



Children's Cell Newsletter

April 21, 2024

Dear Parents,

I'd love for you to use this newsletter to review this week's Bible story with your child at home.

This week, we'll learn about **"Gentiles Became Part of the Church"** (Acts 11). *The Bible teaches us that we belong to Jesus' body—the church—when we trust in Him. We are going to hear about how Gentiles became part of the church. According to our Bible story, when the Jewish believers heard that the Holy Spirit had come upon the Gentile believers, they glorified God and knew the gospel was for all people. God offers salvation to all people through faith in Jesus.*

Review the gospel and encourage your child to speak with you if they have questions. Remind your child of the big picture answer: **"The church is all Christians everywhere, who gather together in their communities to worship and serve God."** Tell them that the church is a body united in Jesus; every person plays a key role in serving the body and helping the church share the gospel with the world. **Pray with your child, asking God to help us be faithful to share the good news everywhere we go so that others may believe and be saved.**

Grace and blessings in Christ,

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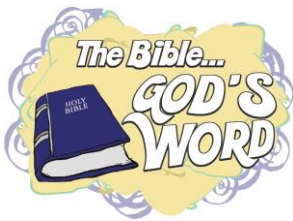
Gentiles Became Part of the Church

BIBLE PASSAGE: Acts 11

KEY PASSAGE: 1 Corinthians 12:12

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: *What is the church?*

The church is all Christians everywhere, who gather together in their communities to worship and serve God.



God had called Peter to tell everyone the good news about Jesus, no matter who they were or where they came from. So 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 shared about the vision God had given to him of the sheet of clean and unclean animals and his encounter with Cornelius. Peter explained that the gospel is for all people. Then the believers praised God and understood that Jesus had come for the Gentiles, too!

At the same time, believers who scattered after Stephen's murder had traveled to places like Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch of Syria.





In those places, the believers only shared the gospel with the Jews. But some believers from Cyprus and Cyrene 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. Barnabas was a good man. He loved God and was full of faith and the power of the Holy Spirit. When Barnabas arrived, he saw that God was gracious to these believers. He was glad and 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.

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.

Key Passage



**For just as the body is one
and has many members,
and all the members of the body,
though many, are one body,
so it is with Christ.**

« 1 Corinthians 12:12 »

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REMINDER

[Important Notice]

- ✓ Children's cell worship service starts at 12:00 noon.
- ✓ This week's Bible reading range is
from Day 57 to Day 60 (1 Samuel 28:08~29:05).
- ✓ Upcoming:
**Church Spring Picnic & Outdoor Service
on Mother's Day, May 12th.**
- ✓ Remind your children **not to play with electronic devices or toys** such as smartphones or dolls, during our service.
- ✓ Our prayer is that the children's time spent in our church would encourage them to trust Christ as Savior, to submit to Him, and to live out the Gospel wherever they are.



"Peter Was Rescued from Prison" (Acts 12)



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