

Acts 17

Readings this week:

- S Acts 17:1-9
- M Acts 17:10-15
- T Acts 17:16-34
- W 1 Thessalonians 1
- Th 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12
- F 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20
- S 1 Thessalonians 3

We also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

Look at the first 15 verses of Acts 17 and complete the imaginary letter using the information you have found from the verses.

Dear Gran,

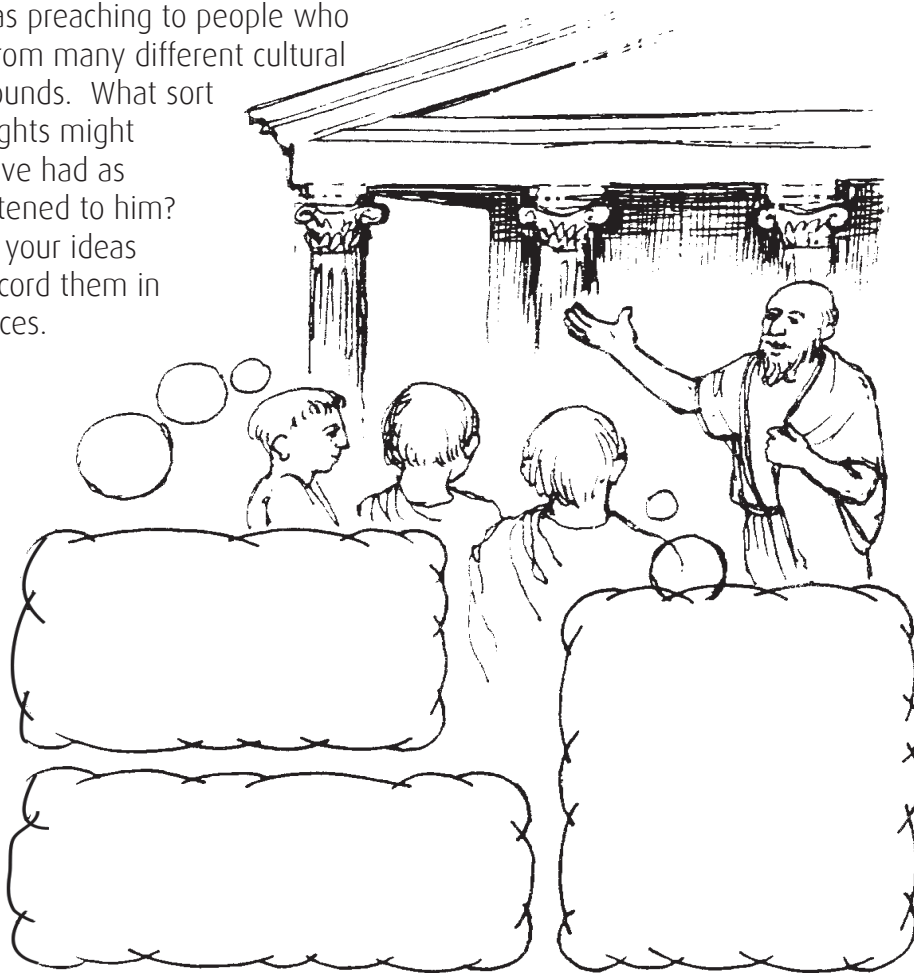
Silas and I are now staying at Berea. I didn't have time to write to you from Thessalonica as we had to leave in a hurry.

Berea is a lot better because

As soon as we can, Silas and I are going to

With love from
Timothy

Paul was preaching to people who came from many different cultural backgrounds. What sort of thoughts might they have had as they listened to him? Discuss your ideas then record them in the spaces.



What did Paul tell the people about God? Look through verses 16-33 and make a list of the facts Paul told them. You should be able to find at least 15.

What does Acts 17:11 tell you about how to learn about God?

Sometimes the Bible is hard to understand. What sort of study aids are there which help you?

Do you know how to use them? If you don't, ask your teacher to help you to learn.

How can you be sure that things like concordances and study guides are telling you the right story? How can you check whether or not they are biased towards one particular point of view?

Digging Deeper

The church at Thessalonica

When Paul was in Athens he was worried because he hadn't been able to stay long in Thessalonica.

What did he do? - 1 Thessalonians 3:1-2

What did Timothy find out? 1 Thessalonians 3:6, 1:7-8

How did Paul feel about them? 1 Thessalonians 1:2, 2:1,7-9,17, 4:9

Pray
that God
will be with you
as you study his
word to learn
from it.