

# Kids' Chronicle

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## The church at Corinth holds a council

The members of the Council of the Church of Corinth were sitting around a large wooden table. A scholar had just read them a letter that had just arrived from Paul.

Amos, one of the councilors, spoke first. "Our friend Paul has heard that we have been disagreeing about the meaning of God's word. I have always believed Paul is a man of God. We should listen to him."

Another councilor asked, "But what of the example set by Peter? He healed the sick and preached Jesus to the Gentiles. Without him, we would not have believed."

The chief priest, trying to prevent an argument, said, "Paul is a great man, as is Peter, but they are both followers of Christ. And isn't that what we are, as well? Isn't that what our church is supposed to teach?"

"Our priest has spoken wisely," Amos said. "Let us all agree to preach the salvation of Jesus."

The councilors looked at each other, laughed, and shook hands. "Agreed," they said.

The scholar, Shanus, then addressed the council. "Paul said God has different tasks for each of us, but we have a common goal, which is the will of God. One person plants a seed, another waters it, but it is God who makes it grow."

The priest spoke again. "I think Paul is talking about our faith, and saying we should take care of each other. Only then will God be able to use us. We have all failed God at one time or another, but by Jesus we have been saved from our sins."

The councilors began to talk among themselves, trying to understand some of the things Paul said. The church at Corinth was young,

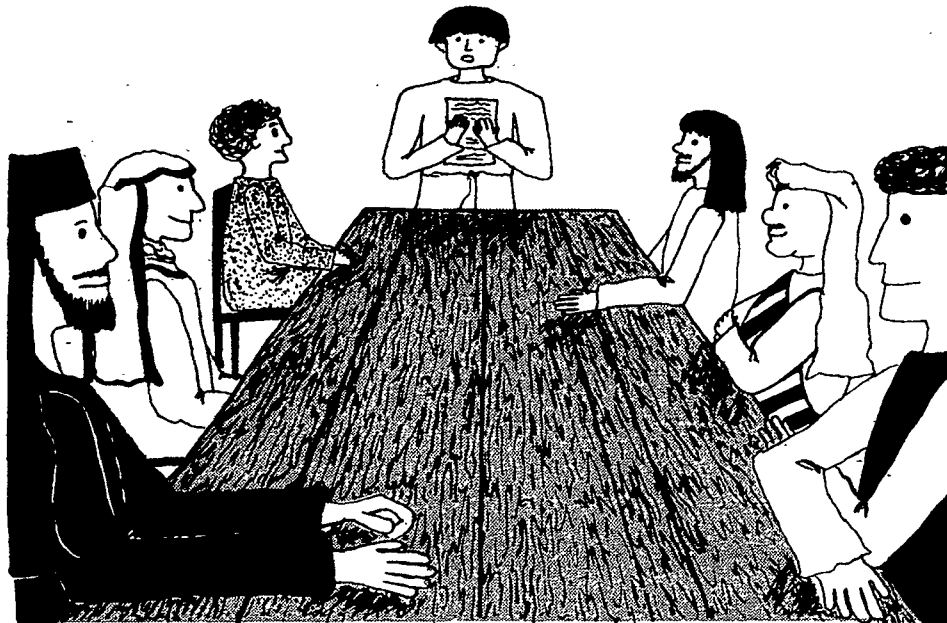


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and the councilors were responsible for its leadership.

The priest posed the question, "What is the most important part of our worship service?"

Without hesitation, several councilors said, "The Eucharist."

"Then listen again to what Paul says of the Eucharist. 'When we drink from the cup, we share in Christ's blood, and when we eat the bread, we share in his body. Though there are many of us, in the Eucharist we share the same body, the body of Christ.'"

Jobiah, a councilor, said, "If all Christians share the body of Christ, we should treat each other as brothers. I have seen people in our church hurt each other by what they say and do. This should not be."

Another councilor agreed. "Paul wrote that God has called us to live in peace. This is the message we must teach in our church."

"Brotherhood through the Eucharist, peace through Christ," said one of the older councilors. "Such a simple message. How could we have not seen it?"

Amos stood up. "Fellow councilors," he said, "God has given us all we need to serve him. Listen to what the Spirit gives us: knowledge, faith, power to heal, and more."

Jobiah raised his hand. "What a great God. He provides what we need when we need it, and Paul calls these blessings gifts of the spirit."

The councilors were excited by Paul's letter. "Remember," Paul had written, "nothing you do in the Lord's service is ever useless."

**Read More About It:** in First Corinthians

**Q. 1.** What did Paul write in his letter to the church?

**2.** What did the councilors say was the most important part of the worship service?

### Bible Trivia

Which is greater: faith, hope, or love (1 Corinthians 13)?

Send answers to: Catholic Courier Bible Trivia, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624. Please include your name, address and school name with your entry.

All entries must be received by Nov. 11, 1993. A winner will be selected at random from all the correct entries submitted. The winner will be notified by mail and receive a gift.

Last month's winner was Lisa DeLucia of Greece Athena Middle School who correctly identified Joseph as the brother of Judah who was sold as a slave to the Egyptians.

### FIND-A-WORD PUZZLE

Find seven gifts of the Spirit in the grid of letters below. Words may run in any direction.

Wisdom	M I R A C L E S
Healing	A R F F G U T G
Knowing	H E A L I N G N
Miracles	L W I S D O M I
Faith	M E T X W V R W
Speech	Z Z H A G B D O
Explain	L E X P L A I N
(Answers on page 9)	G S P E E C H K

## Bible Accent

ROCHESTER, N.Y.

— On the first weekend of October, 1993, the Diocese of Rochester held its seventh Synod — a gathering like the Council at Corinth. Delegates from parishes all over the diocese had attended three years of planning sessions for the synod.

The people of each parish were asked to list the issues they believed the diocese should work especially hard on during the next few years. The delegates worked to select five priorities for the diocese from these lists.

Bishops Matthew H. Clark, Joseph L. Hogan and Dennis W. Hickey celebrated the synod's closing Mass on Sunday.

This was an exciting occasion for a second reason: the Diocese of Rochester celebrated its 125th anniversary, called the "quasiquincentennial."

As in ancient Corinth, today's church leaders want to bring the word of God to the parishes. The synod shows that God's people want to work together to serve God and live in peace.

### St. Jude: one of the first apostles



St. Jude was a relative of Christ and one of the first apostles. He also was known by the names of Labbeus and Thaddeus. He asked Jesus the question, "Lord, how can it be that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?"

Jesus answered that even when he was not with his apostles, his spirit would always be with them.

Jude wrote the shortest book of the New Testament, and is the patron saint of people suffering from serious illness. His feast-day is Oct. 28.

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