

The Antioch Church Helped-Children's LifeGroup Lesson for June 28<sup>th</sup>

**Scripture Reference: Acts 11:19-30**

**Preschool Life Point:** People at church give and help others.

**School Age Life Point:** The church helps fellow Christians.

**June Memory Verse:** Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. Psalm 95:6 **Send Mrs. Stephanie a video of your child reciting this verse and a reward will be mailed to your house.**

**Bible Story:**

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 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 believers in Jesus were Christian for the first time.

One day some prophets came from Jerusalem to the Antioch church. One prophet was name 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.

**Review Questions for School Age kids:**

- The believers began to move to different countries and cities. What would they do when they got to the new cities? **They would tell the people about Jesus.**
- Whom did the church in Jerusalem send to Antioch? **Baranabas**
- Why did Barnabas go to Tarsus to get Saul? **Barnabas needed help in telling so many believers more about Jesus.**
- Where were the believers in Jesus first called Christians? **Antioch**
- Who was Agabus? What did he say would happen? **Agabus was a prophet. He said a famine would come to the Roman world.**

- How did the Antioch church help? **Each person gave what he was able to give. The Antioch church sent their gifts to Christians who lived in Judea.**

**Hands on Ideas:**

- **What is a way your family can help others?** Brainstorm together and make a list of things you can do to help others and put into action one of those things this week.
- **Feel and Guess:** Place a couple of fruits and veggies in a bag that can not be seen through. Allow your kids to reach their hand into the bag and try to guess what is in the bag. Be reminded about how the people in the Antioch church gave to help the people in Judea who were experiencing a famine.
- **Activity Pages:** The links to these pages is in your email, on the Children's Ministry Facebook group, and at [woodlawnbc.org](http://woodlawnbc.org).