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Family At-Home Devotional • 2 Corinthians Series: Consolation



2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Story Time

Not long after Jesus died, a church started in a city called Corinth.

"The leaders of Corinth don't like us," said Nyssa with a big frown.

"If we say we love Jesus, we could go to jail!" said Atreus, shaking with fear.

Their friend, Paul, who had helped start the church, wrote them a long letter.

"Dear Friends," they read, "I know you are being treated badly. I know you are scared and sad. But I also know you love Jesus very much."

"Yes!" Atreus interrupted. "Paul understands!"

They continued reading. "Remember that God is with you, and will comfort you, no matter what happens. Just stay together, love each other, and love Jesus."

The people felt better after reading Paul's words.



Weekly Challenge

Research online about the history of your church's denomination.

How have social challenges helped shape how people gather during stressful world events?

For the Littles

Who helps you when you are sad? What makes you happy again?



1

HIGHS 'N LOWS

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

2

FAITH

When have you felt the most alone? How did isolation shape your mood, thoughts, and actions? Did you reach out to a person or community for help?

3

BLESS

May your sadness be consoled through the healing power of community. Amen.



Write a letter of encouragement to someone or draw a picture on the scroll showing that God cares for them.

Paul knew the people in Corinth were suffering as a new community of Christian believers. But he also knew there was power in community. Through consolation and compassion, Paul strengthened the community in Corinth to endure the suffering and begin the process of healing.

LETTERS OF LOVE

During times of great stress and worry, worship communities often find solace together. However, the coronavirus pandemic has made gathering a difficult task. With the fear of new outbreaks in vulnerable populations such as nursing homes, the ongoing challenge is to use whatever tools we can to stay connected with people we love. For many, online technology has helped. Some elderly and shut-ins might have a hard time with that, though. This week, write an old fashioned letter to someone you know who would appreciate it and send it in the mail.

