

Paul in Athens script

Grace and peace to you! I'm Paul, a servant of God here in ancient times. 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 walked around the city, I started to feel very upset. Have you ever felt upset? I felt upset because everywhere I went, I saw idols. Do you know what an idol is?

An idol is something that people make so they can worship it instead of God. It is a pretend god. The people here have made little idols out of wood, silver, and gold. They even have an altar that says, "To the unknown god." But there's only one true God—the God of the Bible.

Seeing all these false gods upset me, because I want everyone to know the one and only God. So I decided to tell people about the God of the Bible.

The teacher should hold up the **PAUL IN ATHENS POSTER**. Then one day, some people asked me to meet them. While I was there, I told them I had seen their idols, their false gods. I told them God is the maker of the whole world—he even made them—and he can't be kept in a temple or as a statue they've made. 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.

When I finished speaking, some of the people made fun of me. Has anyone ever made fun of you? It's not kind! But some of them believed me and realized there really is only one God—the great and awesome Creator.

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!