

Welcome helpers...

Thank you for being willing to help me. I'm in lockdown - but not like you. I'm locked up in a Roman prison.

But I've met this amazing man called Paul, who has told me all about someone far more amazing, called Jesus! Jesus has changed my life - even while I am locked in!

But Paul isn't just telling me about Jesus. Even though he is in prison he is writing to lots of Christians all over the Empire. Paul is letting me read the letters before they go - but I don't always understand them.

Can you help me to understand them? I will be ever so grateful.

Yours

Jail Bird Joe

Opening Prayer

'Dear Heavenly Father, help us to know you better as we read from the Bible now, and to love Jesus more. Amen.'

Challenge

1) Play a game of Top Trumps together - see if you can find the 'Top Trump' card in the pack - that is the card that beats all the other cards, because it is so much better.

If you don't have a pack at home, you can play a free online version of Top Trumps here - http://www.toptrumps.com/wotw/

2) Run on the spot for one minute. How was it? Were you tempted to give up?

Read Colossians 1:15-20

Paul is writing to some Christians in modern day Turkey. People were saying to them that Jesus was ok, but he wasn't the best. They needed other things to know God. They could have been tempted to give up on Jesus. But Paul wants them to know something different!

15'Christ is the visible likeness of the invisible God. He is the first-born Son, superior to all created things. 16 For through him God created everything in heaven and on earth, the seen and the unseen things, including spiritual powers, lords, rulers, and authorities. God created the whole universe through him and for him. 17 Christ existed before all things, and in union with him all things have their proper place.

18 He is the head of his body, the church; he is the source of the body's life. He is the first-born Son, who was raised from death, in order that he alone might have the first place in all things.'

Chat it through

- What things look like they are in charge in this world? (Maybe people with power or money, celebrities, people who are really attractive or sporty, maybe coronavirus)
- What has God the Father created through Jesus? (v16) (Everything!)
- Try and think up 10 things in this universe (some big/some small) Jesus has made all those!
- What does that make Jesus number one over? (v15) (He is no.1 over creation write that on our Top Trump card below)
- What else is Jesus no.1 over? (v18) (the church Jesus' followers- write that on our Top Trump card below)
- Why? (v18) (Jesus has been raised from the dead and he now gives life to those who follow him)
- When Jesus doesn't look very impressive, or other things look like they are no. 1 in
 life how will knowing these things about Jesus help you keep trusting him>



Number One over	Number One over

Pray it through

Today we are going to pray for Christians in North Korea. It is very hard to be a follower of Jesus in this country. The leader of the country looks like he is No.1. Everyone is meant to worship him. There is not much food too. Christians there hold on to the good news that Jesus really is no. 1

If you want to find out more watch here...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=171&v=IDXap8y5Yq8&feature=emb_logo

What could you pray for North Korean Christians? Do it now...

NOW un pause the video on YouTube to continue...

Craft

Make your own Top Trumps. When you play - if you have a top trump remember Jesus is no.1!

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