

#### From Acts and Matthew

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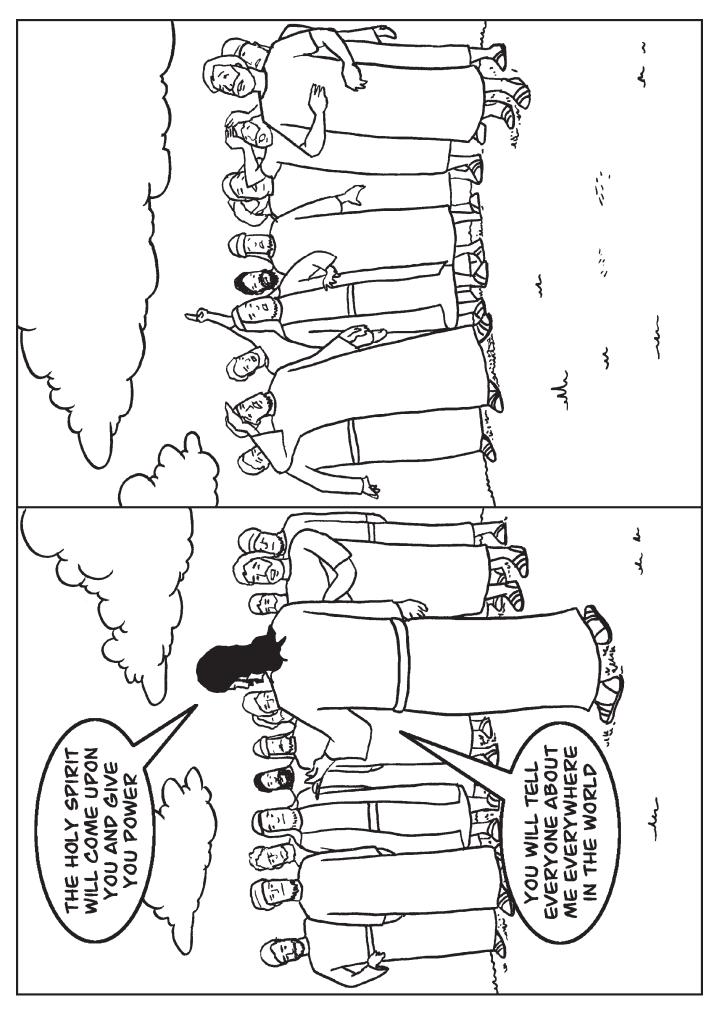
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Session:	Date:	Leader's name:
Start up		Comments
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Teaching time		
Activities		
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Notes for next week:		



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## Jerusalem Times

## Jesus leaves, but Holy Spirit to arrive



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leave us and without help' said Peter, one of Jesus'		
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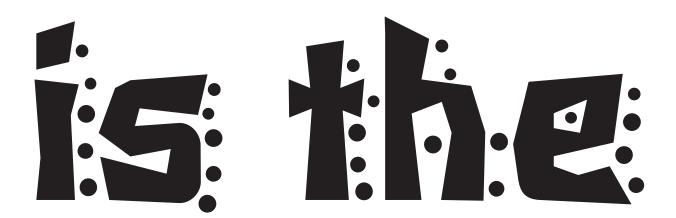
His followers say they can't wait to tell the \_

and the things he has done to help us be

about Jesus

friends.







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#### Spy report

Interviewer: So, what have you been able to find out about these Christians who follow Jesus?

Spy: Well, they are a very interesting mob. When Jesus was killed, they scattered and looked as if they would just disappear. But they are back, and talking boldly in public about the amazing things Jesus has done. They keep talking about Jesus. I don't think they are going to go away in a hurry.

Interviewer: What has changed for them to suddenly become so brave? They were a bunch of wimps from what I heard.

Spy: Not any more! I was there the other day when they stood up in front of a large crowd and one of them, Peter, gave a speech. The rumour around the place is that God's Spirit has come into these guys and they are now feeling very brave and confident.

Interviewer: But Jesus, their leader, is dead. What makes them so confident now?

Spy: It seems they don't think He is dead.

Interviewer: What? That's crazy!

Spy: They say that Jesus rose from the dead. That's not all. They say He has gone back to heaven but that the Holy Spirit has come into each of them. They say that God is giving them the power to speak, and to do miracles in His name.

Interviewer: Sounds bizarre. What else are they saying?

Spy: Well, this is the thing. I was disguised in the crowd, listening to Peter's speech. Now, you have to remember this is the guy who said three times that he didn't know Jesus when Jesus was arrested, so he's not exactly in line for a bravery award.

But he spoke courageously and confidently, and gave the Jewish people a piece of his mind. He told them Jesus was the one the Old Testament spoke about—God's promised King.

Peter said that even though the people had Jesus killed, God had freed Him from death, and that He was the Lord and the Christ. This is the one they have been waiting for. That really got the crowd talking. I thought there was going to be a riot.

Interviewer: **Yeah, I bet.** 

Spy: Anyway, Peter said that if you wanted to be friends with God, then you had to trust in Jesus. The people were shouting: 'What do we have to do?'

Peter told them to turn back to God, and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ, so that their sins could be forgiven. He also said that if they did all this they, too, would be given the Holy Spirit.

Interviewer: So what happened then?

Spy: So, there we are, listening to all this, and I'm thinking these guys are toast. They'll be strung up themselves in a minute. But I was wrong. Thousands of people went forward and asked to become followers of Jesus and were baptised. It was amazing. I could hardly believe my eyes.

Interviewer: So, do you think these followers of Jesus are going to be trouble, or should we just ignore them?

Spy: I think we need to keep watching them. They look determined to keep telling people about Jesus.

Interviewer: Yeah well, you stay on the job. Get back to me in a month with another report.

Spy: Yes sir, I will.

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# Peter speaks to the crowd about Jesus Use Acts 2:38 to fill in the speech bubble.

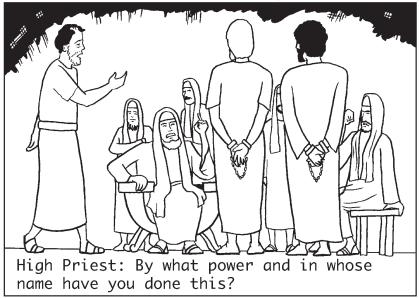
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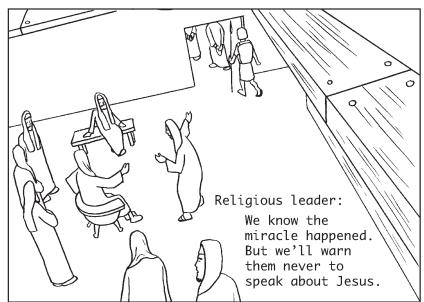
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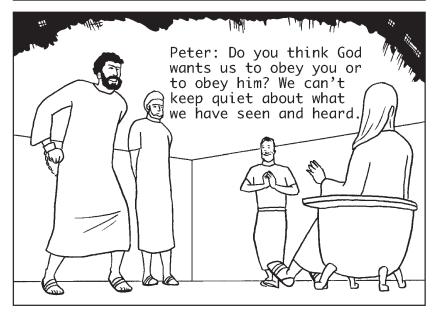
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INFORMANT FAX  From: Informant number 6483  To: (write your code name here)  Re: Christians in Jerusalem
Please note: Some interesting activity in Jerusalem at the temple involving the Christians. Yesterday at pm and another disciple were entering the temple at the gate.
A man who is known to have been born was there begging as he has done for years. When Peter was asked for money he said he didn't have any or but would give the man what he did have. He then said in a commanding voice 'In the name of of Nazareth, get up and '.
Astonishing scene followed. The man's and became different. He suddenly jumped up and started .
Don't know how this happened. This bloke has been here for many years. We all saw him walking around and God.

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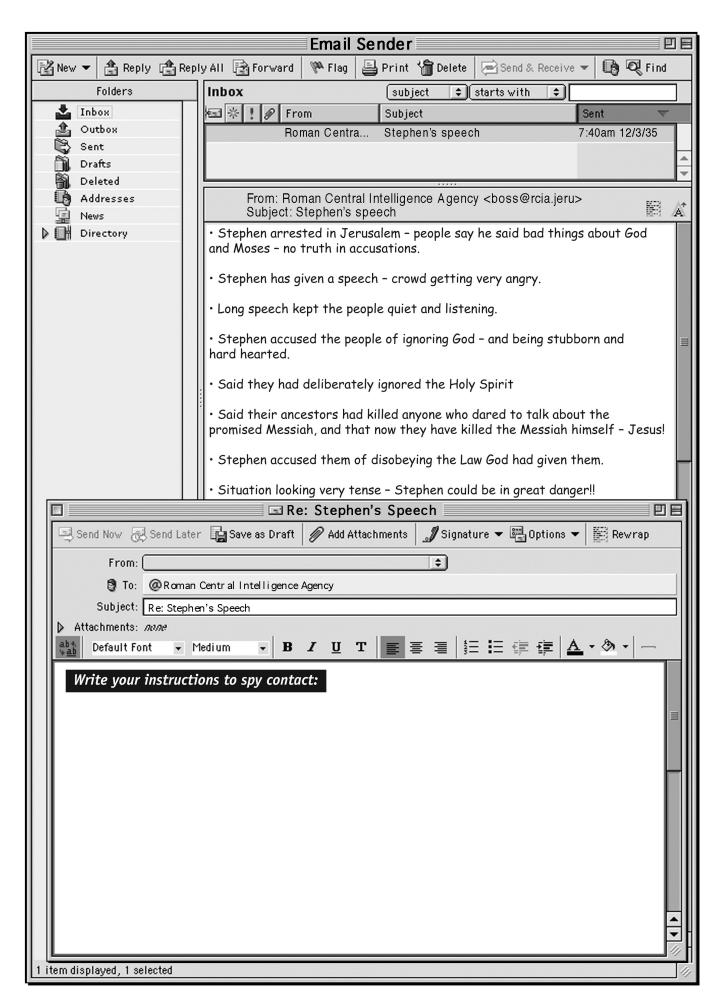






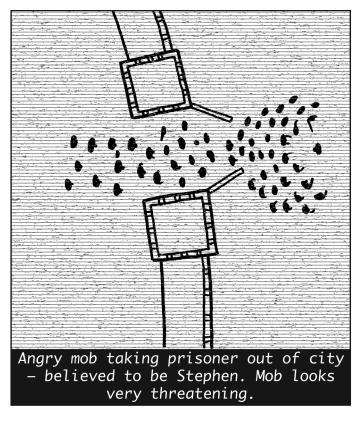
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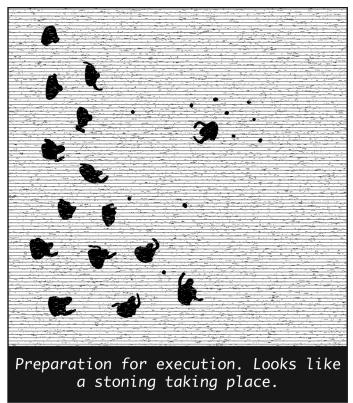
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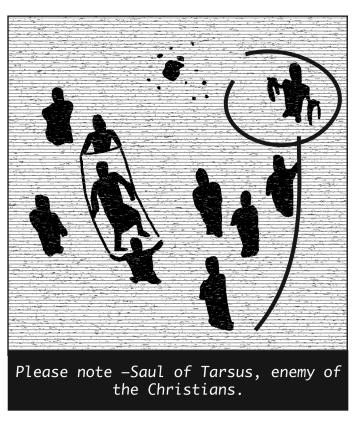
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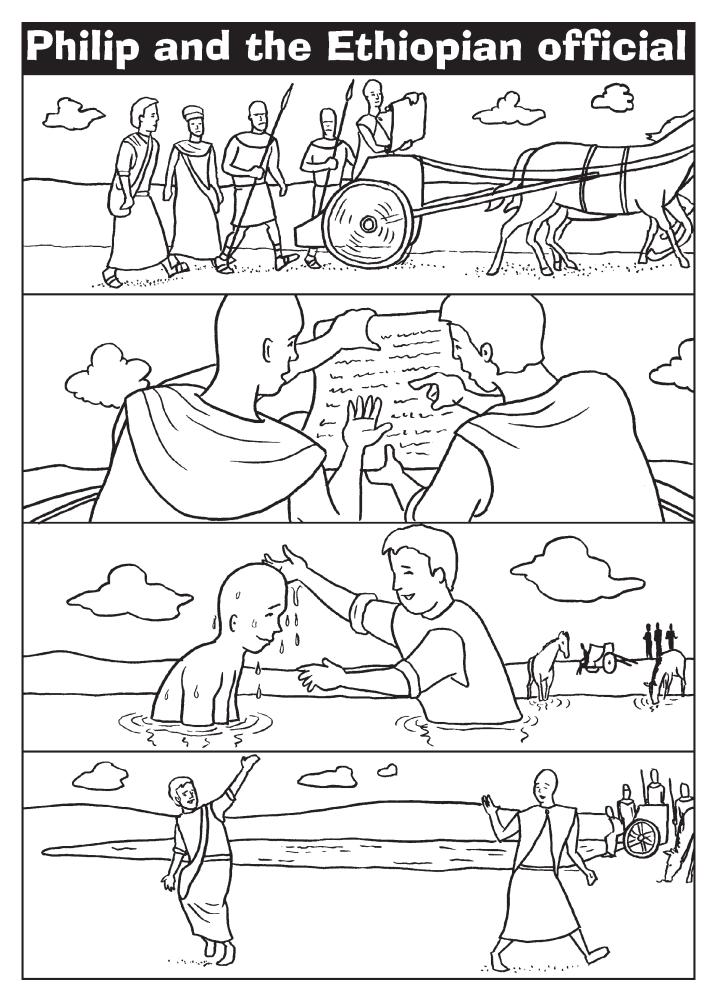








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#### Role-play script

Interviewer: So, you say you have something that just couldn't wait. It is three o'clock in the morning so this better be good.

Spy: Look, this is really big. I can hardly believe it myself and if I wasn't so close to the action, I'd think it was a trick.

Interviewer: Well, let's have it. What's going on up there in Damascus?

Spy: You have heard about this guy Saul, right? He's this bigwig Jewish leader who makes it his business to defend all things about the Jewish religion and the law. He didn't take kindly to these Galilean fishermen going around saying that Jesus was the promised Messiah. If Jesus really was the Messiah, then putting Him to death on a cross might not have been such a good idea, that's for sure!

Anyway, Saul has been going around making life terrible for anyone who said they followed Jesus—and more and more people are joining them.

Interviewer: What has he been doing to these people?

Spy: Oh, it's heavy stuff. He's been very serious about this. You might remember he was there for the stoning of Stephen. He has been going around threatening anyone who follows Jesus that they would end up the same as Stephen if they didn't change their ways.

Interviewer: Has it had much effect?

Spy: It's hard to tell. The number of Christians is growing. He must have really scared some of them though.

He has even been travelling around outside of Jerusalem, trying to arrest any woman or man who says they have accepted Jesus.

Interviewer: Ok, so what's so important about all this? I don't mind if the Jews start attacking each other.

Spy: This is the amazing thing. Saul has become a follower of Jesus!

Interviewer: What?! That's impossible. How could he have? He has been trying to kill these people.

Spy: He has had a complete change, and the story is that Jesus Himself appeared to Saul.

Interviewer: Oh yeah right! You've got me out here at 3 in the morning to tell me a ghost story. What do you mean Jesus appeared to him? (exasperated) We had Jesus killed on a cross, remember?

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Spy: Look, I am reporting from reliable sources, so hear me out. Saul says that Jesus appeared to him on the Damascus road. Jesus said, 'Why are you being so cruel to me? Go to Damascus and you will be told what to do'. Saul was struck blind. He could do nothing else but agree to be led to Damascus.

Interviewer: Oh yes, and then what happened?

Spy: A bloke called Ananias says that God spoke to him, and told him to go and find Saul, and tell him basically that God wanted him on Jesus' side. Ananias was scared stiff to go to see Saul, but he went. He said that God had chosen Saul to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to tell the world about Jesus.

When he said this, scales fell from Saul's eyes and suddenly he could see again.

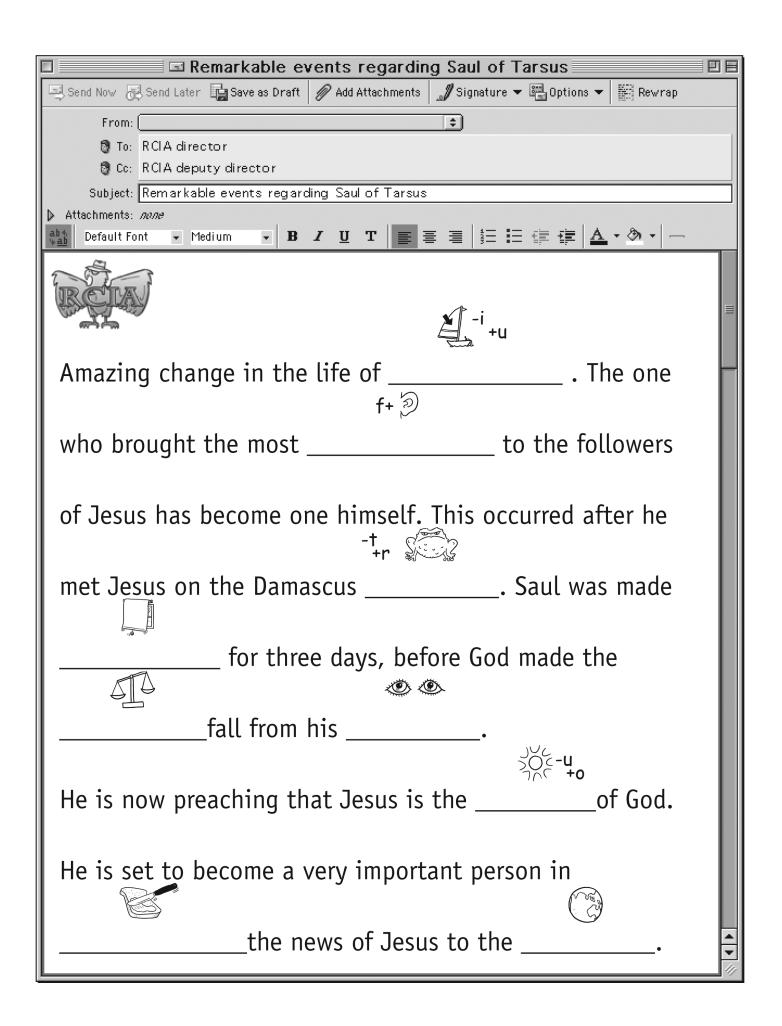
Interviewer: And what did he do then? I guess things had changed for him and he wasn't so keen to mistreat the Christians anymore.

Spy: That's for sure. Ever since that day, he has been preaching that Jesus is alive and is the Son of God. He's been telling the story over and over again about how he went from being a hater of Jesus to becoming a follower.

It's an amazing turnaround. He's even had a bit of his own medicine. In Damascus, Saul preached the message of Jesus so powerfully that the Jewish people wanted to kill him. Saul's mates had to put him in a basket to lower him down the city wall so he could escape!

The same thing happened in Jerusalem where he went next, and he had to get out of there in a hurry as well. It's all just so amazing.

Interviewer: This is a worrying development. We can't afford to have these Christians causing trouble in the area. Good work. Keep on watching them and reporting what's going on. This Saul will be one to watch, that's for sure!



#### Tin lanterns

#### Gear

- Paper
- D Scissors
- Pens or pencils
- A tin can (avoid ridged cans and long, thin cans)
- Water
- Freezer
- Handtowels

- Masking tape
- Hammer and nails
- A foil plate
- A stapler
- A glass jar to fit inside the can
- Domestic candles
- Matches

#### **Preparation:**

- To make it easier for the children to punch the holes in the tins, fill the cans with water to 1 cm below the rim and put them in the freezer to freeze hard.
- Cut the candles into thirds.
- Make a completed lantern ready to show the children.
- Don't forget to take some matches to light the candle and show the children the total effect.

#### Instructions:

- 1. Cut some paper to fit around the outside of the tin can.
- 2. Draw a design onto the paper.
- 3. Mark the design off evenly with dots where the nail holes will go. Initial the designs.
- 4. Fill the cans with water and place them in the freezer. Wait until the next session to continue this craft.
- 5. Lay the can of frozen water on a towel and tape the paper pattern around it.
- 6. Using a nail and hammer, pierce evenly spaced holes through the lines of the pattern. This step will take a while so you may need to complete the rest of the steps during the next session.
- 7. To make the funnel, cut the hard rim off a foil plate, then make one cut into the centre as shown. If you wish to punch holes in the funnel, you will need to do so while it is still flat. It is a good idea to do this on the grass.
- 8. Fold the plate into a funnel shape that fits neatly over the can. Cut off the excess section of the plate, staple in the funnel position and cut a small hole in the top.
- 9. Place a candle inside the glass jar. Secure the candle by melting the wax at the base of the candle and sitting it firmly in the jar. Place the jar in the can, light the candle and add the funnel.
- 10. Now find a dark spot to display all the lighted lanterns. They will twinkle beautifully!







The top half of the lantern and the funnel may get hot, so keep the lantern out of the reach of small children.

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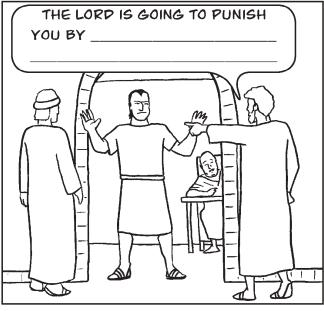


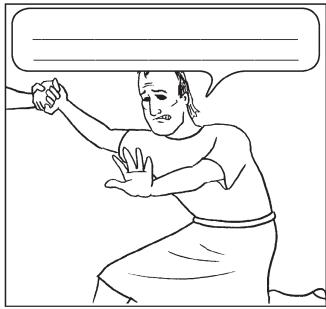
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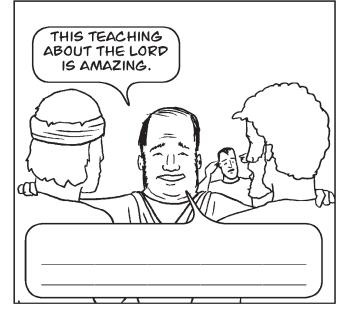












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Spy Blue: **Yes chief, how serious do you think this is getting?** 

Spy Pink: This woman from Philippi—tell us about her.

Spy Green: **How did she come to follow Jesus?** 

Spy Orange: What about the jailer? How did he hear about Jesus?

Spy Grey: Why would getting rid of a spirit upset people?

Spy Purple: What happened to Paul after getting rid of the spirit?

Spy Red: **How could they be singing songs of praise in that situation. Are these guys mad?** 

Spy Black: What did the jailer think made this happen?

### TOP SECRET

#### Top secret spy report



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Activity of followers of Jesus

Person Under Surveillance:
Philippian Jailer

Occupation:

Administrator of the Central jail in Philippi

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#### Notes:

In response to the question of how to be saved, the jailer was told by Paul, that he had to have \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord Jesus and he would be \_\_\_\_\_.

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#### Ephesians coded Letter

I beg you to live in a way that is  $\frac{1}{23} \frac{1}{15} \frac{1}{18} \frac{20}{20} \frac{1}{8} \frac{2}{25}$  of

the  $\frac{1}{16}$   $\frac{1}{5}$   $\frac{1}{15}$   $\frac{1}{16}$   $\frac{1}{12}$   $\frac{1}{5}$  God has  $\frac{1}{3}$   $\frac{1}{8}$   $\frac{1}{15}$   $\frac{1}{19}$   $\frac{1}{5}$   $\frac{1}{14}$  to be his own.

Always be humble and  $\frac{1}{7} = \frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{14} = \frac{1}{20} = \frac{1}{12} = \frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{12} = \frac{1}{15} = \frac{1}{22} = \frac{1}{5}$  each other.

You are all part of the same  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{15} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{25}$ , so allow

God's  $\frac{1}{19} = \frac{1}{16} = \frac{1}{9} = \frac{1}{18} = \frac{1}{9} = \frac{1}{20}$  to keep your hearts  $\frac{1}{21} = \frac{1}{14} = \frac{1}{9} = \frac{1}{20} = \frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{4}$ .

Christ has chosen some to be  $\frac{1}{1}$   $\frac{1}{16}$   $\frac{1}{15}$   $\frac{1}{19}$   $\frac{20}{20}$   $\frac{1}{12}$   $\frac{1}{5}$   $\frac{1}{19}$ ,

prophets, missionaries, pastors and  $\frac{1}{20} = \frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{1} = \frac{3}{8} = \frac{5}{5} = \frac{11}{18} = \frac{19}{19}$ ,

so that God's people would learn to serve Christ's body and grow  $_{19}$   $_{20}$   $_{18}$   $_{15}$   $_{14}$   $_{7}$ .

We want to grow more like Christ who is the  $\frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{1} = \frac{1}{4}$  of the  $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{15} = \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{25}$ . Jesus holds all parts of the body together as it grows and becomes  $\frac{1}{19} = \frac{1}{20} = \frac{1}{18} = \frac{1}{15} = \frac{1}{14} = \frac{1}{7}$  because of  $\frac{1}{12} = \frac{1}{15} = \frac{1}{22} = \frac{1}{5}$ .

Ephesians 4:1-16 (CEV)

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#### RCIA Final Report

Followers of Jesus - Are they a threat to the empire?

## ROMAN CENTRAL POPULATION OF AGENCY

#### Organisation

- Many of the leaders are either in prison or have been killed. The rest of them are therefore not well organised and unlikely to be a problem.
- The followers meet together. They are working together to try to live the way their leader Jesus taught them.

#### Big ideas

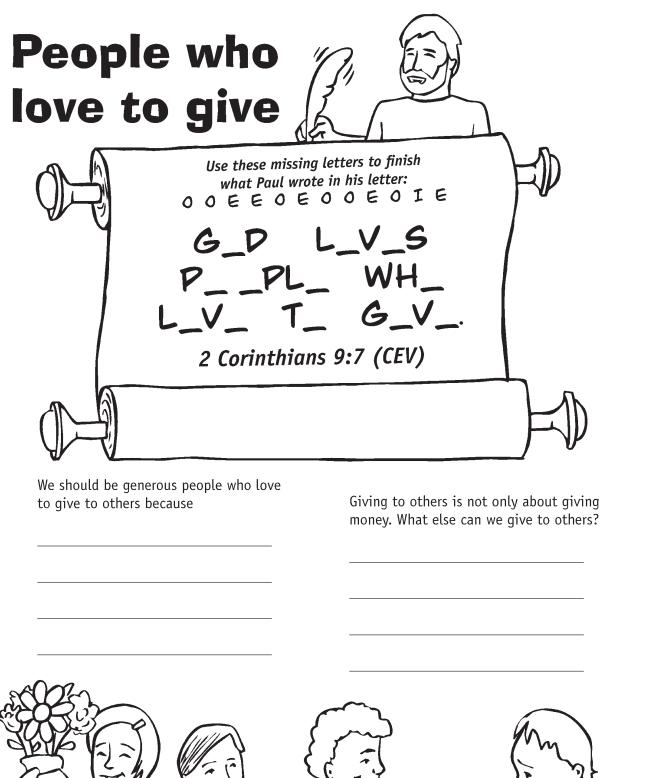
- The main ideas of these people are very different. They do not try to upset the empire and they speak about obeying the government and living in peace.
- Their focus is on loving each other and other people. They are generous with their money and care for people who are having a hard time. This is not a threat to Roman control.

#### Summary

Because they follow the ideas of Jesus by loving each other and earing for people who are poor or suffering, this group does not pose a danger to Roman authority.

It is expected that because of their ideas they will not last more than ten years and will have very little long-term impact.

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