

Paul in Athens script

Grace and peace to you! I'm Paul, a servant of the Lord from long ago. I've been traveling around, starting churches and telling people about our amazing God.

In my travels, I arrived in a beautiful city called Athens. As I was waiting for my friends, I decided to walk around the city, and as I did, I started to feel upset, because everywhere I went, I saw idols. Do you know what an idol is? Take answers.

An idol is an image or statue of a false god—a pretend god. The people here have made up all kinds of ideas about pretend gods, and they've made statues out of wood, silver, and gold. They even have a place that says, "To the unknown god." But we know there's only one true God—the God of the Bible.

Seeing all these idols upset me, because I want everyone to know the one and only God. So I decided to go to the marketplace and the synagogue, which is kind of like a church, to tell people about the one true God.

One day, some of the men of Athens asked me to meet them up on a rocky spot looking over the city. While I was there, I told them I had spotted their idols, their false gods, and I even saw an altar that said, "To the unknown god." I told them that God doesn't live in temples, and he isn't a statue made by people. God is the Maker of the whole world! He made us and gave us life. And the awesome thing is, God wants to have a relationship with each of us. God sent his Son, Jesus, who lived and died and was raised from the dead, so we can have that relationship if we turn from our sins and trust him.

Well, when I finished speaking, what do you think the men said?

Some of them made fun of me. Has anyone ever made fun of you? It's not nice! Some of them said they'd like to hear more, and some of them came with me right then and there because they realized I was right—there really is only one God—the great and awesome Creator!

Of course, we can never know absolutely everything about God—he's too big and great—but we can know him enough to have a relationship with him. This week, I hope you get to know God!

Thanks for having me in. Shalom!