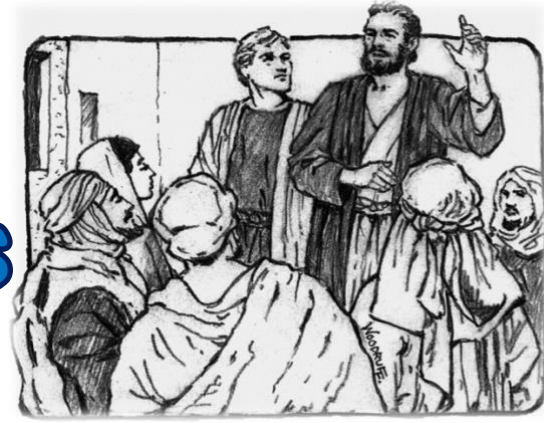


2 Timothy 4.⁶⁻⁸ ministers



Relay races ...



Have you ever been part of a team running in a relay race?

It's important to pass the baton on to the next person carefully!

If you don't get that right, it can lose you the race!

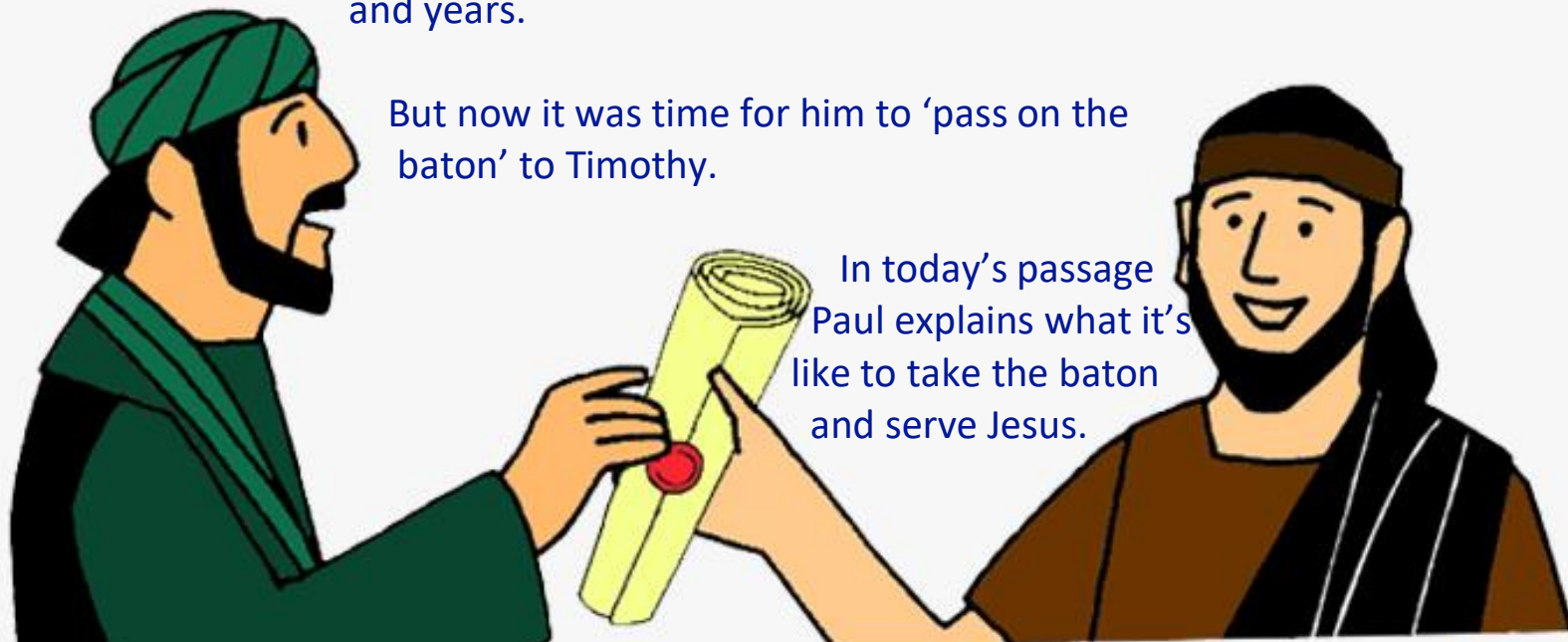
There's a picture of the baton being passed on for you to colour in at the back of this worksheet!

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Paul was an old man by the time he was writing this letter to Timothy. He'd been teaching people about Jesus for years and years.

But now it was time for him to 'pass on the baton' to Timothy.

In today's passage Paul explains what it's like to take the baton and serve Jesus.



Have a read of today's passage

Paul reminds Timothy of 4 important truths in these verses. Understanding each of these truths helps you live as a 'minister' (servant) of Jesus.

Here's the first of these truths –

the mercy



of God

As followers of Jesus our lives are always a response to God's mercy.

This is how Paul put it in **Romans 12.1**

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living **_____ if _____**, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.

When you see this graphic of the cup of crayons, colour in the words or the picture

See if you can work out what the 9-letter word in red is in the quote from the Bible above.

Fill in the missing letters in the box below.

_____ **IF** _____

When Paul wrote that he was '**being poured out like a drink offering**' he meant that his whole life was offered up to God, day by day – just like a sacrifice.

A Sacrifice Of Praise

passage

Read

2 Timothy 4.⁶⁻⁸

⁶ For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Here are the letters that you'll need

I S C
E A
C R

Here's the second important truth



the

brevity

of life

Have a look again at what Paul wrote at the start of the passage.

... the time for my departure is near ..

Paul knew that the time we have to serve Jesus is not really all that long!

He also knew that he himself didn't have that much longer to serve Jesus through his preaching the gospel.

His own time on earth was running out quite quickly!



Here's a verse from one of the psalms which reminds us how short life is.

Our days may come to years, or , if our strength endures .. they quickly pass, and we fly away.

Look up **Psalm 90 v.10** to fill in the circled blanks!



Make the most of every day – you won't get it again!

the a 3rd truth



activity

of faith

I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith



Can you work out from the pictures below what Paul said (in verse 7 of the passage) that serving Jesus was like?

Write your answers on the next page!



Jesus calls you to serve Him, and to share in His work in the world.



a B _ T T _ _



a R _ _ _ _

When you trust in Jesus and start to follow Him that activity of faith is like these three things –



a S T _ W _ R _ S _ I _

.. and a final

important truth

the



It was said of Jesus that it was 'for the joy that was set before Him' that He endured the cross.

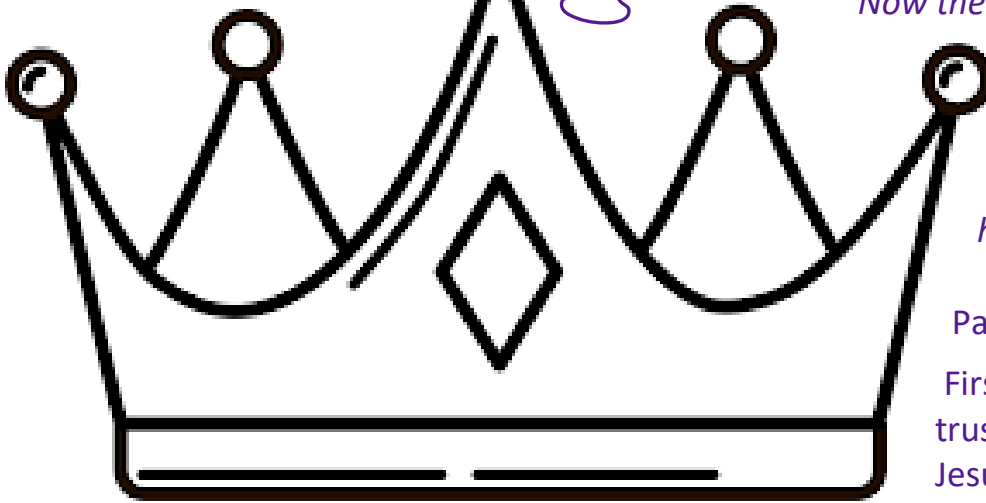
certainty

He kept going because He was so looking forward to what He knew was going to be His at the end.

of hope

That's what Paul is on about in v.8. Have a read of that verse again.

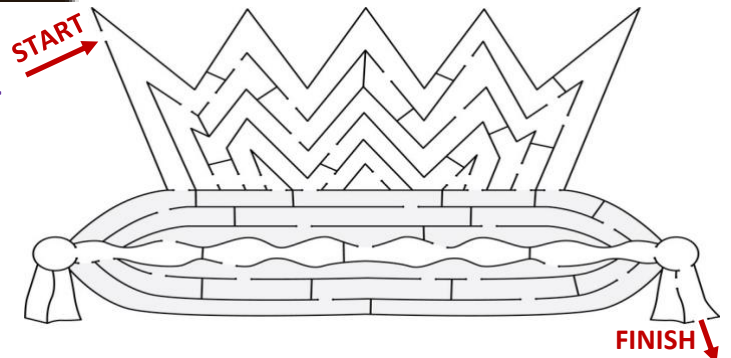
"Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."



Paul meant by that at least 2 things.

First, for those who have loved and trusted Jesus they'll get to share in Jesus' reign over everything.

And secondly, for those who've loved and trusted Jesus everything will finally be all put right.



Now try the maze alongside and see if you can **make it right to the end!**

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, Jesus, for all the people who have taught me about You.

It's great to have the Bible: but I'm glad that You make sure there are people who can explain it to me.

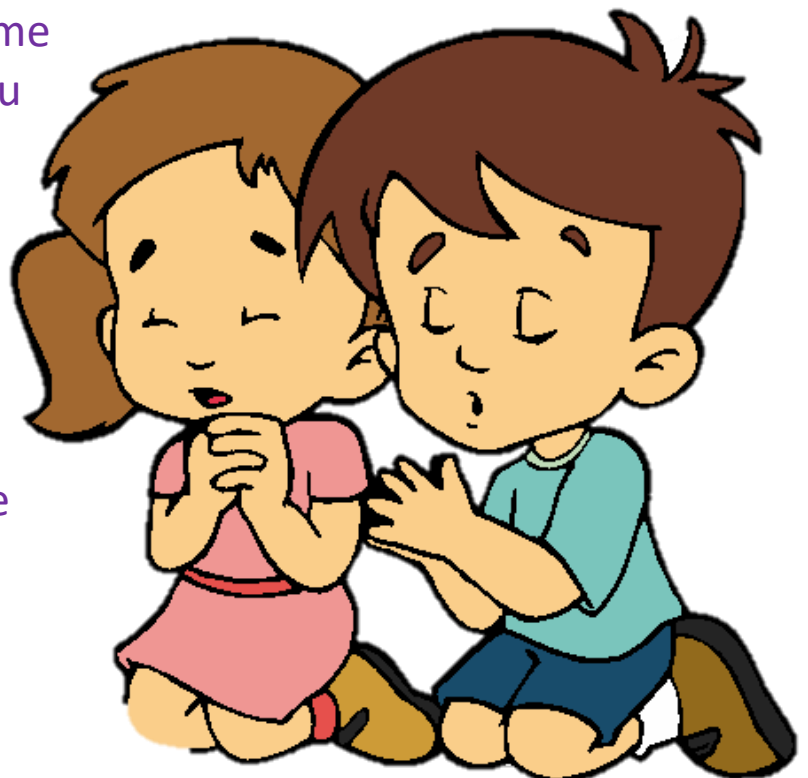
They help me to get to know You better!

It's amazing to think that You want me to share with You in all that You're doing in the world today.

It's exciting to know that You want me to learn how to tell others about You and to pass on the message of the Bible.

Help me to be a good learner:
help me to make time day by day
to learn from the Bible: and help me
to follow the example of those who
love You and serve You.

Help me to serve You really well!

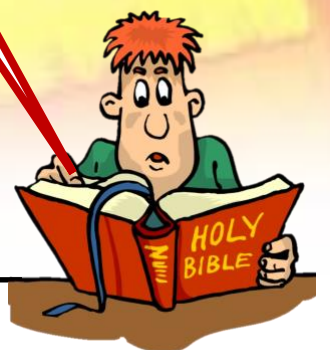


Today's verse for you to try and remember!

'I have fought the good
fight, I have finished the
race, I have kept the faith.'

2 Timothy 4.7

*A Sacrifice
Of Praise*



A WORDSEARCH ..

To 'fight the good fight' you'll need the armour of God!

This Wordsearch is based on the 'armour of God' which you can read about in Ephesians 6.10-18

D D T O W K G H B R E A S T P L A T E J R H B Y
Z A X C E P Z C B R C A K T R P M E V X M D O T
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Put on
God's Grace
Perfect in God's Eyes
Bible
Faith
Shoes
Belt

Spirit
Salvation
Righteousness
Gods Word
Shield
God Chose You
God

Sword
Helmet
Breastplate
Trust
Gospel of Peace
Truth
Armor

Colour in - passing on the message

