

Paul's world Life in Colossae

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Life today

Do you and your family or friends have stories that you share? Maybe one of your grandparents did something you are really proud of in the past, which your family remembers and enjoys retelling? Or maybe your friend once did something amazing? Sharing stories helps us to remember exciting things.



Did you know?

The church in Colossae may have been short lived. In AD 61, a massive earthquake destroyed much of the area, and although people continued to live there until the eighth century, the city was never again a significant trading centre. There isn't any archaeological evidence for a church after the time of the earthquake.

Imagine

You are travelling to Colossae: you have come from the big and busy port of Ephesus and are travelling further inland along dry, dusty roads. Before you, green mountains fill the horizon and the air feels cooler and fresher. Colossae lies at the end of a valley between the mountains, next to the river Lycus, and sits on an important route between towns and cities and the countryside. It's not a big city like Ephesus

or Corinth. The land on which Colossae sits provides good grazing, and the people who live here are particularly proud of their fine black sheep. The wool from these animals is highly prized. However, most of the people who live here aren't rich – they are ordinary people who work hard, spinning and weaving the wool into beautiful cloth, which is traded around the region.



Paul's letter to the Colossians

A nugget to explore with children:
Chapter 1, verses 3, 4 and 5a (CEV)*

* Contemporary English Version

*Each time we pray for you,
we thank God, the Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ. We have
heard of your faith in Christ and
of your love for all of God's people,
because what you hope for is
kept safe for you in heaven.*