

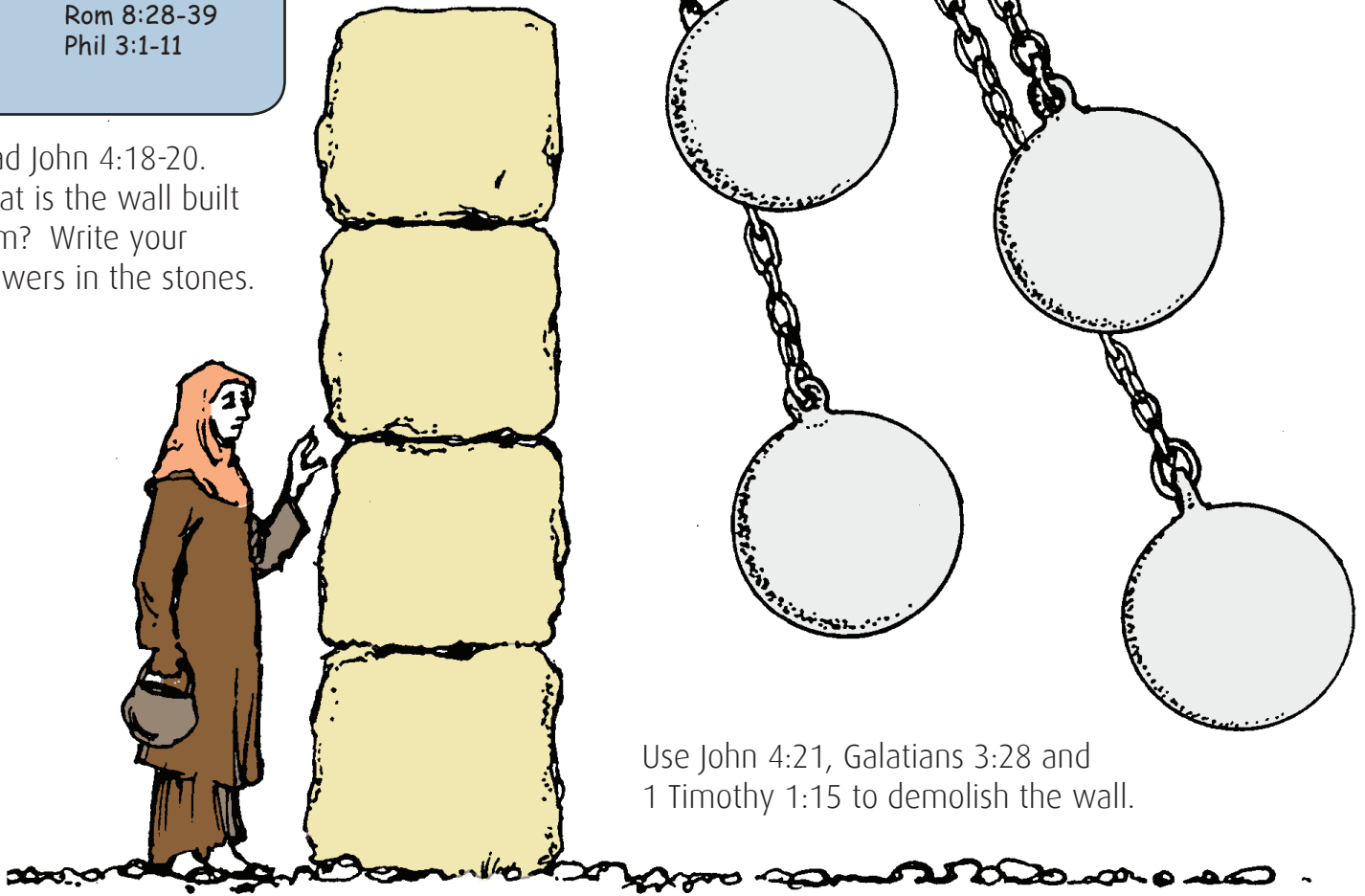
## John 4

*One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. Psalm 27:4*

### Readings this week:

S	John 4:1-26
M	John 4:27-38
T	John 4:39-45
W	John 4:46-54
Th	Gal 3:24-29
F	Rom 8:28-39
S	Phil 3:1-11

Read John 4:18-20.  
What is the wall built from? Write your answers in the stones.



Use John 4:21, Galatians 3:28 and 1 Timothy 1:15 to demolish the wall.

Are there any barriers to worshipping God?

Is sin a barrier?

What can take away sin?

## Digging Deeper - Samaritans

Why were the Samaritans despised?

First of all look on a map of Israel to see where the area is. The town Samaria used to be the capital of the old kingdom of Israel. Read 2 Kings 17:24-28 to find out what happened to the people after the king of Assyria deported most of them.

In the time of Jesus the Samaritans were a mixed race of Jews and Gentiles.

Luke 9:51-55 tells us a bit more about how the Jews and the Samaritans regarded each other. Not long after this Jesus tells the parable that we know as 'The Good Samaritan' in Luke 10:25-37.

Why does Jesus tell this parable? (v29)

### Think about the Samaritan in the parable.

- He saved the life of a man who had no hope.
- He was 'despised and rejected' (Isaiah 53:3)
- He went away and was coming back.
- Who do you think is the best 'neighbour' we could have?

(If you want to study it further, you will find a lot more similarities between the parable and the work of Jesus. What is the significance of Jerusalem? And Jericho? Which way would the Samaritan have been travelling?)

## When can you worship God?

Is it just something to do on Sundays? Can you think of other ways to worship him?

### STEPS TO WORSHIP

