

PHUMC - Infant/Toddler Sunday School Lesson Material

May 16, 2021

Month of May our Faith word is Love

Bible Verse: Love each other like the members of your family. (Romans 12:10a)

Bible Story:

Share the story from the picture below.



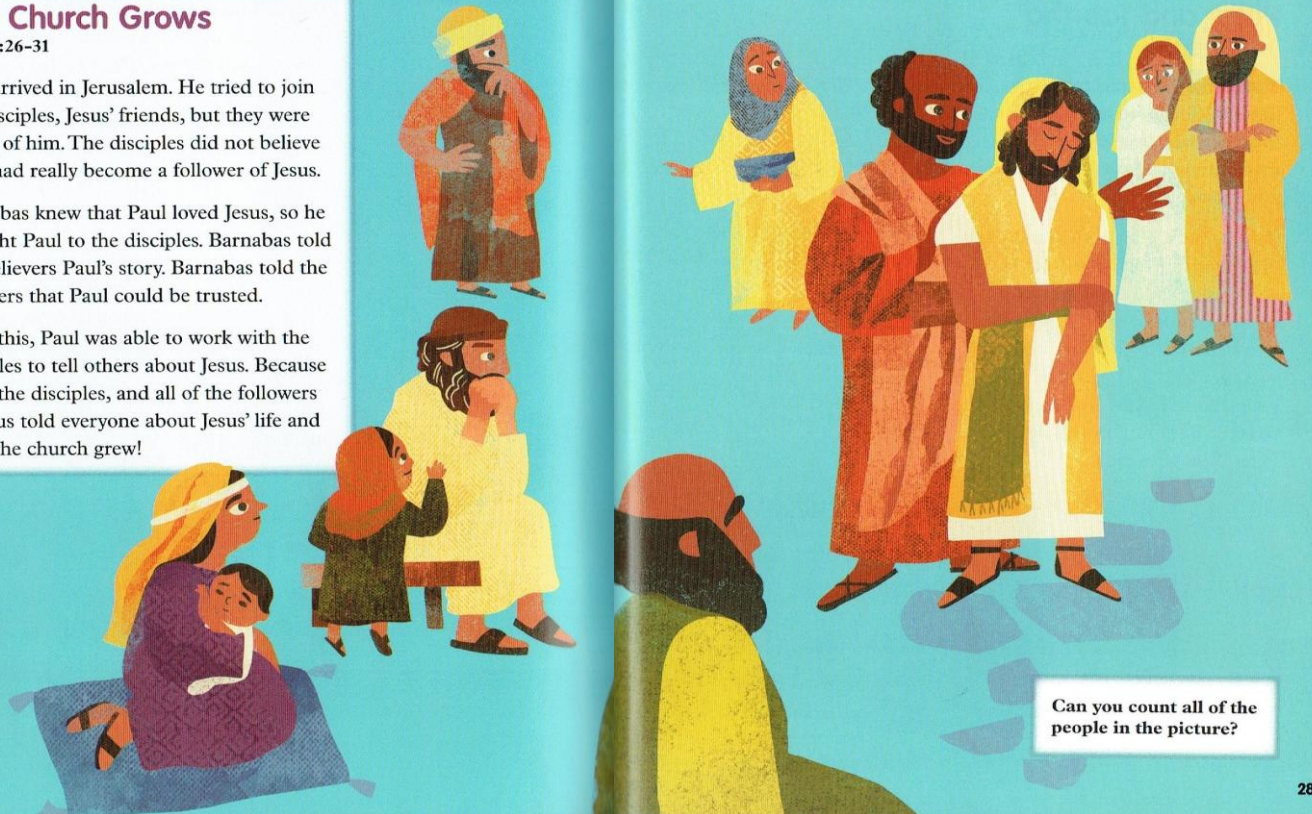
The Church Grows

Acts 9:26-31

Paul arrived in Jerusalem. He tried to join the disciples, Jesus' friends, but they were afraid of him. The disciples did not believe Paul had really become a follower of Jesus.

Barnabas knew that Paul loved Jesus, so he brought Paul to the disciples. Barnabas told the believers Paul's story. Barnabas told the believers that Paul could be trusted.

After this, Paul was able to work with the disciples to tell others about Jesus. Because Paul, the disciples, and all of the followers of Jesus told everyone about Jesus' life and love, the church grew!



Can you count all of the people in the picture?

Question:

1. Was Barnabas a good friend to Paul? Loving one another helps our church grow!
2. Can you count all the people in the picture who were friends and loved one another?

Activity: Spiritual Practice

Supplies: none

Say: Our church started long ago with just a few people. It grew and grew because of people like Barnabas who encouraged and loved everyone.

Guide your child through the following.

- Show them how to lace their fingers together so fingers stuck up when the palms are open. Have them place hands together with fingers laced.

Say: Here is the church, here is the steeple



Open the door, and see all the people (wiggle fingers inside).



Say: Our church would have stayed small if the people had not come together. Because of their love for God, the people came together and today we have a lot of people in our church.

Blessing:

Touch your child and say: "You are a blessing to God and others."

Prayer:

Dear God, help me to grow the church by loving others. Amen.

Alternate Lesson or Additional Material: ECA video for the Month of May

- <https://youtu.be/1xpQjuUjvFQ>

Suggested Objects to use with the ECA video:

Hand Mirror,
Bible,

Picture of bird, flowers, duck

