

Philippians

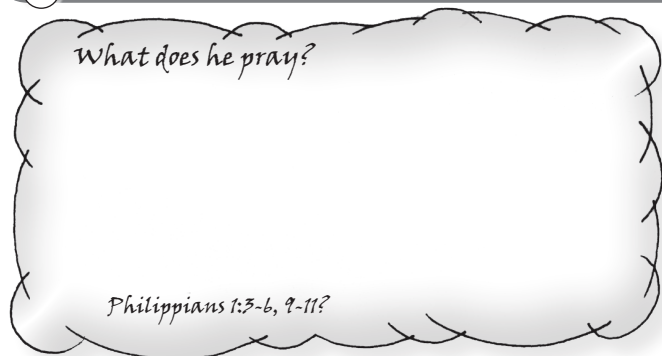
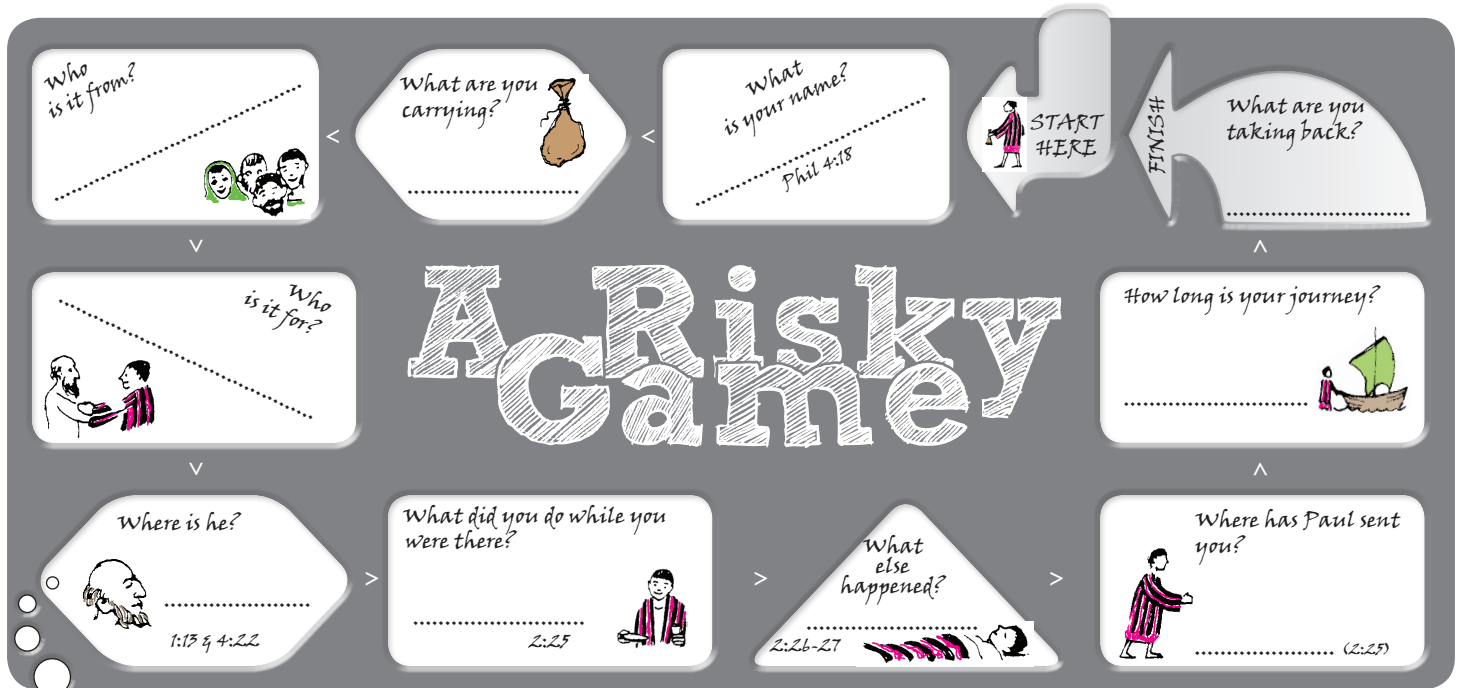
I press to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

Philippians 3:12

Readings this week:

S	Philippians 1:1-11
M	Philippians 1:12-26
T	Philippians 1:27-30
W	Philippians 2:1-18
Th	Philippians 2:19-30
F	Philippians 4:1-9
S	Philippians 4:10 – 23

Paul wrote to the church he had established in Philippi, encouraging them to be strong and hold onto their precious beliefs. Look at the references and find out how the letter got there.

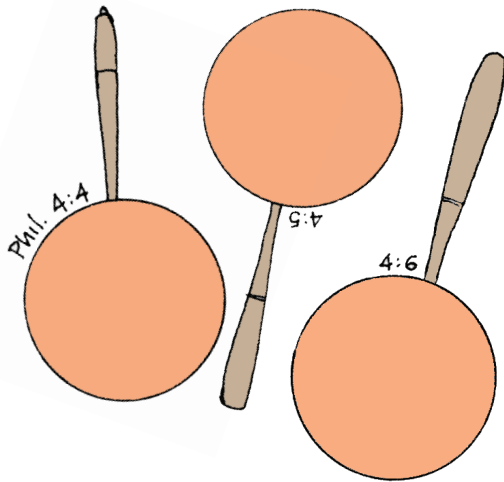


Look at chapter 4:8. What do you think Paul was trying to tell them to think about? Can you think of any examples for your own life?



RECIPE FOR THE PEACE of GOD

Philippians 4:7



Things Paul rejoiced in:

1:18

2:2

2:17

4:10

What four things can you rejoice in?

Something you worry about:

What request can you present to God about it?

What can you be thankful for about it?

Look at chapter 4:7. What do you think Paul means by "the peace of God"?

Ask God to help you to find true peace with him.

Digging Deeper

Philippi is in the country we now call Greece

What is Greek?

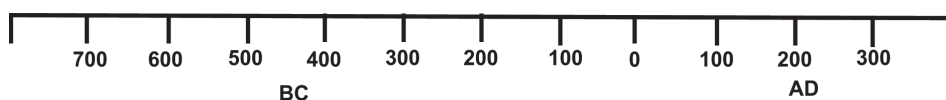
1. It's a language. (Homer wrote in Greek about 800 BC)
2. It's what a highly cultured and learned group of people were called who lived in the Mediterranean area centred on Crete (up to about 400 BC)
3. It's an empire conquered by Alexander the Great (336BC).
Find a map showing the Greek empire and decide which part of Nebuchadnezzar's image is represented by it. (Daniel 2)

In the New Testament, it is often the name given to non-Jews (eg Galatians 3:28) because even after the Romans had taken over the whole of the Mediterranean area the language and influence of the Greeks was very important. (roughly 64BC - 190AD)

It was the official language of the lands Paul travelled through and the language the New Testament was written in.

Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 and see how Paul refers to one of the great traditions of the Greeks. What do we still have in the 21st Century that started in ancient Greece?

Mark the dates above on the time line.



The ruins of Philippi today