

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

The Antioch Church Helped

ACTS 11:19-30

Jesus' followers who lived in Jerusalem were persecuted and treated badly. Many of them left their homes and moved to different countries and cities. Wherever they went, these believers told the people how Jesus died on the cross and rose again.

Some of Jesus' followers moved to the city of Antioch, and just like in other places, these believers began to tell the people about all that Jesus had done. Soon a church began in Antioch. God helped the church grow, and many people believed that Jesus is the Son of God.

The church in Jerusalem heard about the new believers in Antioch and decided to send Barnabas to teach people more about Jesus and encourage the new believers. Barnabas was a good man who was filled with the Holy Spirit and faith. When Barnabas arrived in Antioch, he was glad to see and meet the new believers. He encouraged them to remain true to Jesus.

Barnabas saw so many people believe in Jesus that he went to Tarsus to get Saul and bring him to Antioch to help. For a year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught many people. Antioch is where believers in Jesus were called Christians for the first time.

One day some prophets came from Jerusalem to the Antioch church. One prophet was named Agabus. Agabus told the Antioch church that a severe famine would come to the Roman world. This included Judea, the country where Jerusalem was located. There would be no rain, and people would have a hard time finding food to eat.

The members of the church in Antioch wanted to help those who would be in need during the famine. Each person gave what he was able to give. When the church members collected everything, Barnabas and Saul took the gifts to the believers in Judea.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Galatians 5:13

LIFE POINT: The church helps fellow Christians.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child heard that the church helps fellow Christians. The church in Antioch sent food to help the Jerusalem church during a time of famine. What are some ways your church reaches out to other Christians?

LIVE IT OUT

Involve your child in a church project that helps people. Working in a food pantry, distributing food to people in need, or doing yard work for a senior adult are jobs in which your child could participate.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God uses the church to meet the needs of people in the community and around the world.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Galatians 5:13

Monday: Deuteronomy 15:11

Tuesday: Galatians 6:2

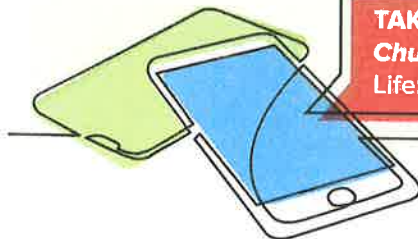
Wednesday: Hebrews 13:16

Thursday: Luke 6:38

Friday: Matthew 5:42

Saturday: Proverbs 22:9

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out *The Antioch Church Helped* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.



Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. PSALM 95:6 (CSB)

Here, Near, Far

Make a list of ways you can help Christians who are in your church, in your community, and around the world.

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Near Your Community (Yellow notepad with a pink location pin icon and horizontal lines for writing)

Far Around the World (Yellow notepad with a purple location pin icon and horizontal lines for writing)



Serve One Another

How should we serve one another? Use your Bible to find the answer.

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GALATIANS 5:13