

LESSON 9

AQUILA AND PRISCILLA

OBJECTIVES

1. To understand how Aquila and Priscilla were faithful workers of God.
2. To know that God's will is for us to serve Him together, as one body.
3. To learn to use what God had given us in life to do good works for Him and build up the church.

MEMORY VERSE

"Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

(1 Timothy 4:12)

PRAYER

1. Thank You, God, for guiding and protecting us through another week so that we can come together to worship You.
2. Lord, we thank You for the friends that You have put in our lives, and especially for our brothers and sisters in Christ, together with whom we can worship and serve You.
3. Please help us learn the many ways we can serve You every day.
4. May You guide us through this lesson and help us apply its teachings to our lives.



Overview

1. Aquila and Priscilla's background (Acts 18:1-3)

2. How Aquila and Priscilla served God

- With Paul (Acts 18:3, 11, 18-21)
- With Apollos (Acts 18:24-28)
- In Ephesus (1 Cor 16:19; 2 Tim 4:19)
- In Rome (Rom 16:3-4)

3. Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs—One true Church

4. Life Application

- How Can We Be Faithful Workers?
- Snapshots of Our Service
- The Joys of Serving Together

5. Activity—Working as One



Background Knowledge for Teachers

In 52 A.D., the Roman emperor Claudius expelled the Jewish community from Rome. As a result, all Jews were uprooted from their homes and banished from Rome. At that time, a Jew named Aquila, who had previously migrated to Rome from the province of Pontus on the Black Sea, packed up his things and left for the city of Corinth. By his side was his faithful wife Priscilla. The Bible does not tell us whether she was Jewish or Roman, nor whether or not they were both Christians at the time. But there is one thing of which we can be certain: they were together. They were always together. One name never occurred without the other.

Every Jewish boy in New Testament times was taught some kind of trade. Aquila's parents let him learn the tentmaking trade to earn his livelihood. Their tents were made of rough goat's hair fabric, which took great skill to cut and sew properly. The word "tentmaker" in Greek could also be used to describe a leather worker. The tents they produced made practical shelter for travelers and housing for soldiers.

So, when they arrived in Corinth, they searched the marketplace for a small shop to rent, and proceeded to set up their tentmaking business. By the beautiful timing of God, not long after they had gotten settled, another Jewish tentmaker arrived in town from Athens—apostle Paul!

Often when he entered a new city, Paul would stroll through the marketplace looking for opportunities to talk about Jesus, and also for work to sustain him as he ministered for God. It was inevitable that he

would find Aquila and Priscilla. This was the start of a beautiful friendship and comradeship in serving God together. Even at the end, when Paul knew that his life was coming to an end, he remembered and sent greetings to Aquila and Priscilla through Timothy.



Reaching Out to Your Students

Although your students are still at a young age, it is never too early to encourage them to participate in church work and emphasize the importance of working together. They have probably been involved in assisting the teacher by cleaning up or leading prayers in class. They may not realize that being part of such responsibilities is church work. It is important to stress that no matter what they are doing for God, God remembers each and every one of them. They should never think that what they can do is insignificant compared to a preacher or even someone slightly older who is leading hymns in front of the congregation. Every bit of their work counts. Everyone has a part to play in building up the church, even those at their age. Refer them to the memory verse in 1 Timothy 4:12. They can set examples for the other believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity, just as Aquila and Priscilla had. It does not matter what age they are or what work they do. If they begin to serve God now and understand the attitudes they should have, they will grow up to be responsible and faithful Christians in the future.



Opener

5 Minutes

Prepare a piece of popcorn, as well as a small corn kernel. Alternately, bring in two pictures, one of each.

Show students the piece of popcorn. Ask them if they know how it came to be “popcorn.” Emphasize the fact that each piece of popcorn starts off as a small corn kernel. [Put the popcorn and the kernel side-by-side to show a size comparison.] A mere handful of corn kernels can become a whole bucket of popcorn!

Even though we may be the younger and smaller members in church, if we have the correct attitude and heart, little ones like us can still do work for God. In fact, God wants us to work for Him no matter what age we are. Samuel served in the temple when he was a little boy (1 Sam 3:1). Prophetess Anna, in Jesus’ time, still served in the temple when she was eighty-four years old (Lk 2:36-37). We can be the little handful of corn kernels that become a whole bucket of popcorn.

What are some things or jobs that we can do for God? [Allow the students to answer, but try to lead them to think of what we can do for the following.]

- Members of the church (Jn 21:15)—love and help one another;
- The church building (Jn 2:16)—keep it clean and orderly;
- The truth of salvation (Jn 20:21; Mt 28:19)—keep it pure, and spread the word far and wide;
- And Jesus’ teachings (Mt 28:19-20)—remember them, practice them, and teach others to obey.

Tell the students that God provides different gifts, backgrounds, and possessions for each of us so that every day, we can do something for His body, the church. Each one of us has a different role to play, but we must all learn to work together to build up the church, the body of Christ.

In today’s lesson, we will learn about a married couple that were good stewards. Aquila and Priscilla used their gifts, abilities, and possessions to serve God and gain more for Him. What did they do? Why did they do it? What were the results of their work? Let’s find out!



Vocabulary

tentmakers: people that cut and sew the woven cloth of goat's hair into tents

tentmaking: making tents was a mobile profession; a tentmaker could carry his work wherever he traveled

possessions: material things you own; things that belong to you (e.g., toys, books, money, etc)

hospitable: being friendly and welcoming to visitors or guests



Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

Paul traveled to many places to preach and teach about Jesus. He went wherever the Holy Spirit sent him. The Lord led Paul from Athens to a place called Corinth, and told Paul, "I have many people in this city" (Acts 18:1, 9-10).

Today, we will learn about two special friends that Paul made in Corinth: Aquila and Priscilla.

FOR TEACHERS

Hand out Bible Discovery Worksheet #1 to the students. Read the passage together as a class, and then guide the students to fill out the profiles. The answers are underlined below.

Aquila and Priscilla's Profile

Let's read Acts 18:1-3 together and complete a quick profile for these two characters.

Aquila

- Wife: Priscilla
- Nationality: Jewish
- Place of birth: Pontus (a region south of the Black Sea)
- Previous address: Rome, Italy (Emperor Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome)
- Current address: Corinth, Achaia
- Occupation: Tentmaker

Priscilla, also known as Prisca (2 Tim 4:19):

- Husband: Aquila
- Nationality: Uncertain
- Place of birth: Uncertain
- Previous address: Rome, Italy (left with husband)
- Current address: Corinth, Achaia
- Occupation: Tentmaker

FOR TEACHERS

After the students have completed the profiles, review the information with them, and then hand out Bible Discovery Worksheet #2. Ask students to fill in the blanks as they read the passages. The answers are underlined in this section.

Aquila and Priscilla's Travels and Service

Let's follow the Bible and the map to understand just how Aquila and Priscilla served God with what God had given to them.

1. From Rome to Corinth (Acts 18:1-2)

Read Acts 18:1-2. Through the arrangement of God, Aquila and Priscilla were forced to leave Rome because Emperor Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave the city. They decided to move to Corinth, and by the wonderful grace of God, not long after they had settled in Corinth, Paul arrived.

2. In Corinth (Acts 18:3, 11)

Read Acts 18:3. Whenever Paul arrived at a new city, he would often go to the marketplace (Acts 17:17). Paul found Aquila and Priscilla in the Corinthian marketplace because they were of the same trade: tentmakers. The kind couple let Paul stay with them, and together, they made tents and talked about the Lord Jesus Christ.

Read Acts 18:11. Very quickly they became good friends and Paul stayed with Aquila and Priscilla for one year and six months in Corinth. Imagine having Paul staying with them for a year and a half! They surely would have been discussing the word of God during every spare moment, day and night. Aquila and Priscilla must have grown greatly in their faith and in the word of God!

From Corinth to Ephesus (Acts 18:18-21)

Read Acts 18:18-21. When Paul left Corinth to sail for the region of Syria (i.e., Jerusalem), Aquila and Priscilla decided to go with Paul. So Paul, Aquila, and Priscilla sailed together. On the way, they stopped at Ephesus and the three friends parted ways. Paul set sail from Ephesus to Jerusalem, while Aquila and Priscilla stayed behind at Ephesus to help the people there follow Jesus.

3. In Ephesus (Acts 18:24-28; 1 Cor 16:19)

Aquila and Priscilla met another Jew named Apollos who believed and spoke boldly of Jesus. Let's see how Aquila and Priscilla helped him by reading Acts 18:24-28.

Apollos was fervent and zealous for the Lord and preached boldly. Not only did he know the Scriptures very well, he also spoke well. The only problem was that Apollos didn't know the complete truth of salvation. He only knew the baptism of John. So Aquila and Priscilla took him aside and explained to him the way of God more clearly. Later on, Apollos went on to help other believers in their faith greatly!

What else did Aquila and Priscilla do while they were in Ephesus (Asia)? Let's read 1 Corinthians 16:19. By the time Paul came back to Ephesus on his third missionary journey, they had also opened their home for members to meet and worship God!

4. Back to Rome (Rom 16:3-5)

We can learn more about Aquila and Priscilla from some of the letters Paul wrote.

In Paul's letter to the Romans, we can see that Aquila and Priscilla had returned to Rome. Let's read Romans 16:3-5. In Paul's closing greetings to his friends in Rome he mentions that Aquila and Priscilla:

- Were his fellow workers in Christ Jesus
- Risked their lives for his life
- Were helpful to all the churches of the Gentiles
- Had again opened their home as a place of worship for the church

From Paul's short greeting in these three verses, we can tell that Aquila and Priscilla's deeds touched and helped change the lives of many people in many places. Many believers warmly remembered them.

5. Return to Ephesus (2 Tim 4:19)

In the final stage of Paul's life, while imprisoned and waiting for execution, he wrote his last letter: his second letter to Timothy. At the time, Timothy was pastoring the church in Ephesus.

Remembering his old friends Aquila and Priscilla, Paul asked Timothy to pass on his greeting to them. Let's read 2 Timothy 4:19. At this time, Aquila and Priscilla were likely to have returned to Ephesus. During Paul's ministry, many people deserted him and left him. From his greetings to Aquila and Priscilla, we can see that this couple's love, faithfulness, and servitude remained consistent throughout all these years!



Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

2-5 Minutes

We must be resolved to build up our church, True Jesus Church, established by our Lord Jesus Christ, which is the restored true church of the apostolic times. Just like Aquila and Priscilla worked faithfully to build up the church everywhere they went, we as members of True Jesus Church must have the same resolve to build up our church. We must also believe that **True Jesus Church, established by our Lord Jesus Christ, is the restored true church of the apostolic times**. We know that the church is the body of Christ and that we are all members of this body. We all have a part to play in building up our church together.



Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

1. **Why were Aquila and Priscilla in Corinth?** They were forced to leave Rome.
2. **Where did Paul stay while he was in Corinth?** In the home of Aquila and Priscilla.
3. **When Aquila and Priscilla worked with Paul in Corinth, what kind of work did they do?** Tentmaking.
4. **How long did Paul stay in Corinth with Aquila and Priscilla?** One year and six months.
5. **Aquila and Priscilla traveled with Paul as far as Ephesus and then parted ways. What did Aquila and Priscilla do when Paul left Ephesus?** They stayed in Ephesus to help the people follow Jesus.
6. **Who did Aquila and Priscilla meet in Ephesus?** Apollos.
7. **What did they do after they heard Apollos speak about Jesus?** They took him aside to help him understand God's ways more clearly.

8. What opportunities did God give Aquila and Priscilla to serve Him?

- In Corinth
Helped Paul, made tents with Paul, provided him a place to stay, traveled with him
- In Ephesus
Helped Apollos by teaching him more clearly about God's word
- Towards the church
In Ephesus and Rome, they opened their home for worship

They also shone for the Lord with their God-centered marriage. They always worked together and supported each other, not only in their tentmaking work, but also in serving God and in teaching others about the word of God.

9. God knew that Paul needed friends who believed in Jesus that would help him. Paul must have been thankful to have friends like Aquila and Priscilla. If you were Paul's friend, how would you have helped him to be brave in telling others about Jesus? Answers may vary.**Life Application***10 Minutes***1. How Can We Be Faithful Workers?**

The scriptural snapshots of Aquila and Priscilla show us that they were faithful in serving God in any way they could. Although scriptural recordings of them were brief, we learn that they went wherever God needed them to go, and that no matter where they went, they remained faithful workers for God. They were like the arms and legs that supported the hands and feet, Paul and Timothy.

[Hand out Life Application Worksheet #1 and ask students to follow along as you go over this section.]

1. They were hospitable. (Acts 18:3)

Aquila and Priscilla welcomed Paul, who was a stranger to them at the time. They invited Paul into their house in Corinth not just for a few days or weeks, but for an extended period of one and a half years! From the hospitality they showed to Paul, we can see the depth of their love for God.

1 Pet 4:9 – “Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.”

Heb 13:2 – “Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.”

- Why should we be hospitable?
- Can you think of a few people to whom you can show hospitality?

2. They were able to teach others. (Acts 18:24-26)

The Bible tells us that Apollos was “mighty” in the Scriptures and instructed in the way of the Lord. He even spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, but his understanding was limited because he only knew the baptism of John.

After Aquila and Priscilla heard him speak, they were able to explain to him more accurately the truth of salvation. This shows how thoroughly Aquila and Priscilla had learned the word of God. They may not have been accomplished public speakers, but they were diligent students of the word of God. They lovingly and willingly put in the time and effort to take care of Apollos' spiritual needs. As a result of his encounter with Aquila and Priscilla, Apollos became an even more effective servant of God.

2 Tim 2:15 – “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

- How can we become diligent students of the word of God?

3. Their home was the **church**. (1 Cor 16:19; Rom 16:5)

Churches in New Testament times could not afford to own land and construct buildings. It would not have been very wise to do so because of the constant pressure and persecution they faced. So, believers met in homes.

Whether it was in Ephesus, or later when they moved to Rome, Aquila and Priscilla continued to open their home for believers to meet and worship God. Paul refers to "the church that is in their house" in two separate letters he wrote. The believers needed a place to meet to worship God, so Aquila and Priscilla put their hands up for this and didn't grow tired of letting the members meet in their home.

Mt 18:20 – "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

- Draw a picture of a family whose home is the church (e.g., family praying, reading Bible, singing hymns together, etc.).

4. They had **harmony and unity** in their relationship. What a great husband-and-wife team!

Whenever Aquila and Priscilla were mentioned in the Bible, their names were always mentioned together. One name was never mentioned without the other.

Aquila and Priscilla lived together, worked together, traveled together, suffered exile together, and came to know and love Jesus together. Sharing the word of God with each other strengthened their love for each other and their spirit of unity. They were one in Christ, and His love made a good marriage even better. What a great husband-and-wife team they were!

Rom 15:6 – "That you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

- What is your understanding of "unity"? Make an acrostic poem using the word "unity."

5. They were **great helpers** and **fellow workers** to Paul. (Rom 16:3)

Aquila and Priscilla did not simply know Paul, and they did not simply spend lots of time with Paul. Paul describes them as his fellow workers. Paul did the Lord's work, and they joined him in doing it. It is a blessing to have brothers and sisters who have "a mind to work" for the Lord and are so dependable like Aquila and Priscilla.

Paul also described Aquila and Priscilla as a couple for which all the churches of the Gentiles gave thanks. This tells us that even though Aquila and Priscilla were Jewish Christians, the Gentile Christians appreciated them for what they had done for the Gentiles.

Romans, chapter 16 lists over thirty names of people that Paul knew. The church is made up of a wide variety of people that know the Lord, grow in Him, serve Him, and love one another.

Heb 10:24 – "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works."

- How would Paul have described you if you were in this list of fellow workers he had known?
- What work can you help with in the church?

6. They were not afraid to **lay down their own necks** in order to save Paul. (Rom 16:4)

In the Book of Romans, Paul mentions one short greeting about Aquila and Priscilla, "who risked their own necks for [his] life."

We do not know what Paul was referring to, nor when it happened, but somewhere, somehow, Aquila and Priscilla put their lives in danger to save Paul's. Paul's two friends were willing to give everything in their service to God, even their lives.

Col 3:23-24 – “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”

- Have you ever had to sacrifice anything for brothers and sisters in Christ?

7. Their **love**, **faithfulness**, and **servitude** were always consistent. (2 Tim 4:19)

In the last letter Paul wrote before he died, he asked Timothy to send his greetings to Priscilla and Aquila. In Paul's final hours, he still remembered his friends Aquila and Priscilla. This final farewell greeting comes more than ten years after Paul first met Aquila and Priscilla in Corinth. Paul had continued to serve God in his ministry, and we can see that Aquila and Priscilla had, too.

Paul comforted and encouraged Timothy and his friends with his own life example. He had held fast to his faith, finished the race, and fought the good fight for Christ, and he hoped that his friends would do the same, too.

2 Tim 4:7-8 – “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.”

2. Snapshots of Our Service

[Hand out Life Application Worksheet #2. First read the testimony together with the students, and then conclude with the snapshot activity.]

Draw or write some snapshots of work that God would have recorded already.

- What do you have now that you can use to serve God today?
- What possessions do you have right now, and how can you use them to serve God?
- What are you learning in school, at home, and in church that you can use to serve God today?

More importantly, how do we want to serve God as we grow up? What could some “future” snapshots look like? Draw or write them in!

- What skills do we want to develop so that we can serve God better?
- What possessions do we want to have in the future to serve God with?
- What are some things you can slowly do or learn to help you serve God in the future?

3. The Joys of Serving Together

It's important to serve God.

1. Why is it good to serve God with our friends? [Answers may vary. Possible answers: we can do more, help one another, encourage one another, etc.]

2. How can you and your friends work together to serve God? [Discuss projects or opportunities for students to serve in church. One such project is detailed below.]

Class Prayer Bookmark

Materials

- Large, blank bookmark (one per student)
- Colored pencils
- Markers

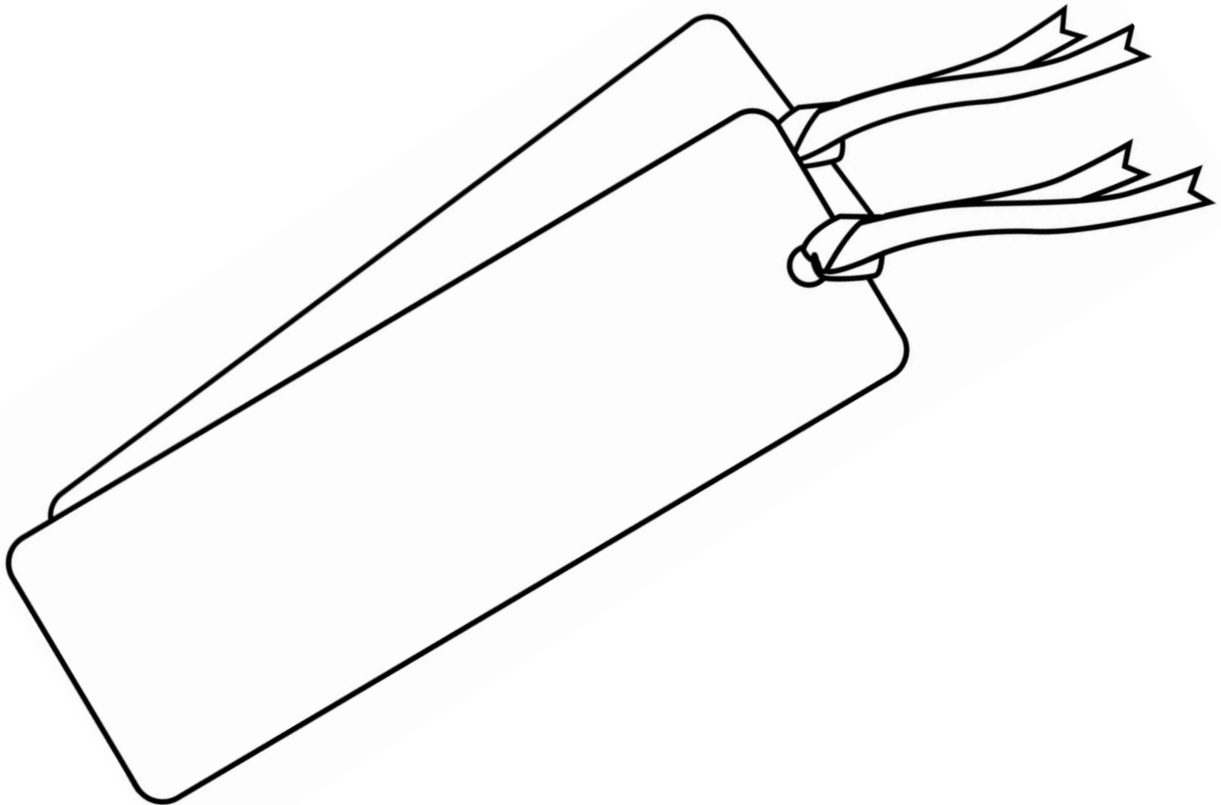
Do you have a friend or family member with whom you are close who doesn't know God yet? [Allow students to give names and write those names on the board.]

Once all the students have given at least one name, have everyone copy down ALL the names on their bookmark.

What can you tell them about God, or how can you help them learn more about God? [Allow students to respond. Possible responses: Share your favorite Bible story, teach them memory verse, teach them a hymn, tell them that Jesus loves them, etc.]

We have thought about with whom we each would like to share God's word, what we can share, and how we can share with them. Now, we can work together by keeping this list of names in our daily prayers. In our daily prayers, let us remember to pray for these friends and family of our class who have yet to come to know God. Let us pray for each other that we can have good opportunities to share the word of God. Lastly, we must also ask God to open the hearts of our friends and family.

We are not alone in sharing God's word with our friends and family, because we are all praying for one another.





Activity

Working as One

10-15 Minutes

Objective: To work together to achieve a common goal.

Materials (Per Team)

- 1 large hair tie
- String, cut into lengths of 8-12"
- 3 small, empty cans or boxes (e.g., tiny juice cans or juice boxes)

Preparations

Cut the string in lengths of 8-12", making sure that each string is the same length. Cut one piece for each student. Then, tie 4-6 strings to each hair tie, spacing them out evenly around the hair tie.

Instructions

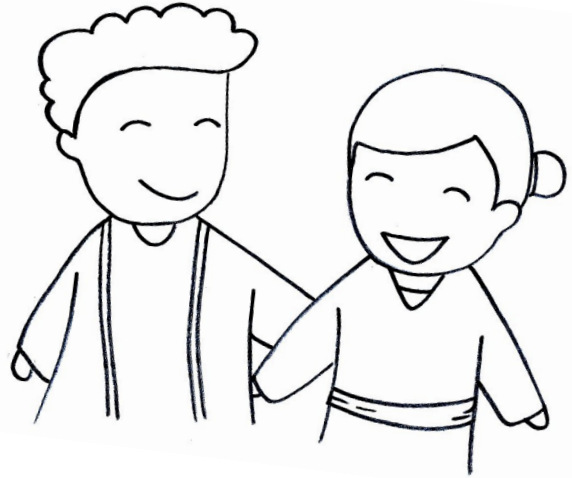
1. If the class is large, split the students into teams of 4-6, otherwise all the students can work as one team.
2. Ask each team of students to sit in a circle, with each student holding their string taut and keeping the hair tie in the middle of the circle.
3. Place three cans or boxes somewhere in the circle.
4. Only touching their own string, the students must work together to stretch the hair tie over the box/can, lift it, and stack it on top of another.
5. When all teams have finished stacking, or if time runs out, ask the students what they have learned from the activity.

Some Teachings

- Even though each student only had one small string attached to the object, each student played an important role. Likewise, in the church, no matter how small we think our service is, it is important in the sight of God for building up the church. If nothing else, we can always pray for the church. Prayer cannot be neglected.
- Everyone needed to work together to stretch the hair tie and stack the boxes/cans. Likewise, in the church, working together is key. Each of us is a different part of the body. The hands must coordinate with the brain and eyes, etc.
- Working together was hardest at the start, therefore communication and understanding each person's strengths and knowing our differences is important. Similarly, Paul knew Aquila and Priscilla's strengths, and knew that it would be good for them to stay in Ephesus and not go with him to Jerusalem.

HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY

1. Live in Rome (Italy)
2. Move to Corinth (Achaia)
3. Meet Paul
4. Sail with Paul to Ephesus
5. Say good-bye to Paul
6. Meet Apollos
7. Teach Apollos more about God
8. Have church in Rome meet at their house
9. Help Timothy in Ephesus



Aquila

- **Wife:**
- **Nationality:**
- **Place of birth:**
- **Previous address:**
- **Current address:**
- **Occupation:**

Priscilla, also known as Prisca (2 Tim 4:19):

- **Husband:**
- **Nationality:**
- **Place of birth:**
- **Previous address:**
- **Current address:**
- **Occupation:**



1. Why did Aquila and Priscilla leave Rome for Corinth? _____

2. How long did Paul stay with Aquila and Priscilla in Corinth? _____

3. When Aquila and Priscilla were in Ephesus, who did they meet? _____

4. When Paul wrote about Aquila and Priscilla to the Romans, what did he say about them?

5. When did Paul last mention Aquila and Priscilla? _____

What does it mean to be faithful workers just like Aquila and Priscilla?

1. They were _____. (Acts 18:3)

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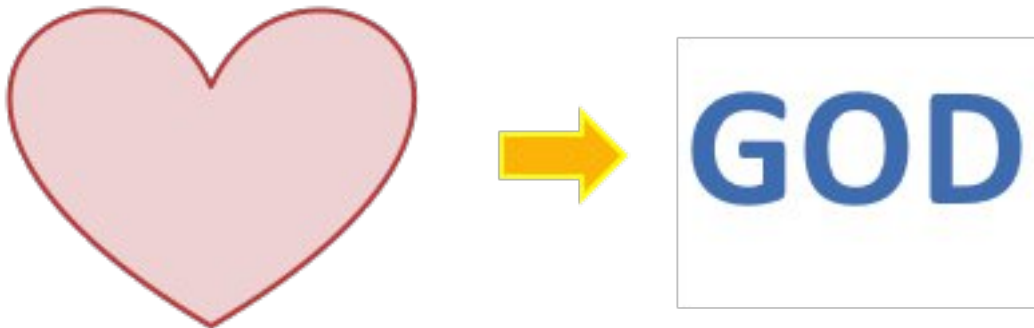
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7. Their _____, _____, and _____ were always consistent. (2 Tim 4:19)

2 Tim 4:7-8
 “I have _____ the _____,
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 I have _____ the _____.
 Finally, there is _____ for me the _____ of _____,
 which the Lord, the _____ Judge, will give to me on that Day,
 and not to me _____ but also to all who have _____ His appearing.”

Snapshots of Our Service

How have we served God? Let's read the following testimony.

One time, a couple came to Australia to live for a year. This couple was very fervent, and always made it to service even though they had to drive forty minutes to attend service on Fridays, and even longer on Saturdays.

Though they seemed like a quiet couple, they were observant about the church's needs. Even though it was just the two of them, they decided to buy a bigger car just so they could help transport brothers and sisters to church. They asked the church GA and Transport Group to let them know of any brothers and sisters who lived in the city that needed transportation to and from church. They would contact them and arrange to pick them up. Eventually, it didn't matter where these brothers and sisters lived, they would still pick them up "on their way" to church, even if the location wasn't near them. After service, they would also often take these brothers and sisters out for dinner together before sending them home.



Not only that, they also made friends quickly, and when the church had evangelistic services, they would invite them and pick them up, too. During the days the church had evangelistic services, they would arrive at church for morning prayer at 10 am as usual, and then go back to the city to pick up the truth-seekers to make it back in time for the afternoon evangelistic service. This sometimes meant that they had to miss lunch or have a really quick lunch because a direct trip from the city to the church on Sabbath day was around a fifty-minute drive.



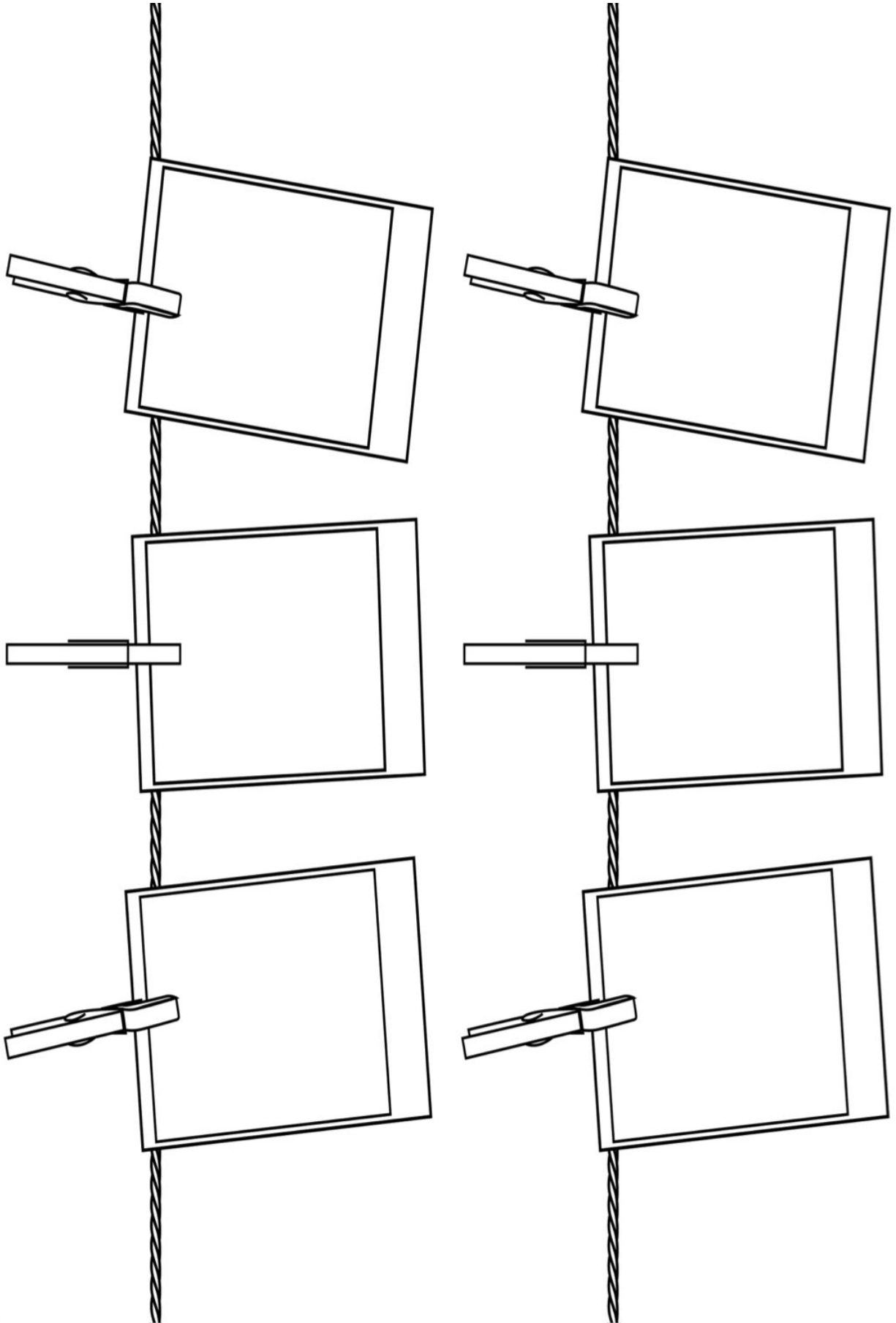
Being new to Melbourne church, they were not scheduled for any dishwashing or cleaning duties. But every lunch without fail, they would pick up a cloth and a bowl and go around to wipe all the tables as they saw fit. Once they were on the schedule, they didn't just do it when they were scheduled; they still helped every week with what they could.

Lastly, after one year was up and they returned home, they donated their car for church use, which meant a great deal to the church. Previously, church would hire a van every Sabbath day and make four-to-five trips to the nearest train station to pick up members who caught the train to church. Now, the church no longer needs to hire a van.

Truly, this couple has been greatly missed by many members here, especially the overseas students who live in the city area. Their genuine love for brethren and friends, their concern for the needs of the church, and their sacrificial attitude truly embodies that of Aquila and Priscilla.

Snapshots of Our Service

Draw or write some snapshots of your work that God would have recorded already.



E2 Year 3 Book 1 Lesson 9—Aquila and Priscilla

Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. (1 Timothy 4:12)

Complete Aquila and Priscilla's story by filling in the empty boxes with the provided clues.

CLUES

Say good-bye to Paul

Sail with Paul to Ephesus

Meet Apollos

Teach Apollos more about God

Move to Corinth (Achaia)

Meet Paul

Have church in Rome meet at their house

