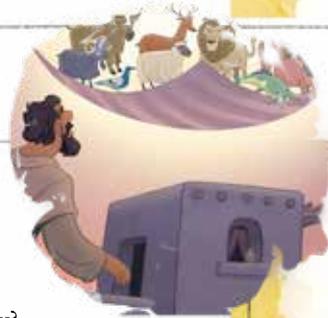


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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How do we know God loves all people?
- Who can receive salvation? (See Romans 10:13.)
- How can we share the gospel with all people?

Peter and Cornelius

Acts 10

STORY POINT: THE GOSPEL IS FOR ALL PEOPLE.

One afternoon, Cornelius saw an angel of God in a vision which frightened him. The angel told Cornelius to send for a man named Peter, who was in the city of Joppa. So Cornelius sent two of his servants and one soldier to Joppa.

The next day, Peter went up on the roof of the house to pray. Peter saw a vision of something like a large sheet coming down from heaven.

In the sheet were all kinds of animals, reptiles, and birds. A voice said to him, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat!"

"No, Lord!" Peter said. "I have never eaten anything that is unclean."

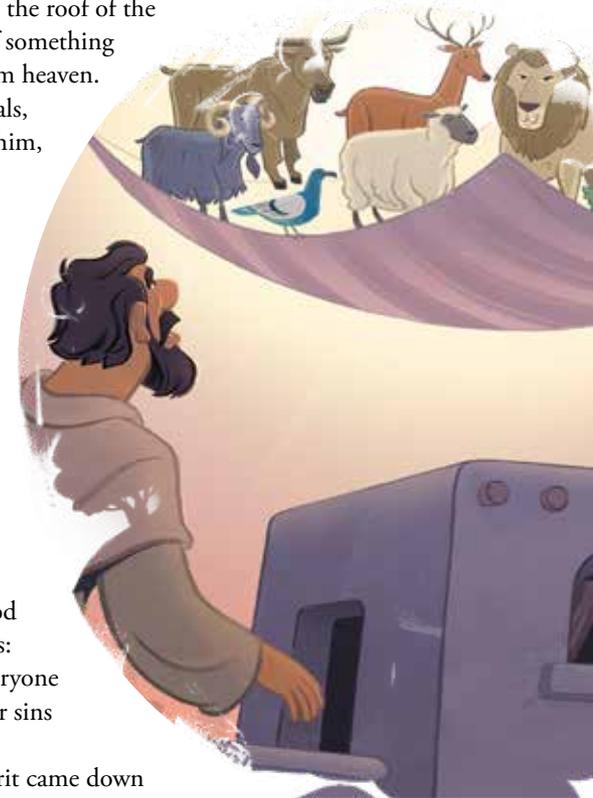
Again, a voice said to him, "God has made these clean. Do not call them unclean."

Then Cornelius' men arrived at the gate. The next day, Peter went with the men to Caesarea.

When Peter got to Cornelius' house, he explained to Cornelius that God does not consider some people to be better than others. God had sent good news to the Israelites: Jesus is Lord of all. Peter said, "Everyone who believes in Jesus will have their sins forgiven."

As Peter said this, the Holy Spirit came down on those who heard the message—not just the Jews, but the Gentiles, or non-Jews, too. The Jewish believers were amazed.

Christ Connection: God showed Peter that just as there is no "clean" and "unclean" food in Christ, there are no "clean" and "unclean" people. God calls believers to tell everyone the good news about Jesus, no matter who they are or where they come from. Jesus is the Lord of all.

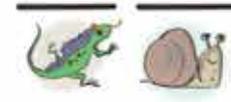


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Good News for Everyone

Use the key to unscramble the code and discover today's Bible story point.

A	E	F	G	H	I	L	O	P	R	S	T
											



Clean and Unclean

Choose five of the Scripture references to find and read in your Bible. Draw in the sheet the animals mentioned in the verses.

Leviticus 11:7

Genesis 22:13

Deuteronomy 25:4

Leviticus 1:14

2 Samuel 22:34

John 1:29

Judges 14:5

Luke 5:6

Proverbs 17:12

Genesis 8:8



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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Who are some people that encourage you?
- Who might need encouragement from you this week?
- How can you encourage that person?

Barnabas in Antioch

Acts 11

STORY POINT: BARNABAS WENT TO ANTIOCH TO ENCOURAGE BELIEVERS.

Peter shared the gospel not only with Jews, but with Gentiles. The Gentiles in Caesarea heard Peter's message and believed. God gave His Holy Spirit to these new believers, and they were baptized.

Before long, the apostles and other believers throughout Judea heard that Gentiles had believed the good news about Jesus. They were surprised, so Peter explained that the gospel is for all people. Then the believers praised God and understood that Jesus had come for the Gentiles too!

Some believers went to Antioch and preached the gospel to the Greeks, too. God was with them, and a large number of the Greeks believed the good news.

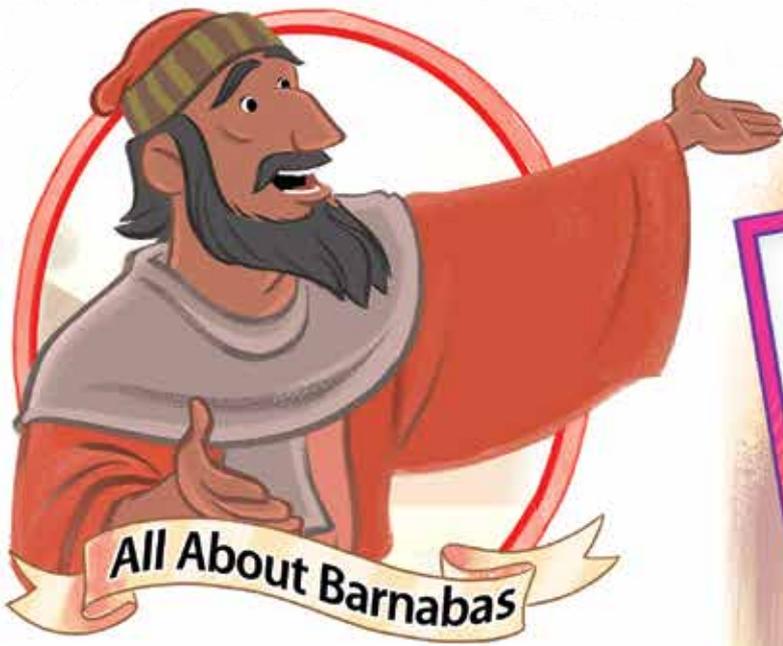
The church at Jerusalem heard about these new believers, so they sent Barnabas to Antioch. He encouraged them to keep following God. Even more people trusted in Jesus.

Then Barnabas left Antioch and went to Tarsus to look for Paul. He found Paul and brought him back to Antioch. They stayed with the church in Antioch for a year, teaching large crowds of people. Jesus' followers were first called Christians at Antioch.



Christ Connection: Even though some people tried to stop it, the gospel spread throughout the earth—not only to Jews but also to Gentiles. The good news about Jesus is for everyone. God calls us to celebrate when others believe and help them know and love Jesus more.

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Words of Encouragement | Write what you could say to encourage someone in each scenario.

Unscramble the words to learn more about Barnabas. (Hint: See Acts 4:36; 13:2.)

The name Barnabas means “son of _____.”

NOTE GUACERNEM

Barnabas was also known as _____.

SHEPJO

Barnabas came from _____.

UCSRYP

Barnabas went with _____ on the first missionary journey.

ALPU

I'm worried about some of the things I see on the news.

John 16:33

I am kind of shy and only have a couple close friends. Sometimes I feel really lonely.

John 15:12-14

My grandmother recently passed away, and I really miss her.

Psalms 147:3

I'm nervous about going to a new school and making new friends.

Philippians 4:6-7

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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How did Jesus bring the new covenant?
- Why is the new covenant better than the old covenant?
- How do we become part of the new covenant?

Jesus Is Better

Hebrews 1–8

STORY POINT: JESUS, OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST, BROUGHT A BETTER COVENANT.

The early church was made up of believers who were persecuted for following Jesus. Because their lives had become difficult, many believers began to wonder if following Jesus was worth it. The Holy Spirit helped a Christian leader write words of encouragement to the early church in the Book of Hebrews. He wrote:

“Long ago, God spoke to His people through prophets. Now He speaks through Jesus. Jesus is God the Son, and He is like God in every way.

“Jesus humbled Himself to become lower than the angels for a time when He became a man. Jesus became a person like us to die and then rise again. Jesus’ work rescues people from sin. All who believe in Him become His brothers and sisters. Because Jesus suffered and was tempted, He is able to help us when we are tempted.

“This is why Jesus is the greatest! He is greater than Moses, who was a faithful servant of God. Jesus was an even better servant. Jesus knows our weaknesses because He became a human and was tempted, although He never sinned. Because of Jesus, we can approach God with boldness; and God will give us mercy and grace. This is why Jesus is better than anything and why we cannot turn away from Him. Salvation is found only in Jesus!”

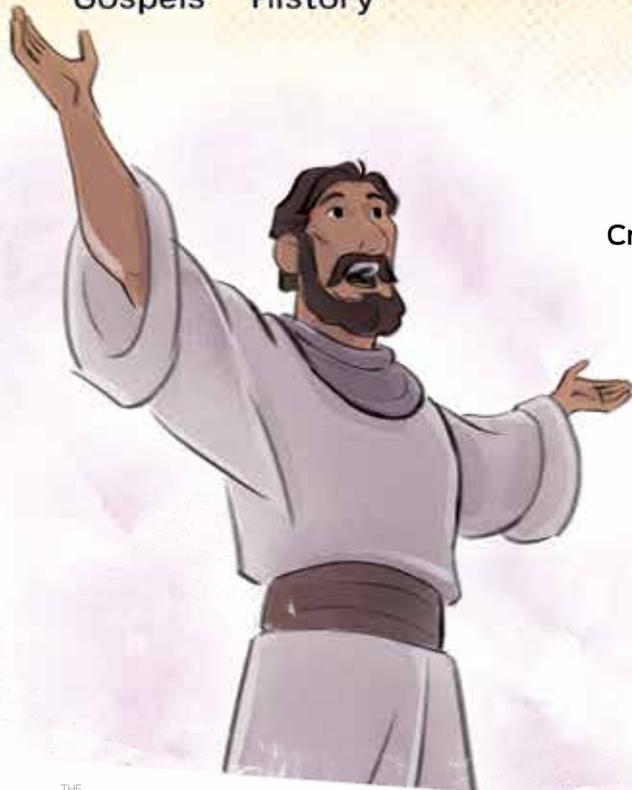
Christ Connection: Jesus is better than anyone and anything. He is the better Prophet, the better Priest, and the better King. Everyone who trusts in Jesus has salvation from sin through His perfect life, death, and resurrection.



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A Look at the Books

Fill in the missing names of the New Testament books in order. Circle the 19th book.



Jesus Is Better

Circle the statement if it describes Jesus.
Cross it out if it describes an earthly high priest.

- Made a sacrifice for his own sin (Hebrews 5:3)
- Sacrificed Himself (John 10:17)
- Was priest only until he died (Leviticus 16:32)
- Is our high priest forever (Hebrews 7:25)
- Made sacrifices every year (Leviticus 16:32-34)
- Made one sacrifice (Hebrews 1:3)
- Is a merciful and faithful priest (Hebrews 2:17)
- Is a sympathetic priest (Hebrews 4:14-16)



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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Who do you know that has strong faith?
- Why do you think God promises us good things?
- How can we remain faithful to God?

The Hall of Faith

Hebrews 11

STORY POINT: GOD WORKS MIGHTILY THROUGH PEOPLE WHO HAVE FAITH IN HIM.

Many people in the Bible had faith, and this pleased God. Abel had faith when he gave an offering to God, and God accepted his offering. We must have faith in order to please God.

Noah had faith too. He obeyed God by building an ark to rescue his family. God was pleased with Noah.

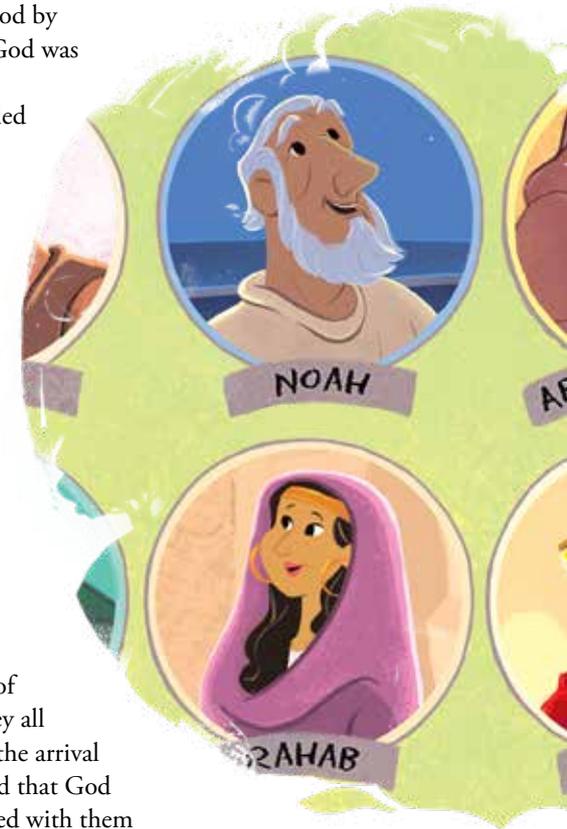
Abraham had faith when God called him to leave his home. God made promises to Abraham, and Abraham believed that God was going to keep His promises.

Abraham's wife Sarah had faith. She trusted God to give her a family even though she was too old to have children. Abraham and Sarah went on to have many descendants.

Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and Moses had faith. Rahab had faith when she hid the Israelite spies in Jericho. King David had faith too. All of these people trusted God, and so did many others.

Having faith was not easy. Many of these faithful people suffered, and they all died before God's greatest promise—the arrival of Jesus—came true, but they believed that God had a wonderful plan. God was pleased with them because they trusted Him.

Christ Connection: God kept His promise to send the Messiah—His own Son, Jesus—to rescue people from sin. Jesus is the true hero of the Bible. He gives us faith. We can look to Him because in Him, all of God's promises will come true.



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Hall of Faith Word Search

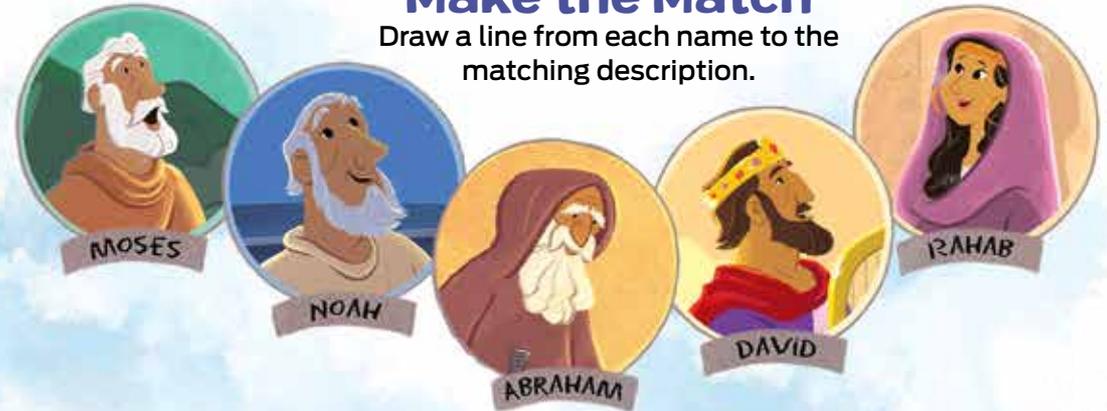
Find and circle the names in the word search.



Abel, Abraham, David, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Noah, Rahab, Sarah

Make the Match

Draw a line from each name to the matching description.



By faith, he received God's promises.
(Hebrews 11:32)

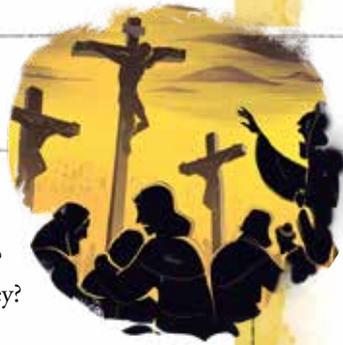
By faith, he offered God his one and only son.
(Hebrews 11:17)

By faith, he built an ark to deliver his family.
(Hebrews 11:7)

By faith, she welcomed the Israelite spies.
(Hebrews 11:31)

By faith, he chose to suffer with God's people.
(Hebrews 11:24)

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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why did Jesus have to die on the cross?
- Who raised Jesus from the dead?
- How can people be forgiven of their sins?

Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

Matthew 26–28; John 20

STORY POINT: JESUS' RESURRECTION GIVES TRUE JOY TO BELIEVERS.

Jesus had been arrested and taken to Pilate, the governor. The governor's soldiers put a scarlet robe on Jesus and made a crown of thorns and put it on His head. They beat Jesus and led Him away to be killed.

The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross. Darkness covered the land. Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Jesus shouted again and then He died. Jesus was buried in a tomb.

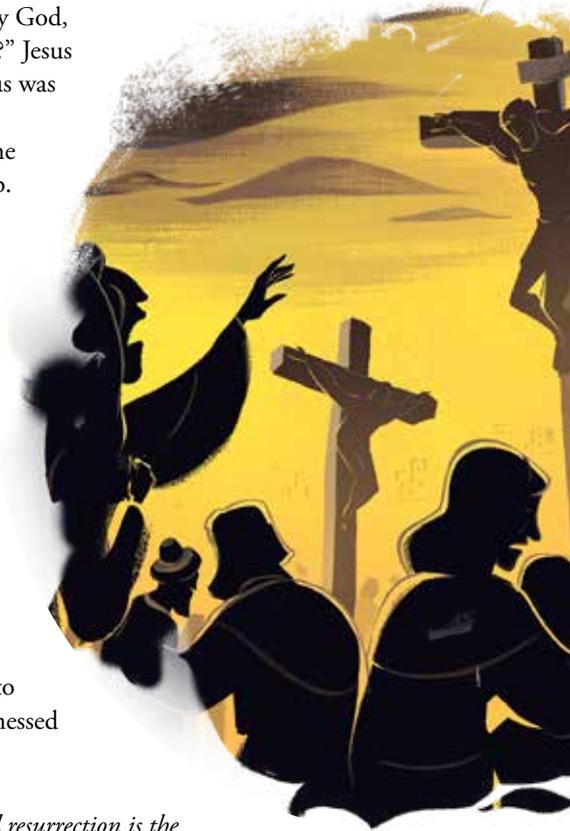
On the third day, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb. An angel of the Lord rolled back the stone and sat on it.

The angel spoke to the women, "Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus. He is not here. He has risen, just like He said He would."

The women ran to tell the disciples the good news. Just then Jesus greeted them. The women worshiped Him. "Don't be afraid," Jesus told them. "Tell My followers to go to Galilee. They will see Me there."

Jesus appeared to Peter and then to the other disciples. Many people witnessed that Jesus is alive!

Christ Connection: Jesus' death and resurrection is the center of the gospel. Jesus died to pay for our sins. Jesus is alive! God gives hope and true joy to everyone who trusts in Jesus.



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The Word Alive

What words can you make using the letters in **RESURRECTION**? List them below.

The Perfect Fit

Circle the word that belongs in each sentence.

The governor's soldiers made a crown of _____ and put it on His head. (**flowers / thorns**)

Then they mocked Him: "Here is the _____ of the Jews!" (**boss / King**)

The _____ nailed Jesus to a cross. (**soldiers / criminals**)

Jesus cried out, "My God, why have You _____ Me?" (**laughed at / forsaken**)

One of the men guarding Jesus' body said, "This man really was God's _____!" (**Son / enemy**)

On the third day, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the _____. (**garden / tomb**)

An angel of the Lord rolled back the stone and _____ on it. (**sat / spat**)

The angel spoke to the women, "Jesus is not here. He has _____." (**died / risen**)

Just then Jesus greeted them. "Don't be _____," Jesus told them. (**afraid / mad**)

Jesus appeared to more than _____ people who followed Him. (**500 / 5 million**)

Jesus is _____! (**missing / alive**)