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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

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?

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Unit 32 • Session 3

## GENTILES BECAME PART OF THE CHURCH

Acts 11

### 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. 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.

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. 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. 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.

**Christ Connection:** 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.

**My child has completed the Christ Connection on his/her own and has discussed it with me:**

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_