

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 1, Session 4

CONNECTION POINT:

The church is called to show God's love through how we live our everyday lives.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: As followers of Jesus, the church is the hands and feet of Christ in a watching world, called to reflect God's love in every conversation, every decision, and every relationship. The greatest commandment found in Matthew 22 reminds us to love God with all our hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves. The world sees God's love most clearly not through our words alone but through everyday moments.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Acts 11:19-30

Live It Out: Involve your child in helping people. Distributing flyers for a church event, cleaning yards, or visiting in a nursing home are projects your child could participate in.

The people in the Jerusalem church sent Barnabas to visit the Antioch church. Barnabas encouraged the people in the new church. More people in Antioch began to believe that Jesus was God's Son.

Barnabas brought Saul to Antioch to help teach the people. They stayed in Antioch for a year. The people who believed in Jesus were called Christians.

Some men from Jerusalem came to the Antioch church. One of the men, a prophet named Agabus, told the church that soon the people in Judea would not have enough food to eat.

The people in the Antioch church decided to help. Everyone in the Antioch church gave as much food and money as they could. Barnabas and Saul took their gifts to the people in the church in Judea.

KIDS

Scripture: Acts 11:19-30

Live It Out: Include your child in a project that helps people. She can work in a food pantry distributing food to the needy or help a senior adult with a simple task.

The church began to spread from Jerusalem to other countries. One of these places was Antioch in Syria.

The church in Jerusalem decided to send Barnabas to teach and encourage the people. Barnabas was a good man who was filled with the Holy Spirit and faith. Later Barnabas brought Saul to Antioch. The people here were the first to be called Christians.

Some prophets came from Jerusalem to the Antioch church. One prophet told the Antioch church that a severe famine would come to the Roman world. This included Jerusalem.

The members of the church in Antioch wanted to help those who would be in need during the famine. Each one gave what he was able to give. Barnabas and Saul delivered the gift from the Antioch church to the church in Jerusalem.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Acts 11:19-30

- What practical steps can you take to reach out to someone different from you for the sake of Christ?
- How could you practice celebrating God's work in someone else?
- How is God prompting you to respond to a need in your church or beyond?

Live It Out:

As a family, talk about how believers in Antioch gave to help those in need in Judea. Then, discuss how you can join with others in your church or community to help meet a pressing need. What needs are in your community or church? Ask your student to help brainstorm a few ideas, then take steps to implement one of the ideas.