

### 3. Jesus is victorious, so suffering Christians are s

Peter wants us to learn from what happened to Noah!  
Try to finish these sentences...

Noah shared the Gospel with people who...

God kept Noah safe because...

1 Peter chapter 3 verse 18

For Christ also suffered  
once for sins, the righteous  
for the unrighteous, that he  
might bring us to God...

Listen carefully to our Biblereading - it's 1 Peter 3:8-22.

### 1. Suffering for Jesus is n

Peter was writing to Christians who were suffering for following Jesus. Other people were trying to hurt them. What weapons were they using?

Their mouths  
Swords  
Wild animals

Our powerful God isn't surprised by this! Sometimes it's his plan for his children to suffer, just like Jesus did.

Verse 17 tells us that it is "God's w"

How do you feel when other people use words to hurt you?

angry face?

scared face?

Sometimes, we might wonder if it's worth standing out as a Christian.

## 2. Suffering Christians are called to be h

- **love one another** (verse 8)

In a tough world Christian people need to love each other. We're in the same family! Write down the names of 2 Christian people who the Lord wants you to care for:

- **turn away from evil** (verses 9-13)

Imagine that someone uses words to hurt you. What does the Lord want you to do? Try to explain verse 9 using your own words:

Verse 9 Do not repay evil for evil...

There's a lovely promise in verse 12. Can you explain it?

Verse 12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer.

- **be ready to answer** (verses 14-17)

If Christ is King of your heart... then you'll want to explain to other people why it is that you love Him and obey Him.

Look at verse 15. Circle the words that talk about your heart. Underline the words that talk about your words.

Verse 15 but in your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect