

# 2024 - Family Devo

## May 26 - a

### READ: Acts 11:1-18

**Main Idea:** When Peter and those with him go to Jerusalem, the Jewish Christians criticize him for fellowshipping Gentiles. Peter explains the dream about unclean animals and how when he preached to them the Holy Spirit came on them just like He did the apostles at Pentecost. How could he then stand in God's way.

### DISCUSS

**Children:** Peter realized that God wanted to let him know the good news of the Gospel is for everyone! It wasn't just for those who followed the rules or did what the Jewish people did. Peter was explaining that the message of God's love and grace needed to be shared with everyone.

**Teen:** Peter and the others in Jerusalem had an idea of what was right, but God showed them a new way. Are there times you are holding on to old ideas when scripture is saying there is something greater? Could it hurt your relationship with God if you are unwilling to see or hear what you are seeing to be true in his Word?

**Adult:** Ah, the rest of the story. In verse 14 Peter relates that the angel said Peter would give them a message through which they could be saved. With all these pieces finally in place, why do you think Cornelius had gathered friends and family? When we hear something remarkable, do we share it with our friends and family? What if it were something like the way to salvation? Remember Jews thought it would be an earthly kingdom so this was new. Some of us may have had family that were unbelievers when we were converted. Did you share your new knowledge and outlook with them? Were they ready to hear it? What about now? Are they ready to hear the truth? Can you teach them?

### PRAY

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### MEMORIZE

**Romans 15:13 (ESV)**  
**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.**



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## May 26 - b

### READ: Acts 11:19-26

**Main Idea:** Even though the church faced terrible persecution, including the stoning of Stephen, God's Kingdom continued to grow. More and more people were becoming Christians. It was in Antioch that this name first developed. It may have been a derogatory name used by others to talk down to believers at that time. But what a wonderful name to be called, even if it was in slander.

### DISCUSS

**Children:** Watching one of their friends die for Jesus was very hard. A lot of people left Jerusalem to escape what may happen to them. Surely they were wondering, would they be next to die? They moved and started churches in new places. Remember, change can be challenging, but God is always with us, guiding us through every season of life. Trusting Him during times of change is most important.

**Teen:** God can bring good things out of bad. What good can you see happened because of the persecution? Can you think of a difficult time in your life that God's goodness shined through?

**Adult:** Barnabas again. He was sent to Antioch and encouraged the new Christians, spread his faith and people were brought to the Lord. Then he searched for Saul and brought him to Antioch. Why do you think he wanted Saul to come? What do you think Barnabas' gift was? There is so much encouragement in his actions. And they were called Christians. Years ago, a friend asked me what I was – meaning she was Baptist and others were Lutherans, Methodists, etc. I told her we were not called after a man. She said "How wonderful to be just a Christian." Have you thought about your Christianity like that? Just Christians...our name is Christ's name. How should that make us feel?

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