

Look around you

Do you know how old your house is, or your church building?

Is it less than thirty years old, or hundreds of years old?

Most cities, towns and villages have been home to groups of people for a long time, so new buildings have been added gradually. But some towns are designed and built almost in one go with roads, houses, schools, shops and public parks all made at the same time.



Did you know?

When Paul visited Corinth, it was one of the wealthiest cities in Greece, richer than Athens, the capital city. It was on an important trade route between Asia and Rome. Paul was able to use his tent-making skills here, perhaps selling awnings and sails as well.

Imagine

You are visiting Corinth with Paul. All the buildings and the Roman roads that you walk upon all have the same kind of feel. They are smart because they were designed at the same time. There was an ancient city here, but it was destroyed in a war. It is easy to find the Forum (the main square) because all the roads connect with it in a grid pattern.



Corinth is a wealthy and bustling place with lots of deals being made. Goods arrive by sea and are bought and sold here. People from different places have moved to Corinth to find jobs. It feels like a smart, rich place where a stranger could make a new start.



Paul's second letter to the Corinthians

A nugget to explore with children:
Chapter 5, verses 16-17

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!