

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Who are some people that encourage you?
- Who might need encouragement from you this week?
- How can you encourage that person?

Barnabas in Antioch

Acts 11

STORY POINT: BARNABAS WENT TO ANTIOCH TO ENCOURAGE BELIEVERS.

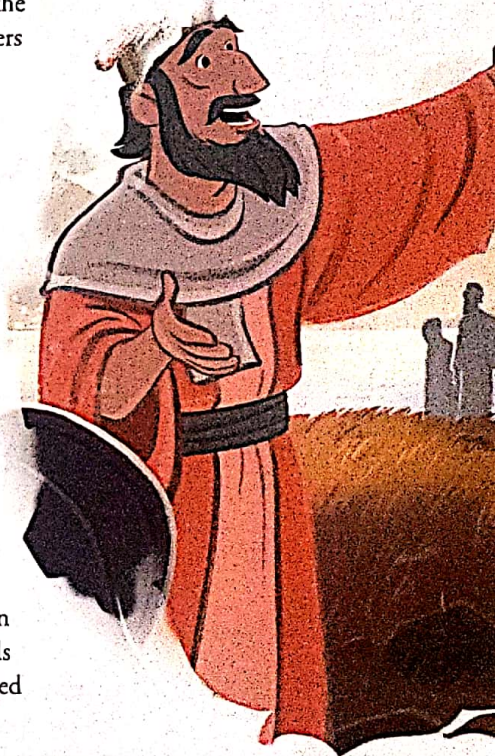
Peter shared the gospel not only with Jews, but with Gentiles. The Gentiles in Caesarea heard Peter's message and believed. God gave His Holy Spirit to these new believers, and they were baptized.

Before long, the apostles and other believers throughout Judea heard that Gentiles had believed the good news about Jesus. They were surprised, so Peter explained that the gospel is for all people. Then the believers praised God and understood that Jesus had come for the Gentiles too!

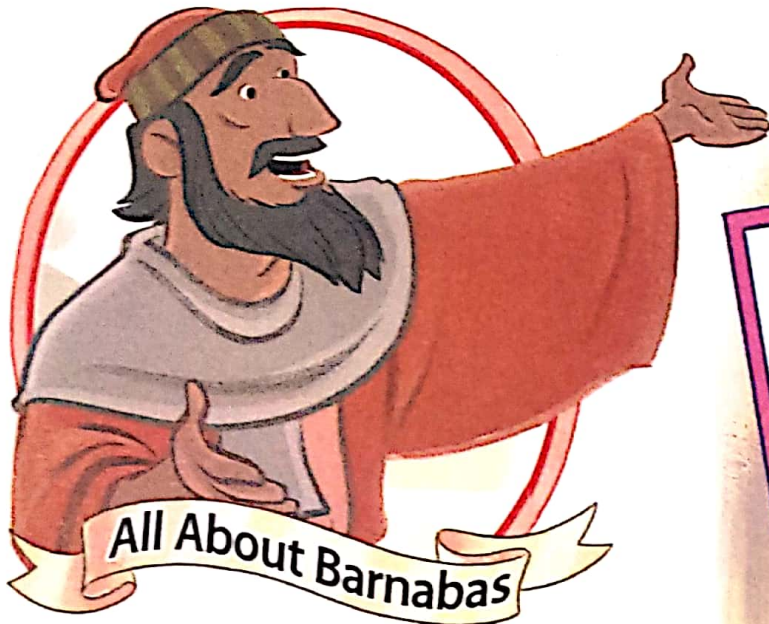
Some believers went to Antioch and preached the gospel to the Greeks, too. God was with them, and a large number of the Greeks believed the good news.

The church at Jerusalem heard about these new believers, so they sent Barnabas to Antioch. He encouraged them to keep following God. Even more people trusted in Jesus.

Then Barnabas left Antioch and went to Tarsus to look for Paul. He found Paul and brought him back to Antioch. They stayed with the church in Antioch for a year, teaching large crowds of people. Jesus' followers were first called Christians at Antioch.



Christ Connection: Even though some people tried to stop it, the gospel spread throughout the earth—not only to Jews but also to Gentiles. The good news about Jesus is for everyone. God calls us to celebrate when others believe and help them know and love Jesus more.



Words of Encouragement | Write what you could say to encourage someone in each scenario.

Unscramble the words to learn more about Barnabas. (Hint: See Acts 4:36; 13:2.)

The name Barnabas means "son of _____."

NOTE GUACERNEM

Barnabas was also known as _____.

SHEPJO

Barnabas came from _____.

UCSRYP

Barnabas went with _____ on the first missionary journey.

ALPU

I'm worried about some of the things I see on the news.

John 16:33

I am kind of shy and only have a couple close friends. Sometimes I feel really lonely.

John 15:12-14

My grandmother recently passed away, and I really miss her.

Psalms 147:3

I'm nervous about going to a new school and making new friends.

Philippians 4:6-7