

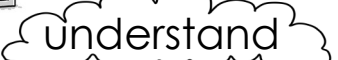


Bishop's Bible Treasure Challenge

3. Beyond Belief

Ephesians 3:8

I am the least important of all **God's** people, but **God** gave me this  to  those who are not Jews the **G****o****d** News about the riches  of **Christ**, which are too great to  fully.

It looks like Paul had a pretty low opinion of himself. Any idea what he was up to before he was busy telling everyone the good news?



The riches of Christ - that sounds important. God gives us so many gifts. I can think of loads of things I love.

Write or draw 26 things God has given you, one for each letter of the alphabet.



A

B

C

D

E

F *amily and friends*

G

H

I

J

K

L *ove*

M

N

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Finding your way around.....Ephesus

Ephesus was famous for its massive temple full of astonishing and precious works of art. Silversmiths made their fortunes selling silver statues to the thousands of visitors that came to the city each year. Ephesus was also home to the largest open-air theatre in the world. Gladiators and animals fought there. Even their library was the third biggest in the world at that time.

Everything about the city was the biggest and best. But Paul told them that God's love and the Kingdom of Heaven were worth far more than these wealthy people could ever imagine.



What does it mean? Riches of Christ



Paul spent his time telling people who didn't know Jesus about the wonderful, rich life they could have with him.

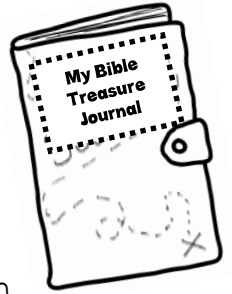
His letters have the same message for us today.

There are so many astonishing and amazing things Jesus can give us that they are beyond belief!



JOURNAL IDEAS...

- Jot in your journal how you can use your gift or talent to share Jesus with other people.
- Draw a present outline and write out James 1:17 inside the shape.
- It's okay if you don't understand it all. The Bible includes many things that are hard to understand. Can you draw a picture of Paul in your journal looking 'discombobulated'? (you may need to look up that word!)



New Testament: The letter to Ephesus

Paul has lots to say in his letter to the church in Ephesus about the riches God gives them. He tells them they are loved by God, blessed, chosen, given peace and freedom. Paul talks again about God's grace - can you remember what that means?



Colour in the book of Ephesians and don't forget your coin sticker for your map.

