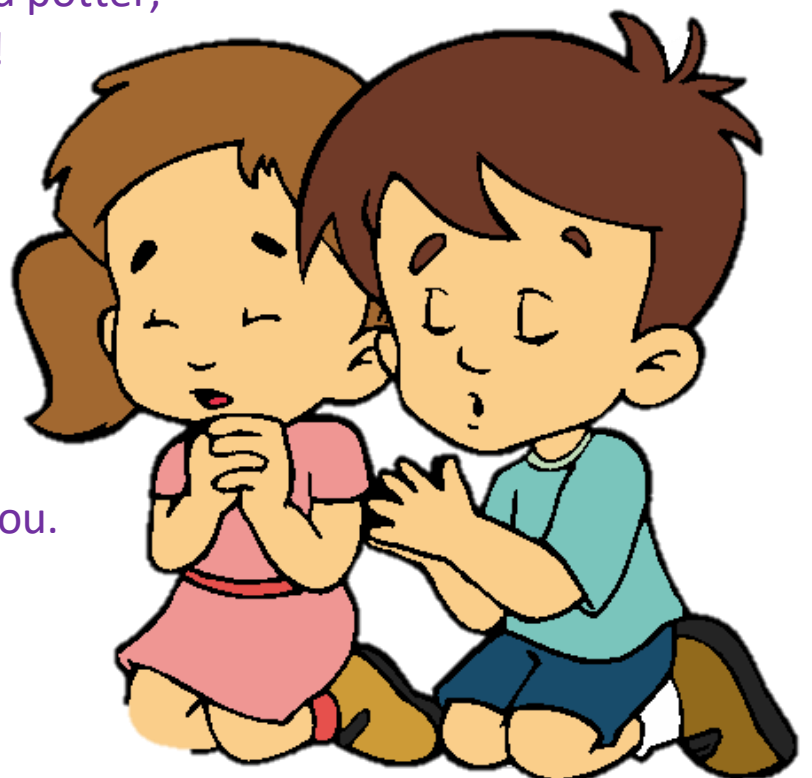
I often feel like a lump of clay that's got right out of shape: I'm glad that, like a good potter, You're able to start all over again!

You make me
ALIVE!

You must be amazingly patient!

Help me to keep my eyes on You always and please keep helping me to grow more and more like You.

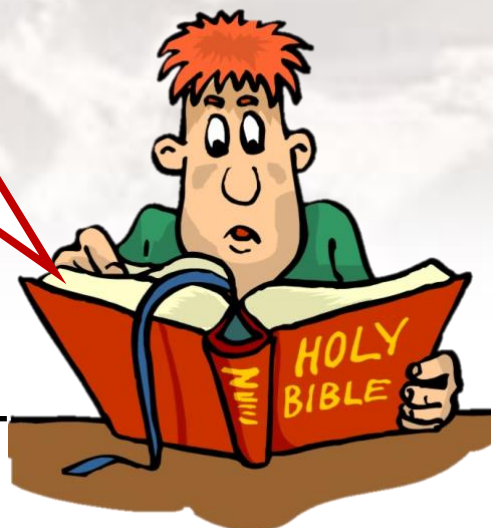
Thank You, Jesus, for everything!



Today's verse for you to try and remember!

**“we all,
who with unveiled faces
contemplate the Lord's glory, are
being transformed into his image
with ever-increasing glory, which
comes from the Lord, who is the
Spirit”**

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A WORDSEARCH

Start with this wordsearch about pottery, working with clay – like God does with us!

BOWL
CLAY
CRAFT
CUP
DECORATE
DESIGN
DISH
DRY
EARTH
GLASS
GLAZING
HANDS
HARDEN
JAR
KILN
KNEAD
ORNAMENT
PAINT
PITCHER
SPIN
STONEWARE
THROW
UNIQUE
WHEEL

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

The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.
Find and circle each word.



Another wordsearch!

Saul of Tarsus became Paul the apostle – here's a Wordsearch about his conversion.

You can read about that in **Acts 9**

C S S P S E R G B J D P Z P N B T N U R
A U N I U U Y U K E O H A S O I G X H E
W C A P S F M M Z U E U B A R N A B A S
S S I G E D G I R A L L I I Z S K U S T
Y A T K J R T V V T U I P C R G A S H O
N M S J Q P S E H A X S R P I F U D H R
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ANANIAS
BARNABAS
BRIGHT LIGHT
CONVERSION
HEAVEN
JERUSALEM
NEW TESTAMENT
RESTORE
SYNAGOGUE
THREE DAYS
PAUL THE APOSTLE

BAPTIZED
BLIND
CHRISTIANS
DAMASCUS
HOLY SPIRIT
PRISONERS
PERSECUTE

SAUL
TARSUS
JESUS



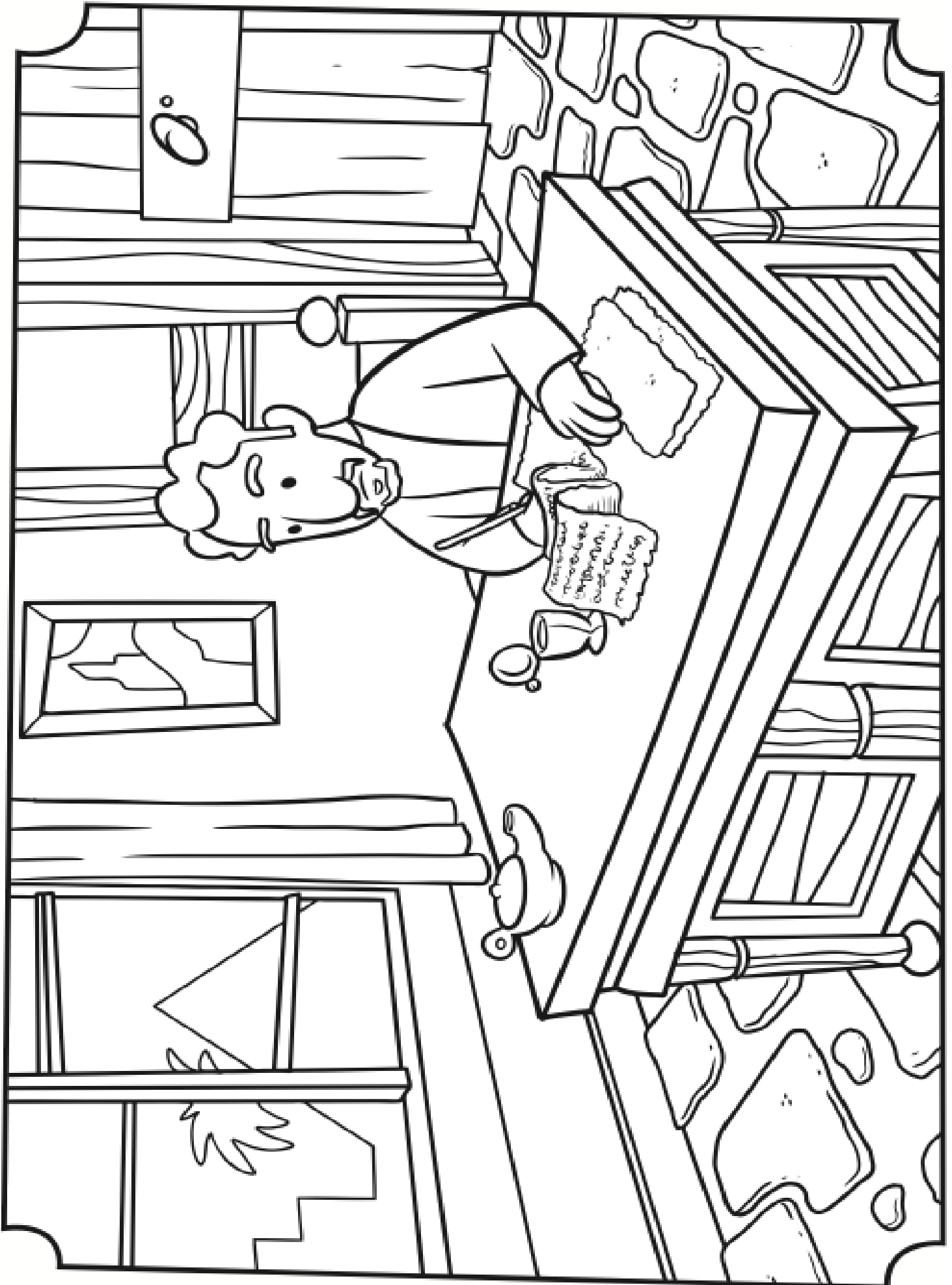
A picture to COLOUR IN!



Colour in this picture too!

Paul wrote 13 letters that are in the New Testament – including 2 to the church at Corinth.

Can you think of someone to whom you might write a letter and tell them what you've learned about Jesus?

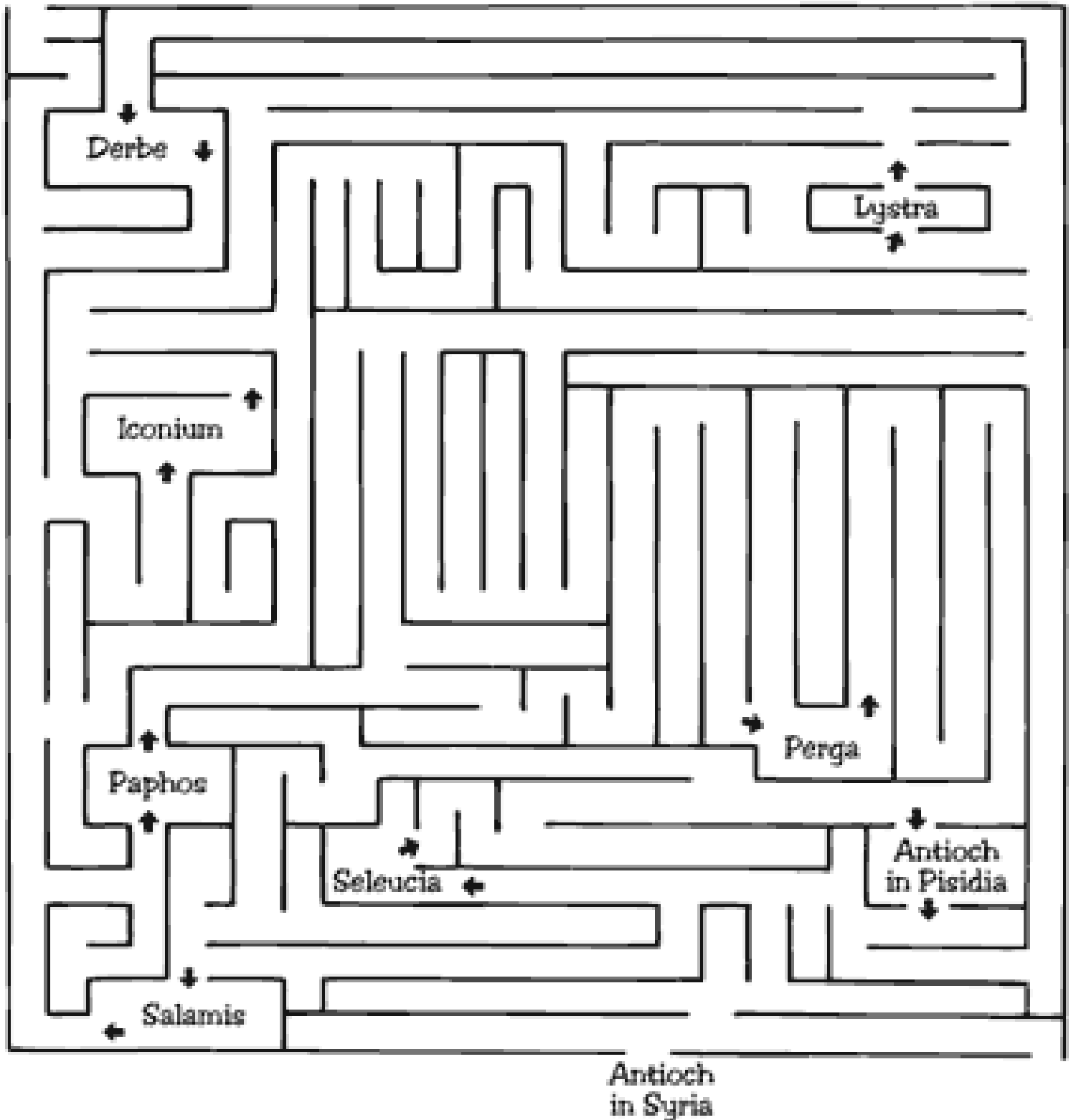


Paul and his travels!

Paul went on a number of missionary journeys (one of which took him to Corinth). You can read about the first of those journeys in **Acts 13.1-14.28**: on that journey he travelled to all the cities listed in the maze below.

Jerusalem

He eventually ended up at a 'council' in Jerusalem (Acts 15)



Use the information in Acts to find each city in the maze in the order that Paul and Barnabas visited them, starting at **Antioch in Syria**: follow the direction of the arrows and make sure you end up in Jerusalem!

You may not cross or retrace the path!

Have fun on your very own 'missionary journey'!