

## 1 Corinthians

Paul writes to the church in Corinth to admonish and encourage them. There were many things going on within the church in Corinth. Paul addresses each of them in his letter. Consider the city of Corinth. It was a happenin' place! It was a cross-roads for every point on the compass. It was a hot spot of commerce, fashion, athletics, and many varieties of entertainment with a reputation for liberal thinking and drunkenness. It was a dangerous place; even so, God chose that the church be planted there. So, Paul writes to them to admonish and encourage everyone.

You live in the here and now, many lifetimes away from the problems in Corinth. However, we face the same issues. This activity coordinates a discussion with your family about those same issues that the church in Corinth dealt with, and how we deal with the same issues in our modern culture.

## Talk to the Bunny

**Objectives:** Openly discuss the issues Paul addressed with the Corinthians. Build skills for making sound decisions.  
Spend time getting to know each of your family members and encourage them to walk in the way of the Lord.  
Have fun with your family.

**Number of Players:** 2 or more

**Length:** 30 minutes

**Set up:** Have everyone sit in a circle on the floor or on couches and chairs...whatever is most comfortable for each person. This will be a time of reading and discussion. If you have smaller children add color and interest to the stories by using props like puppets and silly voices. You can make popcorn and snacks...make it a relaxed and fun time. Use a talking bunny (a small stuffed animal) to keep the conversation moving...each player must be in possession of the bunny in order to speak... make it something soft so that it can easily be tossed by even the littlest person--beanie babies or those rubbery koosh balls work best. (This teaches younger ones to politely wait their turn and it also allows shier family members an opportunity to speak quickly and toss the bunny to someone else.)

**Tips:** Be understanding and flexible so everyone will feel safe to share. When dealing with sin, it is better to be truthful in a loving and tender way in order to restore and grow. Harsh criticism will crush a spirit. (Proverbs 15:13) Create a safe place for everyone to share and speak their mind. Everyone may have an opinion and this discussion is to find out what those opinions are and prepare your children for making Godly decisions in their everyday lives.



# FAMILY STUDY

## Rules:

You may only speak if you are holding the talking “bunny.”

Once you have the talking bunny you may talk for up to 5 minutes (parents feel free to adjust this if you feel it is too long or not long enough). After you are done you must toss the talking bunny to anyone you choose.

If you do not have the talking bunny in your hand or lap, you may not speak.

Listen carefully and try to really understand each person’s viewpoint

You may raise your hand if you would like the talking bunny to be passed to you.

However, it is entirely up to the person who has the talking bunny if they wish to toss it to you.

Be kind and respectful to each other, do not use sarcasm

Be honest

Feel free to add any rules that you think your family may need to have a useful discussion.

## Play:

Have one person be the reader (They will hold the talking bunny as they read the scripture and the question).

The reader will read the scripture once through. (Everyone is encouraged to have their bible open and read along.)

The reader will then read the 1st question, wait a moment to see if anyone raises their hand. If so, toss the talking bunny to them, they may answer the question.

If no one raises their hand, read the scripture and the question again and toss the talking bunny to whomever you choose.

If the talking bunny lands with you, you should say what you think the answer is, be sure to include details or examples to support your view point - you can also quote out of the scriptures to make your point. And then, pass the talking bunny to someone else.

Once several people have had a chance to speak, you can toss the talking bunny back to the reader and they will read the next question or scripture.

Also, anyone may ask their own questions in order to clarify any answers/opinions (as long as they have the talking bunny, and it is relevant to the topic).

## The Problem of Disunity (Chapters 1-2)

Scripture: Read aloud 1 Corinthians 1:10-12

1. Who was Paul pleading with and what two things did he want from them?
2. Share a time when you pleaded with someone over something.
3. How did Paul know that there were contentions among them?

Scripture: Read aloud 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

1. What do you think Paul means by this?
2. Why did God choose the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise?
3. Do you have an example of God doing this in your life or the life of someone you know?

## **The Problem of Immaturity--Stunted Spiritual Growth (Chapters 2-4)**

Scripture: Read aloud 1 Corinthians 2:13-16, 3:1-2

1. What point is Paul trying to make with his milk analogy?
2. In what way was Paul telling them that they were immature?
3. How have you matured spiritually within the last year? Be specific.
4. Describe a time when you were "enlightened" and others could not see the truth.

## **The Problem of Impurity (Chapters 5-6)**

Scripture: Read aloud 1 Corinthians 5:1-2, 6:18

1. What problems or consequences do you see in today's culture because of sexual immorality?
2. What does Paul say can be done in order to avoid sexual immorality?
3. What can you do in order to "Flee" from sexual sin?

## **The Problem of Marital Fidelity (Chapter 7)**

Scripture: Read aloud 1 Corinthians 7:8-9

1. What was Paul's advice to the unmarried and the widows?
2. What benefits do you see to being single?
3. What are the benefits to being married?
4. How will you know which is right for you?

## **The Problem with Personal Liberty (Chapters 8-10)**

Scripture: Read aloud 1 Corinthians 8:9-11, 10:23-24

1. What is personal liberty?
2. What should you seek when exercising any personal liberty?

## **The Problem in Worship Community (Chapters 11-14)**

Scripture: Read aloud 1 Corinthians 12:1-7

1. What are spiritual gifts?
2. Why does Paul focus so much on diversity and differences?
3. How does the manifestation of the Spirit come to each of us?
4. How should we view any gifts that we receive?



# FAMILY STUDY

## The Problem with Doctrinal Clarity (Chapters 15-16)

Scripture: Read aloud 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

1. Was Christ raised from the dead? What is your proof?
2. If Christ was not raised from the dead, how would your life be different?
3. What does “hope in Christ” mean?

**Discussion:** You’ve just had a long discussion with your family. Take some time to praise each person for the honesty and their participation. Ask for any last comments/discussions and close.

**Prayer:** Close in prayer thanking God for His provision and for all that you have learned and the fun and lively discussion you had with your family.