

# FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

## The Antioch Church

### WHAT YOU NEED

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- Piece of paper (bigger is better)
- Crayons/Roll-ups/Pencil crayons

### LET'S READ THE BIBLE

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- Have someone in your family read the following passage:
- Acts 11:19-30

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Today's story continues to tell us how even after the stoning of Stephen and the people fleeing to other places to keep safe, they still told others the Good News about Jesus wherever they went. More and more people became Christians because of that.

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When the Christians in Jerusalem heard that more people were following Jesus in Antioch, they sent Barnabas to see how things were going.

More people became Christians and so he went to Tarsus to get Saul to help teach the church in Antioch. They stayed for a year, which probably meant they go to teach a lot of people a lot about Jesus and God and what it means to live for His glory.

We also learn that it is here that the followers first get called "Christians", which means "Christ-like" or "follower of Christ" - a name that has stuck with us all this time.

Then we hear a prophecy that talks about a famine that's going to come and hit hard. We see that the church in Antioch heard this and decided to act by giving what they could to Saul and Barnabas to bring to those who would need it in Judea.

The Church was growing and expanding to people of all nations, races and backgrounds. God wants everybody to be part of his family, the Church!

### LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

- Who does God want to be part of his family, the Church?
- Do we still see telling other people about Jesus as important?
- How long did Saul and Barnabas stay in Antioch?
- What were they doing there?
- Would we help teach someone about Jesus for over a year if they needed us to?

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### NOW WHAT?

- Will it always be comfortable and easy to tell others about Jesus? Why/why not?
- Who can we tell and teach about Jesus?
- How will we as a family do this?

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### LET'S HAVE SOME FUN

- Take the piece of paper and write this in the middle of it "People we will share the Good News with"
- Think about some people in your family's lives who don't know Jesus - write their names on your piece of paper
- Take time to pray together as a family for these people - pray that God would give you an opportunity to share with them
- Stick your piece of paper up in your home so you can keep praying as a family for these people

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