Grades 3–5 · Hard

# Paul and Onesimus Worksheet

Hard: look up the answers in your Bible · Philemon 1:1–25

Name: _____ Date: _____

## Look it up in your Bible

Read the verse, then write the answer on the line.

1. Who was with Paul when he wrote? *Read Philemon 1:1.* _____
2. Where did the church meet? *Read Philemon 1:2.* _____
3. What did Paul hear about Philemon? *Read Philemon 1:5.* _____
4. What did Paul call Onesimus? *Read Philemon 1:10.* _____
5. How had Onesimus changed? *Read Philemon 1:11.* _____
6. How was Philemon to receive him? *Read Philemon 1:17.* _____
7. What if Onesimus owed anything? *Read Philemon 1:18.* _____
8. What did Paul write with his own hand? *Read Philemon 1:19.* _____

## Memory verse

Write Philemon 1:16 from memory. The first letter of each word is given.

**Not n ___ a ___ a s ___ , b ___ a ___ a s ___ , a b ___ b ___ ,**
**s ___ t ___ m ___ , b ___ h ___ m ___ m ___ u ___ t ___ , b ___ i ___**
**t ___ f ___ , a ___ i ___ t ___ L ___** ? *Philemon 1:16 (KJV)*

## Think about it

Paul asked Philemon to welcome Onesimus. Who can you welcome?

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# Answer key

**Look it up in your Bible**

1. **Timothy our brother.** *(Philemon 1:1)*
2. **In thy house**: the church met in Philemon's house. *(Philemon 1:2)*
3. **Thy love and faith** toward the Lord Jesus and toward all saints. *(Philemon 1:5)*
4. **My son Onesimus.** *(Philemon 1:10)*
5. In time past he was **unprofitable, but now profitable**. *(Philemon 1:11)*
6. **"Receive him as myself."** *(Philemon 1:17)*
7. **"Put that on mine account."** *(Philemon 1:18)*
8. **"I will repay it."** *(Philemon 1:19)*

**Memory verse**

"Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?" *Philemon 1:16 (KJV)*

**Think about it**

Answers will vary (a new kid at church or school, a brother or sister after a quarrel, a friend who did wrong and is sorry). Help kids see that Paul asked Philemon to receive Onesimus as "a brother beloved" (Philemon 1:16) and offered to pay what he owed (Philemon 1:18–19). Encourage them to talk with their parents and pastor about obeying the gospel (Acts 2:38).

# For the teacher

**Time:** about 20 minutes · **Ages:** grades 3–5

- **Bibles:** each child (or each pair) needs a King James Bible open to Philemon 1.
- **Old Bible words explained:** beseech = ask kindly, bonds = chains, unprofitable = no help, profitable = a big help, sent again = sent back, above = more than, beloved = dearly loved, oweth thee ought = owes you anything, mine account = my bill, repay = pay back, lodging = a place to stay.
- **Talk about it:** Paul asked Philemon to receive Onesimus "Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved" (Philemon 1:16). Ask kids to share their "think about it" answers.
- **Teach the story first:** use the free Paul and Onesimus Sunday school lesson at vbshq.com/lessons/onesimus-lesson.


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