

MEET PAUL

A MAN WITH A MISSION



About five to 10 years after the birth of Jesus, Paul was born in Tarsus. It's now a city in Turkey.



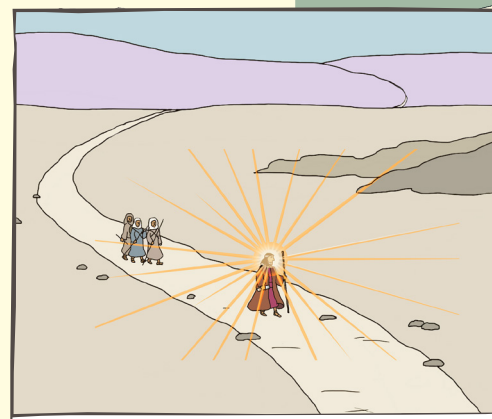
Paul had a very strong Jewish faith. He went to Jerusalem to study with a famous teacher called Gamaliel.



In Jerusalem there were people telling stories about Jesus. They said Jesus had died, but was alive again.



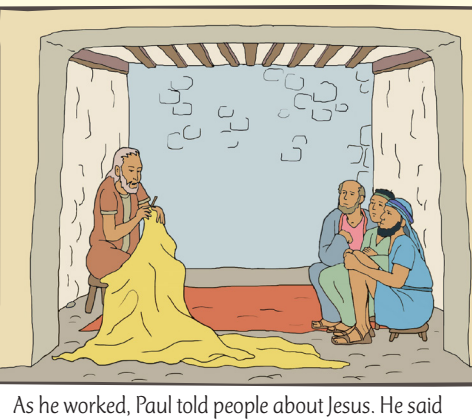
These stories made Paul really angry. He got permission to stop people talking about Jesus.



But then Paul met the risen Jesus. It changed his understanding of everything. He became a follower of Jesus.



Paul was also a tent maker and he travelled to different places. In each city he set up a workshop and sold tents.



As he worked, Paul told people about Jesus. He said that Jesus was God's Son. Paul taught them about God and helped them understand that God loves everyone, whoever they are.



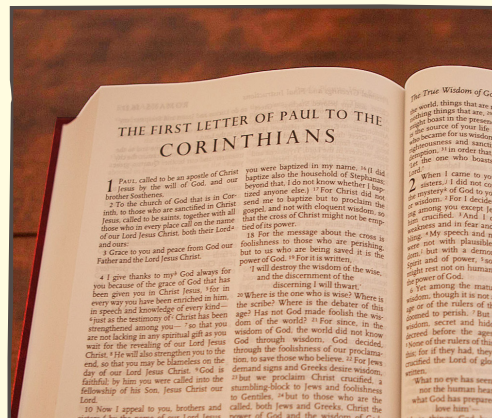
He stayed in many cities and gathered together groups of people who believed in Jesus.



When he moved on, he wrote letters back to the people. He told them how to follow Jesus and asked them to pray for each other.



The people met together in houses to hear Paul's letters and learn from his teaching. There weren't any church buildings yet.



We can still read Paul's letters today, in the New Testament section of the Bible.