



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:
A Miraculous Help---The New Church in Antioch

Take Home Point:
Help carry one another's burdens.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: How could you lift a person off the floor using only two fingers? *(The group worked together and each person used two fingers in folded hands to lift up another.)*

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Gather a backpack that your child takes to school, or briefcase a parent takes to work, or a suitcase used for travel and fill it with a heavy load. Say: "This is a reminder of some of the burdens we might carry. What are some burdens we carry? What are things we tend to worry about? How do others help lift those burdens?"

READ THE BIBLE: Acts 11:19-30

KEY VERSE: Galatians 6:2, *"Help carry each other's burdens. In this way you will follow Christ's teachings."*

TALK ABOUT IT: What did the church in Jerusalem do to help encourage the believers in Antioch to keep up the good work they were doing? *(Acts 11:22. They sent Barnabas to encourage them.)* Barnabas later brought Saul back to Antioch with him to teach and train these believers. What were these believers in Antioch called for the first time? *(Acts 11:26. The disciples were called Christians for the first time in the city of Antioch.)* What did the believers in Antioch decide to do when the prophet Agabus predicted there would be a famine that would affect the entire world? *(Acts 11:19. They collected all they could afford to help believers in Judea.)* How do you think the believers in Jerusalem felt receiving the help from the church in Antioch? *(Amazed, thankful, relieved, joyful.)* How do you think the believers from Antioch felt about giving to the believers of Jerusalem? *(Joyful.)*

What does this act show about the faith of the believers in Antioch? *(They had grown in their faith. They trusted God to provide for their needs and they loved others enough to share with them. They were not selfish.)* What are we supposed to do for each other? *(Carry each other's burdens.)*

What is a burden? *(Something very heavy we carry in our lives.)* What can our actions of helping others do for them? *(Encourage them.)* How does helping to lift others' burdens help us? *(We grow in our faith and trust in God to provide our needs. We can experience the joy of seeing others helped.)*

PRAYER POWER: Thank Jesus that he is our burden bearer. Ask for God's guidance in helping carry the burden of someone in need. Ask that through your actions, this person(s) would come to know Jesus, if they don't already know him.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

Discuss how, as a family, you might adopt a person or family to help lift a special burden they are going through at this time.