Grades K–2 · Medium

Paul and Onesimus Worksheet

Medium: fill in the missing words · Philemon 1:1–25

Name: _____ Date: _____

Fill in the missing words

Use the words in the box. Each word is used one time.

repay · profitable · prisoner · brother · son · Philemon · receive · house

1. Paul wrote this letter as a _____ of Jesus Christ. (Philemon 1:1)
2. Paul wrote unto _____, our dearly beloved. (Philemon 1:1)
3. Paul wrote to the church in Philemon's _____. (Philemon 1:2)
4. Paul said, "I beseech thee for my _____ Onesimus." (Philemon 1:10)
5. Onesimus was unprofitable in time past, but now he was _____. (Philemon 1:11)
6. Paul sent Onesimus again and said, "thou therefore _____ him." (Philemon 1:12)
7. Onesimus was now more than a servant: "a _____ beloved." (Philemon 1:16)
8. Paul wrote with his own hand, "I will _____ it." (Philemon 1:19)

Memory verse

Fill in the missing words: **servant · beloved · flesh · Lord**

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

Old Bible words explained: above = more than, beloved = dearly loved, specially = most of all, unto thee = to you, both in the flesh, and in the Lord = as a man and as a brother in the Lord.

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Answer key

Fill in the missing words

1. Paul wrote this letter as a **prisoner** of Jesus Christ. *(Philemon 1:1)*
2. Paul wrote unto **Philemon**, our dearly beloved. *(Philemon 1:1)*
3. Paul wrote to the church in Philemon's **house**. *(Philemon 1:2)*
4. Paul said, "I beseech thee for my **son** Onesimus." *(Philemon 1:10)*
5. Onesimus was unprofitable in time past, but now he was **profitable**. *(Philemon 1:11)*
6. Paul sent Onesimus again and said, "thou therefore **receive** him." *(Philemon 1:12)*
7. Onesimus was now more than a servant: "a **brother** beloved." *(Philemon 1:16)*
8. Paul wrote with his own hand, "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)*

For the teacher

Time: about 15 minutes · **Ages:** grades K–2

- **Younger kids:** read each sentence aloud and let them find the word in the box. Cross off each word as it's used.
- **Older kids:** have them look up the references in their own Bibles to check their answers.
- **Talk about it:** Paul asked Philemon to receive Onesimus "as myself" (Philemon 1:17). Ask: *How can you welcome someone like family?*
- **Teach the story first:** use the free Paul and Onesimus Sunday school lesson at vbshq.com/lessons/onesimus-lesson.

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