

# Super Silly

## Superstitions

People will believe and do the silliest things sometimes in order to make something happen the way they want. See if you can name and describe 10 superstitions in this scene (without the help of a four-leaf clover!). Then look

up the Scriptures and look for something—rather, Someone—who is worthy of our trust! Write in the blank what or who we should put our trust in. Believing in Him isn't silly at all!



John 14:1

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Psalm 56:11

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Psalm 20:7

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Isaiah 50:10

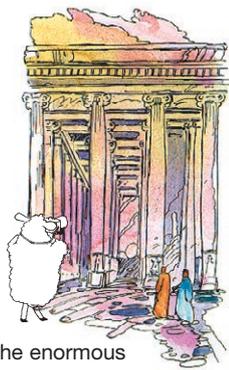
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# POWER FROM GOD



<sup>2</sup>The enormous temple to Diana was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Diana was the Roman goddess of hunting. Her Greek name was Artemis.

**E**phesus<sup>1</sup> (EF-uh-sus) was a city well known for its trade and business. It was also famous as the home of the huge temple of Diana.<sup>2</sup> Many people in Ephesus made a good living making silver shrines of Diana. And many people there practiced spells and incantations.

When Paul came to Ephesus to teach about Jesus, he ran into some trouble, but the false powers of the people of Ephesus were no match for the true power of the true God.

**Read Acts 19:11-16. Why do you think the sons of Sceva (SEE-vuh) ran into trouble with the evil spirit?**



**Acts 19:17-20**

*living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of*

*When this became known to the Jews and Greeks*

*the Lord Jesus was held in high honor. Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed what they had done. A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls<sup>3</sup> together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.*

<sup>1</sup>Ephesus was the most important city in Asia Minor. It was an important trading post between East and West.

**What was written in the scrolls? Why did the people burn their scrolls? What good came out of the incident with the sons of Sceva and the demon?**

Paul decided to go to Jerusalem and then on to Rome. He sent Timothy and another helper to Macedonia. But Paul stayed a while longer in Ephesus. A silversmith there, named Demetrius (duh-MEE-tree-us),

convinced the people of Ephesus to riot against Paul.

**Read Acts 19:23-27. List the things that made Demetrius angry. How did Demetrius feel the power of the Gospel had hurt the people? How had it helped the people?**

The craftsmen who made the idols were very angry with Paul. They led the people to shout, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" This went on for two hours. Paul wanted to talk to the crowd, but his friends wouldn't let him.

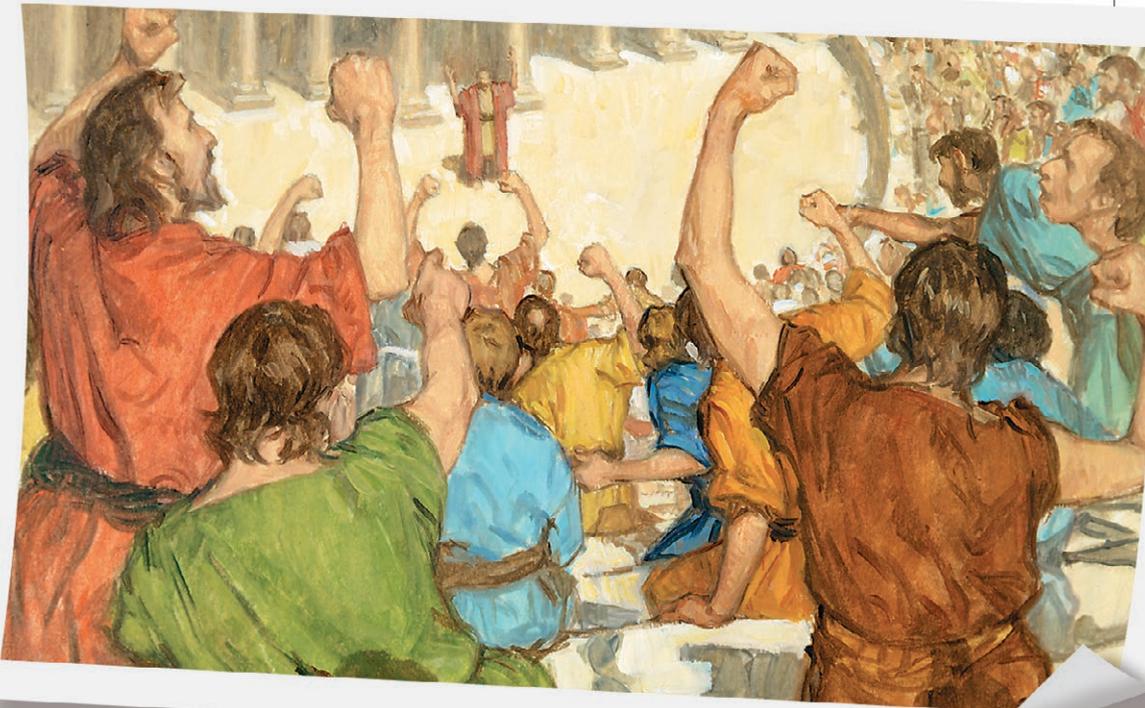
The city clerk quieted the crowd and

told the people that Paul and his companions had not done anything wrong. He said that if Demetrius had a complaint against them, he should take Paul to court. He warned the crowd that they could all get in trouble for their riot. This calmed the people down.



<sup>3</sup>Scrolls of black magic from Ephesus were known throughout the world for their magic spells and charms.

**Read 1 John 4:1-3. What does John say is the test of true power? How would this test have applied to the magic practiced by some of the Ephesian? How would the test have applied to the power Paul used to heal people at Ephesus?**



# To Tell The TRUTH

These people have mixed-up ideas about faith in Jesus. For each message, check the Bible verse to find out the truth, and then write your answer to each of these people and bring them the truth from God's Word.

## KEY VERSE

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

Mark 16:15

*People should believe in something. But it really doesn't matter what.*



**Acts 16:31**

**My answer is:** \_\_\_\_\_

*The more good things you do, the closer you get to heaven.*



**Ephesians 2:8-9**

**My answer is:** \_\_\_\_\_

*I'll worry about becoming a Christian when I'm older.*



**2 Corinthians 6:2**

**My answer is:** \_\_\_\_\_

*People don't really sin. They just make mistakes.*



**Romans 3:23-24**

**My answer is:** \_\_\_\_\_