

# KidsPrint

## IMAGINE GETTING ARRESTED ON FALSE CHARGES. HOW WOULD YOU PASS THE TIME IN JAIL?

1. Would you contact your lawyer?
2. Whine about life's unfairness?
3. Write a letter to some friends, reminding them to give thanks for all things – including jail time?

## JAIL TIME

Well, Paul chose number three. He wrote a letter to some friends in the city of Ephesus. You'll find his letter in the New Testament.

Now, Paul's friends lived in an interesting city. Ephesus was a MAJOR seaport. A road went from the harbor up to the Ephesus theater. (Twenty-five thousand people could sit in the theater at one time.) The city even had a subdivision called the Houses on the Slopes, hillside palaces that only the rich could afford.

But the most well-known building in Ephesus was the great Temple of Diana. The temple had 106 columns, each 40 feet (12 meters) high, and the walls were made of marble. The Ephesians were proud of their temple and their goddess. Every year there was an "honor Diana" day when the civil leaders and magistrates led a parade through the city. The people figured if they honored Diana,

she would show them special favor. In fact, the temple was so magnificent, that it made the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World list. People came from all over to see it.

Paul knew the Christians in Ephesus were surrounded by people whose religion was based on good works. These people thought that the more they honored Diana, the better she would like them. In fact, much of the town made their money off the temple. (Check out Demetrius – Acts 19:24.) That's why Paul reminded them in Ephesians 2:8-9 that we are saved by grace through faith – not by anything we can do ourselves. He wanted them to know that salvation didn't come by sacrifices to a goddess, a big temple, or even by printing "Diana of Ephesus" on their coins. Salvation was a gift from God.



As you learn Ephesians 2:8-9, think about Paul (in prison) writing to his friends in Ephesus. Think about the people in Ephesus trusting Christ while all around them people were worshipping the goddess Diana.

Here's an interesting fact. All that's left of Ephesus is a bunch of ruins. Much of the city has disappeared into a swamp. The one thing that has remained? Paul's letter to the Ephesus church.

**FILL IN THE BLANKS BY SUPPLYING THE LETTER THAT COMPLETES THE WORD. EACH WORD SHOULD THEN BE THE NAME OF A PERSON OR PLACE IN THE BIBLE. WRITE OUT THE MISSING LETTERS TO FIND THE HIDDEN MESSAGE.**



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- A\_\_RAHAM
- TIMOTH\_\_
- \_\_AIUS
- LYST\_\_A
- S\_\_MUEL
- DOR\_\_US
- JOS\_\_PH
- AD\_\_M
- JE\_\_ICHO
- EZEKI\_\_L
- DID\_\_MUS
- J\_\_B
- L\_\_KE
- \_\_AUL
- NO\_\_H
- DA\_\_ID
- NEBUCHADN\_\_ZZAR
- \_\_ELAIAH

## R&R

Before memorizing a verse, think about what it means. Paul loved the people in Ephesus.

He also knew the Christians felt alone among Diana worshippers. He wanted them to remember that they were saved by grace, not by doing good things for an idol. That makes Ephesians 2:8-9 so much easier to understand!

So how do you understand a verse?

- Read the entire section in your handbook. (Don't just memorize the verse and ignore everything else.)
- Check out a regular dictionary. Now, THAT'S easy. If you don't know what a word means, look it up. Even Bible words like *redemption* and *justification* are defined in a dictionary.
- Look the words up in a Bible dictionary.
- Ask someone. Ask your parents, Awana leader, your pastor or another adult who can help.



**WHY DO SEAGULLS FLY ABOVE THE SEA?**  
Because if they flew above the bay they'd be baygulls. Bageels, get it?

**WHAT BEGINS WITH "T", ENDS WITH "T" AND IS FULL OF "T."**  
A teapot.



**WHAT DO YOU CALL TWO BANANA PEELS?**  
A pair of slippers.

**WHAT DOES A GOAT EAT FOR BREAKFAST?**  
Goatmeal.

**WHERE DO APES LIVE?**  
Ape-partments.

**WE NEED YOU!****CALLING ALL KIDS AND LEADERS**

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**DID YOU KNOW?****HERE ARE SOME FACTS ABOUT MISSIONARY PILOTS:**

- Missionary pilots have airlifted alligators and carried crocodiles in their cargo areas.
- Missionary pilots sometimes "diaper" chickens and turkeys so they don't mess up the plane.
- Missionary pilots sometimes transport cows, sheep, parrots, iguanas and even a chimpanzee or two.
- One missionary pilot had to transport 10,000 honey bees! (Only one escaped.)
- Most importantly, missionary pilots carry missionaries, Bibles, computers, Sunday school teaching material and Awana® supplies to areas that cannot be easily reached by land or water.

**FROM HERE AND THERE**

**COLOR IN THE STATES YOU THINK GET SNOW!**

We asked the T&T™ clubbers at Fox Valley Baptist Church in Dundee, Illinois: If you could've visited any city during Bible time, which city would you have visited and why?

Jericho so I could see the walls fall down.

— Nathan, age 10

Bethlehem because Jesus was born there and to see the manger.

— Alyssa, age 10

Philistia because Samson was there.

— Daniel, age 9

Egypt (though not a city) during the time of Moses to see the people and help them break out.

— Christopher, age 9

Chicago to see what it was like.

— Nick, age 8