



Traveling through the Book of Acts

A curriculum written for the DiscipleShip Keiki Ministry of Kauai Bible Church

Part 9 - Acts 11:19-26 (NLT)



READY

We hope you're ready to learn more about the growth of the early Christian church and the spread of the Good News of Jesus Christ!

CHECK-IN:

Get ready for today's Bible journey by answering and discussing these warm-up questions as a family or group:

- Have you ever been on a missions trip? If so, where did you go? If not, would you like to go on a missions trip and where do you think God may be leading you to go?

BOARDING:

Open with prayer - take turns or have one person pray for the group. Challenge your family or group to pray out loud.

- Prayer requests and praises
- Invite the Holy Spirit to prepare your hearts and minds to be changed by God's Word for Today.



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TAKE-OFF:

Read our God's Word for Today: **Acts 11:19-26 (NLT)**. Be on the lookout for these *POIs (Points of Interest)* and don't forget to add them to your **PASSPORT**.

Verse 20 - Some of the scattered followers of Jesus Christ began to preach the Good News to Gentiles (remember, those are non-Jews) in Antioch (a city in modern-day Turkey).

Verse 22 - When the Church in Jerusalem heard that many Gentiles in Antioch were choosing to trust in Jesus, they sent Barnabas to teach and encourage them.

Verse 24 - Barnabas is described in the Bible as "a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and strong in faith."

Verses 25-26 - Barnabas went to look for Saul in Tarsus (Saul's hometown). He brought Saul back to help with the work of the growing Church in Antioch. They stayed and taught there for a year.

Verse 26 - In Antioch, these new followers of Jesus were first called "Christians".



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AT CRUISING ALTITUDE:

In our God's Word for Today, there are a few important things to notice:

1. Remember that after Stephen was murdered for his faith in Jesus, the followers of Jesus scattered because of the persecution from people like Saul. But remember that Saul became a follower of Jesus himself.
2. The Good News of Jesus Christ was spreading among both Jews and Gentiles (non-Jews). In Antioch, so many people were becoming followers of Jesus, that the Church in Jerusalem sent someone to teach them more about Jesus and how to live in ways that are honoring to Him. This man's name was Barnabas.
3. Barnabas was sent out as a missionary. He invited Saul (Paul) to come and join him. A missionary is someone who dedicates their time and talents to teaching others about Jesus and loving them in Jesus' name. Missionaries may travel to foreign countries or they may work in their own hometown. Jesus calls us all to be missionaries and bring the Good News about Him to a hurting world.

IN-FLIGHT ENTERTAINMENT (Optional Hands-On Activity): *"Encourage a Missionary"*

Missionaries have obediently answered the call of Jesus Christ, to "go and make disciples of all nations". They may be living in a foreign country or they may be working right down the street from where you live. While missions work can be very exciting and rewarding, missionaries often struggle with feelings of loneliness, frustration, helplessness, homesickness, and discouragement.

For your hands-on activity today, we're challenging you to encourage a missionary! Do you know someone serving in the mission field? If not, contact your church. They can help you connect with a missionary or missionary family. First, you can buy a greeting card or make your own. If you choose, you can make a care package: fill it with some yummy snacks or homemade treats. Then, spend some time in prayer, praying for the missionaries and the work they are doing. Pray for the Good News of Jesus Christ to spread through them, just as it did through the early followers of Jesus. Pray that God would continue to provide everything they need to do the work of the Gospel. Pray for their health and for their own personal relationships with Jesus Christ. Mail your card and care package and be encouraged - you just helped in their mission work and became part of their team!



PASSPORT CHECK:

Our *PASSPORT STAMP* for this week reminds us that Jesus told His followers to go out into all the world and tell others about Him. The early Church grew as more people, like Barnabas and Paul, went to different cities and places and preached about God's love. Antioch was not their last missions trip! Using the provided Passport Pages, draw this week's *PASSPORT STAMP*.

“...to the ends of the earth...”

(Acts 1:8)

Part 9 - Acts 11:19-26



(Draw Passport Stamp)

Barnabas and Saul were among the first missionaries (people dedicated to reaching the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ).

For a year, they lived and taught people in Antioch (an ancient city in modern-day Turkey). There, for the first time, those who followed Jesus were called “Christians”.

POIs (Points of Interest):

Verse 20 - Some of the scattered followers of Jesus Christ began to preach the Good News to Gentiles (non-Jews) in _____.

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Part 10 - Acts 12:1-11



(Draw Passport Stamp)

Peter was in prison, heavily-guarded by soldiers and guards. It may have seemed like Herod had won and Peter was sure to be killed, but Peter trusted in God. Only God could rescue Peter from prison because there is nothing that is impossible for our all-powerful God!

POIs (Points of Interest):

Verses 1-4 - Herod, the king of Judea, participated in the persecution of the early Church in Jerusalem. He had James, a disciple of Jesus Christ and the brother of John, killed with a sword. Then he arrested _____ too.

Verse 5 - While Peter was being kept in prison, the Church _____ for him to be set free.

Verse 6 - Peter was well-guarded, _____ between two soldiers, with more soldiers standing guard outside the door of the prison.

Verses 7-8 - At night, an _____ came to Peter in his prison cell. He woke Peter up and the chains fell off of him. The angel led Peter out of the prison.

Verses 9-11 - Peter thought it was a _____ until they came to the gate that led into the city. The gate opened by itself! Then the angel left him.

Peter knew that God had rescued him from Herod.