

back and forgives him and so he is very

b o l d in how he talks to Philemon.

Pray with your grown-up now, asking God to help you see how much you have been forgiven and asking him to help you forgive others. Colour the picture of Paul sending Onesimus back to Philemon with his letter



BD Children's learning sheet - Philemon

We're having a break from Leviticus over the summer and we're going to spend some time in the New Testament part of the

bible, in some **l e t t e r s**.

Today's letter is Philemon. It was written

to a man who had **p o w e r** over other people. But this man,

Philemon had become a

Christian. The letter helps us to see the difference being a Christian makes in our

r e l a t i o n s h i p s.

It particularly helps us to see the

importance of forgiveness and

love.

There are three main characters in the letter:

1. Onesimus Paul says he used to be useless, but now he is useful. He has become a Christian. Great news, but there is a problem. He is a slave. In fact he's a slave who has run away and probably done something wrong.

2. Philemon He was a Christian who Paul said lots of good things about. But now Paul is writing to him to tell him he needs to forgive Onesimus and take him back, not as a slave, but as a brother! That was quite a big thing to ask.

3. Paul He sees how important it is that Philemon accepts Onesimus

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