

Books of 1 Corinthians and 2 Corinthians

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<p>Preparation: <i>(What I need to do and items to gather before I begin to teach.)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bibles to use in class
<p>Lesson Title:</p>	<p>The New Testament Books of 1 Corinthians and 2 Corinthians Continue your <i>NEW Testament Wall display</i> by hanging the “1 Corinthians” and “2 Corinthians” wall cards.</p>
<p>Scripture Reference(s):</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (The Gift of Love - commonly read at weddings!) 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (God Gives Comfort)</p>
<p>Emphasis or Theme:</p>	<p>BELIEVERS in an UNBELIEVING WORLD</p>
<p>Introducing the Story: <i>(What you might say or do before the story to help create an interest or curiosity.)</i></p>	<p><i>(Hang your “1 Corinthians” and “2 Corinthians ” wall cards on your New Testament wall display.)</i> SAY: The Books of 1 Corinthians and 2 Corinthians were both written by apostle Paul - the same apostle who wrote the Book of Romans.</p>
<p>LESSON: Telling the Story Through the Bible: <i>(Outline the story here. Then describe the method you will use to tell the story. Examples might include showing pictures, props, visuals, drawing as you tell, using puppets, costumed characters, dramatic story-telling or any number of other methods.)</i></p>	<p>SAY: Paul wrote 2 letters to the church of Corinth: the first letter to the Corinthians we refer to as the Book of 1 Corinthians, and the second letter we refer to as the Book of 2 Corinthians. Let's first discuss the first letter, or 1 Corinthians. SAY: Remember, the apostles had just begun to go out into the works to preach Christianity and begin Christian churches. Paul's first letter gives us a good picture about how the life of this early Christian community in Corinth. There weren't any Christians before this group, so they didn't have any Christian role models or people before them to show them or give examples regarding how a person that belongs to the Christian church lives. This was the 1st generation of Christians! ASK: How do you think this new group of Christians was doing? Behaving? Do you think they understood what it meant to accept the good news of Christ? <i>(Pause)</i> ASK: When you are learning how to play a new game, does it take a bit of time to learn all of the rules? For example, when you first learned the game of baseball, did you know all the rules right away? <i>(Pause)</i> SAY: The same was true of this small group of first generation of Christians. They were a bit weak. They were trying to figure out how they needed to live their lives now that they had been baptized as Christians. But it wasn't easy, and it didn't happen immediately. Apostle Paul, who had founded the community, had to respond to all kinds of questions that were being asked of him about the behavior of his new, Christian community, who were participating in some not-so Christian acts, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal conflicts in pagan courts of law • Temple sacrifices • Discriminating against others • Drinking too much • Excluded the poorer members • Women were not wearing their customary head-coverings at the assembly <p>SAY: Paul's first letter really illustrates Paul's mind, character, deep love for his people, and the type of teacher that he was. In his letter, he writes confidently that those who have behaved wrongly will recognize and accept how they must change. ASK: Any ideas how things got corrected and how the people were made to see that their behavior was not according to the laws of the Christian church? <i>(Pause)</i></p>

	<p>SAY: The answer is given to us in the second Book of Corinthians, 2 Corinthians.</p> <p>ASK: What are some of the duties and jobs of a priest? <i>(Conducts church service each Sunday, Baptisms, Visits people who are sick/dying, etc.</i></p> <p>ASK: Have you ever thought about how hard it must be to be a priest? Do you think our Der Hayr's job is easy? <i>(Pause)</i></p> <p>SAY: In 2 Corinthians, Paul writes a very personal letter about the difficult, often painful realities of being a minister, or priest. But it is through this letter that Paul shares how he pleads to the new Christian community to REPENT, ASK FOR FORGIVENESS, and AVOID GOD'S JUDGMENT. And they did! A small group continued to cause problems, but the majority of the faithful stayed committed to the truth, love, and ways of God.</p> <p>SAY: Christianity was brand new back when Paul wrote 1 Corinthians and 2 Corinthians. I'm sure it must have been very difficult for those first Christians to learn what it meant to live by the Word of God. Buy through the leadership and teachings of Paul, Christians became stronger and Christianity continued to spread.</p>
<p>Learning Activities: <i>(Games, crafts artwork, songs, memory verses, or other activities that bring fuller meaning to the scripture or make application to the lives of the students.)</i></p>	<p>ACTIVITY:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bible Scripture Relay 2. Spiritual Gifts of the Holy Spirit Envelopes 3. Love Is Cups
<p>Review: <i>(Solidify learning by repeating facts, themes, or even the story itself through games, crafts, activities, or visual aides.)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Books of 1 Corinthians and 2 Corinthians were written by which apostle? PAUL 2. How did the 1st generation of Christians behave at first? <i>They were weak; they didn't completely understand how to live by God's work, etc.</i> 3. What did we learn today about apostle Paul? <i>Good teacher; problem solver, patient, strong, doesn't give up, etc.</i>
<p>Closing: <i>(Prayer, last song, ...)</i></p>	<p>Paul truly loved his people and showed his love by offering them guidance and strength. This week, show love to those who may behave badly, like apostle Paul!</p> <p>Recite: <i>Hayr Mer</i></p>