

Older Kids

Scripture for Today:

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the believers to the grace of the Lord.⁴¹ He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

Where did some people from Judea go?

What did some say people needed to do, or else they couldn't be saved?

Was this true?

Where were Paul, Barnabas, and some other believers sent?

Who did Barnabas want to bring along with him and Paul?

Why did Paul disagree?

What did they decide to do?

Can you write out verse 41 and memorize it this week?

Secret Code

Can You Find Out Which Verse This Is?

Decode the secret code.

The secret message is written in symbols. In the code key at the bottom of the page you can find what each symbol means. Write the letter above the symbol and you can read the secret message.

Good luck!

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 W X O R O N O A O Q A O W W X O D
 W O O M O D O A W X O P M N X
 V X P O Q R A R O O Q A Q O Z O O R O
 W X O D W P D X O N W X O
 V O Q W R D O W X O A O O O
 A P Q M O O W O A W X R O Q O N O Z O A O
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 V D O A

Code Key:

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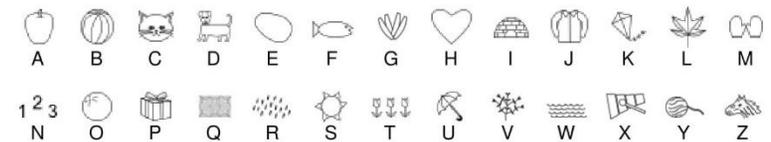
Bible Puzzle

Barnabas' Actions List in Code

Barnabas, a Christian in the early church, did many things to help and encourage the other Christians. Use the code to learn about his actions.



How can you help and encourage other Christians?



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Can you find these words in today's Scripture?

JUDEA

ANTIOCH

DISPUTE

DEBATE

APPOINTED

JERUSALEM

SAMARIA

BELIEVERS

APOSTLES

LAW

GOD

PAUL

JOHN

CYPRUS

SILAS

SYRIA

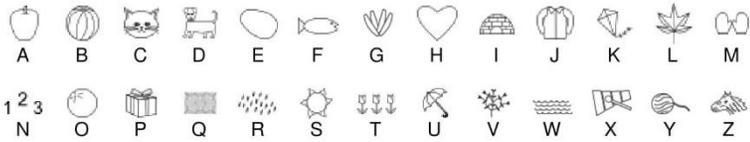
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