Parnabas Encourages Christians

Mis 11:19-26

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Reason to Scatter

Intoday's passage, we see that the early followers of Christ had been scattered from Jerusalem because of the persecution that began after Stephen was killed. The Jews had stoned him after he accused them of killing the Messiah, Jesus. But everywhere the scattered followers went, they told people about Jesus (Acts 7:1–8:4).

spreading the News

The believers who were scattered to Antioch, at that time the third largest city in the Roman Empire, began sharing the message of Christ not only with the many Jews who lived there, but also with the non-Jews. When Jerusalem's church heard that a great number of people had turned to the Lord, they were ready to accept these non-Jewish believers, and they sent Barnabas (whose name means "Son of Encouragement") to see what was happening and to contribute to the spreading of the gospel message.

Barnabas invited Saul (whom we know as the Apostle Paul) to Antioch for a year to help teach because the church was expanding so quickly. Barnabas had befriended Saul and defended him before the apostles

in Jerusalem after Saul had met Christ on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-30).

What happened in Antioch was significant because it was, apparently, the first time Jewish and non-Jewish Christians joined together in fellowship. People there were accustomed to rubbing shoulders with people of different backgrounds and of different ethnic groups. The church in Antioch set a wonderful example for churches to follow in centuries to come.

The Jesus Connection

As the text tells us, Jesus' followers were first called Christians in Antioch. It's significant that in Antioch this diverse group of followers took on a name that means "like Christ." As they lived out Jesus' example and encouraged others in the faith, people noticed. What a compliment it would be for others to consider us to be like Jesus!

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 HomeConnect

Daily Challenge

This week, your child learned

that we can help others love

Jesus. Your child committed to one of the following Daily Challenges to encourage others in their faith. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on the challenge!

Help your child be an encourager like

Barnabas! Brainstorm with your child and think of an adult family member who would love getting a phone call from your child, such as

Grandma, an uncle, or a cousin. Once you've decided on someone, coach your child on things he or she can say that will encourage the person, such as "You are very special to me" or "Jesus loves you." When your child is ready, help dial the number and let the little one brighten the family member's day.

- ASK @ How did it feel to help someone else be happy?
 - How can you help other people be happy and believe in Jesus?

- 1. Pray for a friend at school who doesn't know Jesus.
- Give someone in your family a hug, and tell that person that Jesus wants us to love him.
- 3. Draw a picture of yourself telling others about Jesus, and then hang it in your room to remind you that we can help others love Jesus!

What I Learned Today ...

Bible Time: This week's Bible passage
(Acts 11:19-26) tells us about a man named
Barnabas who helped other people love
Jesus. He traveled to a town called Antioch
and encouraged the Christians there to love
Jesus with their whole hearts. He made them
very happy and helped them grow in their
friendship with Jesus. There were also people
in Antioch who had never heard about Jesus.
Barnabas told them how much Jesus loved
them, and many of them believed in Jesus.
Barnabas helped people believe in Jesus—we
can help each other believe in Jesus, too!

Key Verse: The Holy Spirit will teach you (adapted from John 14:26).

Recipe Certification believe in

Buy refrigerated sugar cookie dough and gather a rolling pin, sprinkles, and a cookie sheet. Preheat the oven, and then give the child a major role: Sugar Cookie Helper! Demonstate rolling dough, shaping cookies, and adding sprinkles. Let the child enjoy doing it by himself or herself. As the cookies bake, affirm your child for being a great helper and remind him or her to help others believe in Jesus. Let the cookies cool, and enjoy!

