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Acts 15:1-19



According to Peter in today's passage, what does the Holy Spirit use to purify the hearts of those who believe in Jesus?

Who are the people mentioned in today's passage who spoke about all that God was doing to spread the gospel message outside of Israel?

What was your favorite song today?

Name one interesting thing you did this week.

Prayer requests:

Name. _____

Today's Bible Passage: Acts 15:6-19

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

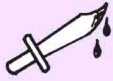
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The **apostles** and **elders** met to **consider** this question. After **much discussion**, Peter got up and **addressed** them: "**Brothers**, you **know** that some time ago God **made a choice** among you that the **Gentiles** might **hear** from my **lips** the **message** of the **gospel** and **believe**. God, who knows the **heart**, showed that he **accepted**

them by **giving** the **Holy Spirit** to them, **just** as he did to us. He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of **Gentiles** a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to **bear**? No! We **believe** it is through the grace of our **Lord** Jesus that we are saved, **just** as they are." The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the signs and wonders God had done among the **Gentiles** through them. When they finished, James spoke up. "**Brothers**," he said, "**listen** to me. Simon has described to us how God first intervened to choose a people for his **name** from the **Gentiles**. The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, as it is written: "'After this I will return and **rebuild** David's fallen tent. Its ruins I will **rebuild**, and I will restore it, that the rest of mankind may seek the **Lord**, even all the **Gentiles** who **bear** my **name**, says the **Lord**, who does these **things**'— **things** known from long ago. "It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the **Gentiles** who are turning to God.

The letter listed some things for the believers to avoid.

Find the letter and the objects to avoid.



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The Council At Jerusalem

Some men began to argue with Paul and Barnabas.

Find Paul



and Barnabas



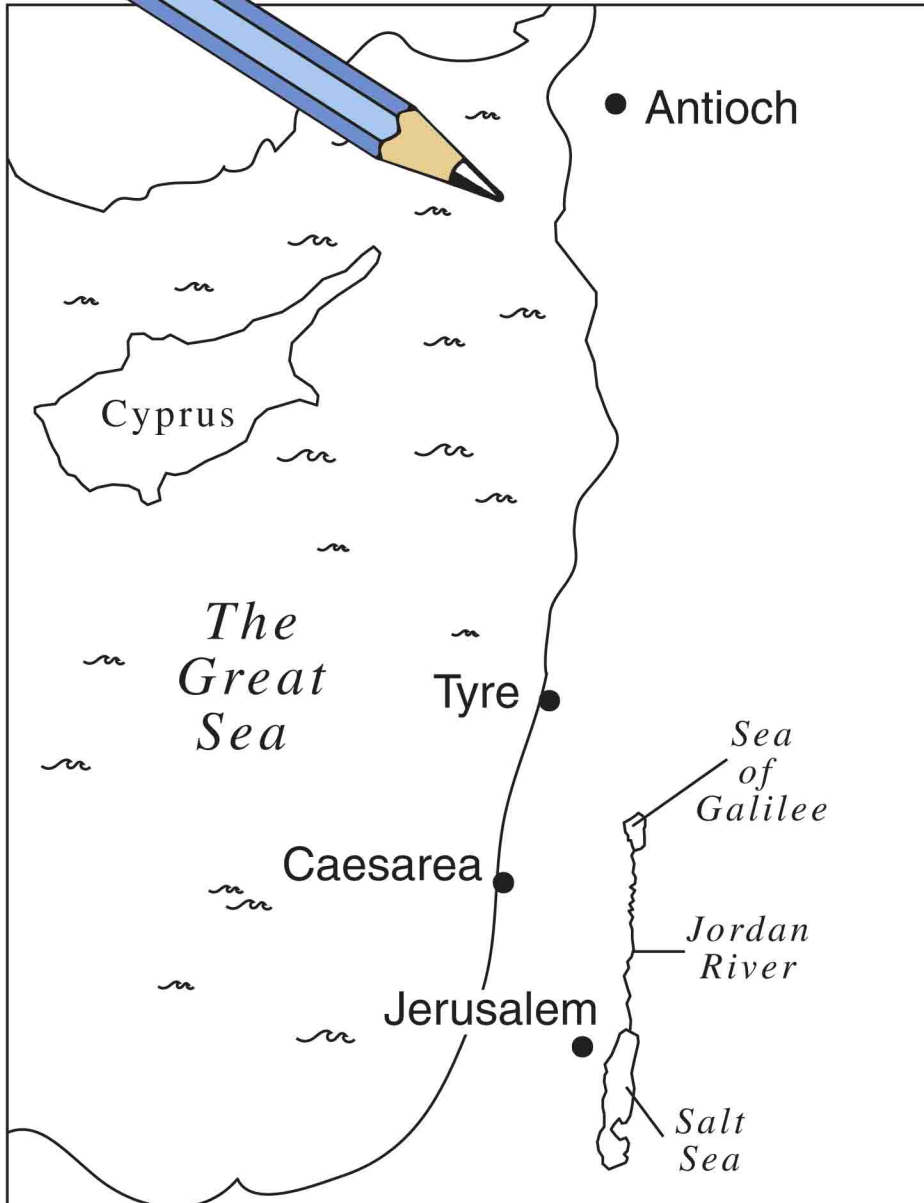
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So Paul and Barnabas left Antioch to seek advice from the apostles and elders in Jerusalem.

These men were chosen to go back to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas with a letter.

Draw a line from Antioch to Jerusalem.

Write the first letter of each object in the box.









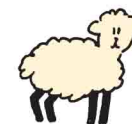


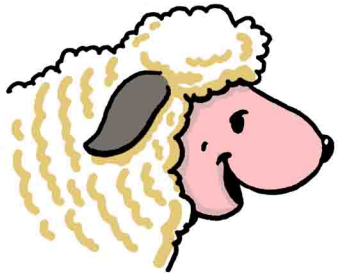












The apostles and elders sent a letter to the Gentile believers in Antioch. What did the letter say?



Use the code to find out what they all agreed upon.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N M L K J I H G F E D C B A

“So we all agreed _____
G L X S L L H V

_____ H L N V N V M Z M W

_____ H V M W G S V N G L you with

our dear friends _____ Y Z I M Z Y Z H

_____ Z M W K Z F O N V M

_____ D S L S Z E V I R H P V W

_____ G S V R I O R E V H

_____ U L I G S V M Z N V L U

_____ L F I O L I W Q V H F H

_____ X S I R H G. Therefore we are sending

_____ Q F W Z H Z M W H R O Z H

_____ G L X L M U R I N Y B

_____ N L F G S what we are writing.”

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The Council At Jerusalem

Jewish visitors to Antioch taught the new Christians something that was in error.

Unscramble the 3 words, then use the numbered letters to complete the sentence in the speech bubble.

a famous Israelite leader (oMess) _____
6 5 7 3

group of Christians (rhucc) _____
2 1

instruct (cathe) _____
4



To be saved, you must follow certain

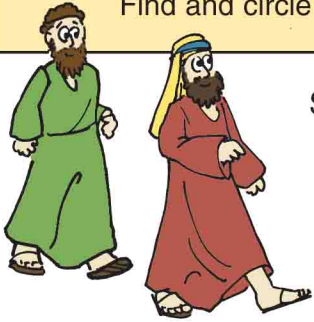
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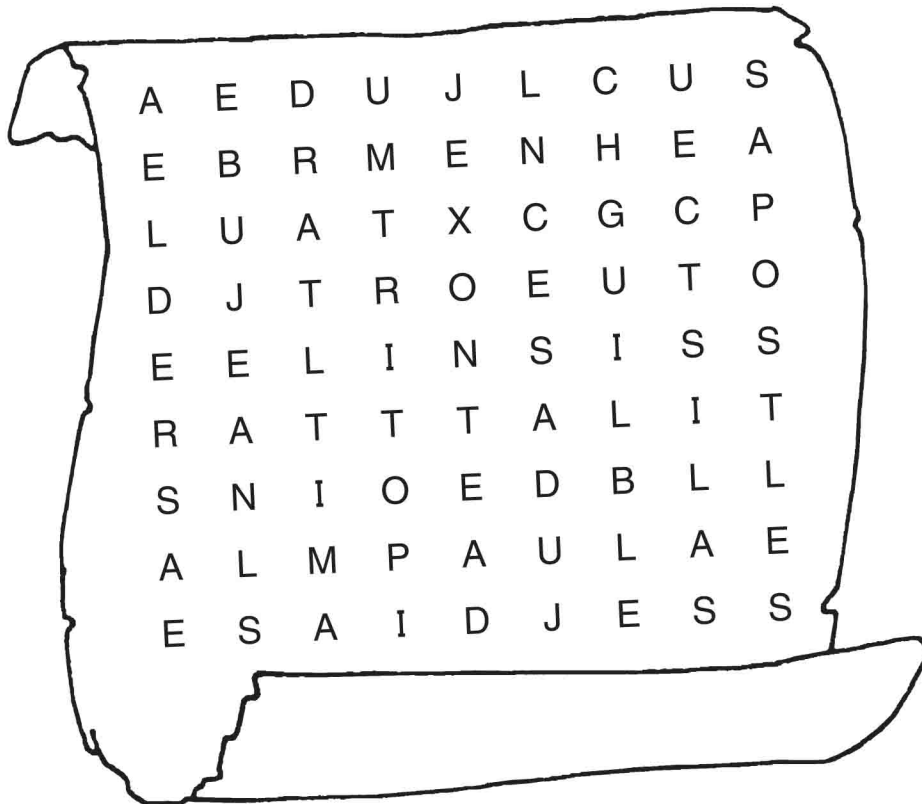
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Paul and Barnabas wanted to make sure that this error would not spread.

Find and circle the underlined words from the story.



Some men from Judea went to Antioch, where they taught that Jewish customs must be obeyed in order to be saved. Paul and Barnabas disagreed. They went to Jerusalem to discuss this teaching with the apostles and elders. The Jerusalem church sent Judas and Silas back to Antioch with a letter. They told the Gentile Christians not to be troubled by what the men had said.



The church leaders wanted to be sure to teach the truth and not to confuse people or give them unnecessary rules.



Fill in letters to complete the names of family members. Use the letters to spell 3 things the apostles and elders did not want to do.

male sibling

__R__THER
1 2

father's brother

__C__E
3 4 5

female sibling

__S__ER
6 7 8

female child

__AUGHT__
9 10 11

They did not want to

9 7 6 8 3 11 1

8 11 2 3 1 5 10

or

1 3 11 9 10 4

the Gentile Christians.