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Q: Write out the verse in Acts 11 which shows us that many in Antioch believed.

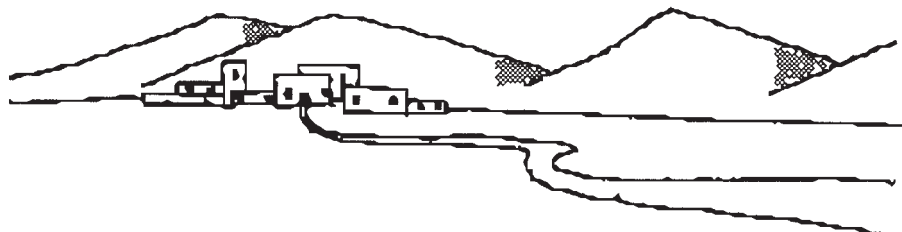
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Q: Search in chapter 11 verses 22-26 for the answers to these clues, then circle them in the WORD SEARCH.

1. The name of the city to which Barnabas was sent.
2. Where Barnabas found Saul.
3. How long Barnabas and Saul stayed in Antioch.
4. A name for a believer in the Lord Jesus which was first used in Antioch.
5. The kind of man Barnabas was.

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Q: Barnabas' life is summed up in the Key Verse. Write it out.

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His life was lived for OTHERS. We must understand that he was 'GOOD' and 'DID GOOD', not in order to become a Christian, but because he was a Christian. We cannot become Christians by 'doing good', but only by faith in the Lord Jesus, as Ephesians 2: 8 & 9 tells us.

Q: Write these verses out.

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Bible Studies for Seniors

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STUDY 1: Early Christians - Stephen



Suggested Further Reading: • 2 Timothy 2: 3
• Hebrews 11: 32-40 • 1 Peter 4: 14



READ:
Acts 6: 1-15
& 7: 54-60



KEY VERSE:
Acts 6: 8

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Our studies this month are about some men who were important in the early days of the Church. We begin with a study about a true Christian hero, called Stephen.

Q: Cross out the incorrect numbers and words in the following sentence:-

When we first meet Stephen, he is one of a group of **10 / 12 / 7** men who are in charge of money and food which were distributed each day to **WIDOWS / SICK PEOPLE / CHILDREN.**

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Q: Unjumble these words, and put a tick by the ones which you think would describe Stephen. The first letter is underlined.

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YEEGRD

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As well as assisting those in need, Stephen used his time in helping to spread the Good News of the Lord Jesus.

Q: Find in the Key Verse TWO things which, by God's power, Stephen was able to do.

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Before long, Stephen became a target for the jealousy and hatred of the Jews, who refused to believe in Jesus. They began to argue with him. Soon they did worse!

Q: Read verse 12, and put suitable words in the spaces:-

They up the people, and him,
and him to the Council or Sanhedrin.

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Now that Stephen was a prisoner, he was brought before a very powerful Council. He was given a chance to answer their charges against him. For a while, the Council listened carefully, but before Stephen was finished, they lost their patience, and went into a rage against him.

(You can read what Stephen said in Acts 7: 2-53)

Q: What happened next? Answer TRUE or FALSE:-

Stephen was battered to death with stones.

As he died, he cursed the men who were ill-treating him.

As he died, he prayed to God for his attackers.

Stephen died inside the city.

His attackers laid their clothes at Saul's feet.

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Even when everything was at its worst, Stephen knew that God was still in control, and would not fail him.

Q: Write down what he saw in the vision which God gave him.

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Christians have always found that God is nearest when everything about them seems to be going wrong. You, too, can depend on His help at all times, if you commit your whole life to Him, as your Saviour and Lord.

A person who dies for what he believes is called a martyr.

Stephen stuck to what he believed; he would not give up his faith in the Lord Jesus. He was the first man to die for his faith in the Lord Jesus, so we speak of him as:-

Q: Fill in the missing word

"THE FIRST CHRISTIAN _____."

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We may never be asked to suffer as Stephen did, but it is important that all Christians should be faithful and loyal to the Lord Jesus, whatever happens to us.

Q: Look at the last part of Revelation 2: 10 and write out the promise of the Lord Jesus, to those who are faithful to Him.

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TOTAL:

STUDY 2: Early Christians - Philip



Suggested Further Reading: • Isaiah 53: 1-12 • Acts 21: 8 & 9



READ:
Acts 6: 5, 8: 4-17
& 8: 26-40



KEY VERSE:
Acts 8: 35

Do you remember how the last study began? In the church at Jerusalem there was a group of men who were given a special job to do.

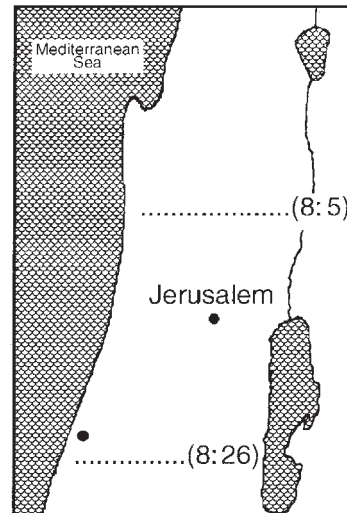
Q: Look back to Acts 6: 5 to find out what that job was, and cross out the incorrect numbers and words in the following sentence:-

Like **LUKE / JOHN / STEPHEN**, Philip was a member of the group of **5 / 7 / 9** men who were appointed to organise help for the **BLIND / CHILDREN / WIDOWS**.

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Later, Philip took the 'Good News' (gospel), first to the NORTH, and then to the SOUTH.

Q: Look at this map, and using the verse numbers given as clues, fill in the names of the places marked.



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Q: Let's find out what happened in the first place. Answer TRUE or FALSE:-

The people of the city paid close attention to what Philip told them.

No miracles took place when Philip preached.

The gospel brought great joy to that city.

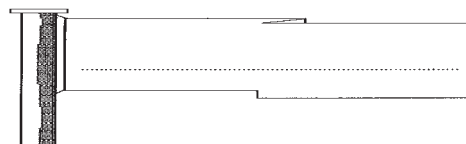
Those who believed were baptised.

James and John came from Jerusalem to see what was happening in Samaria.

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This part of the study shows us how God saved many people in a big city. But we must not forget that we need to come to the Lord Jesus as INDIVIDUALS. Have YOU come to Him yet? Philip then went south.

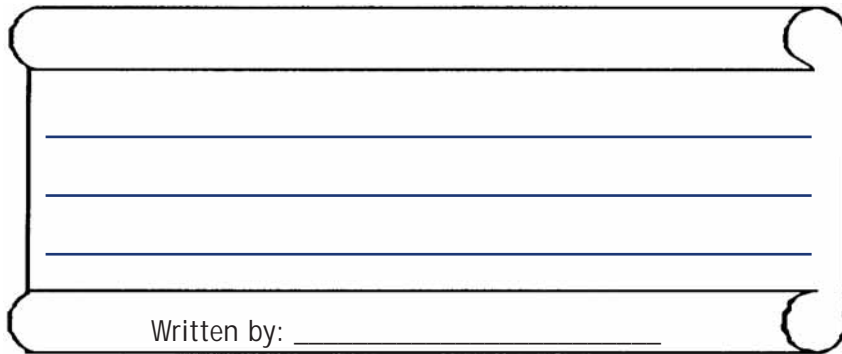
Q: Write on the flag the name of the country, from which the man he met, came. (It is one of the countries of Africa)



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The man was reading from a scroll. It was a part of the Old Testament.

Q: Fill in the first words which he read from it, and write the name of the prophet who had written the words, over 700 years before.



Written by: _____

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The Ethiopian did not understand what the words meant. He was puzzled about who "He" in the reading was.

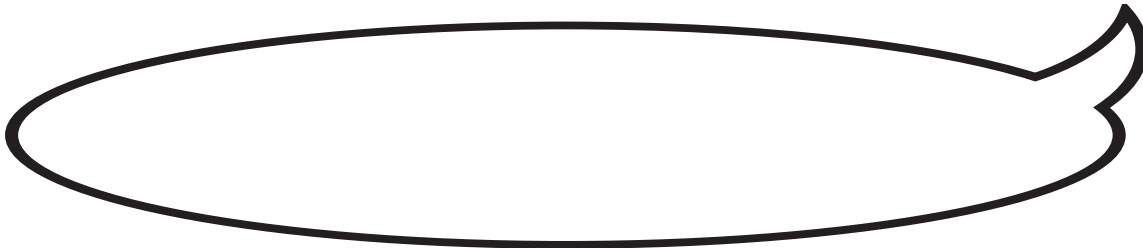
Q: Copy out the Key Verse to show how Philip explained this to him.



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Philip told him how the Lord Jesus had died in order that we might have our sins forgiven. He explained that all we have to do is "believe" or "put our trust" in the Lord Jesus.

Q: The Ethiopian believed in the Lord Jesus. What did he then ask Philip to do for him?



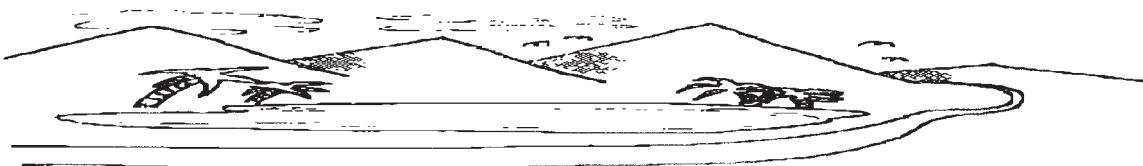
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Q: To finish the story, put these words in the correct spaces:-

REJOICING WATER BAPTISED BELIEVED

As they went along, they came to some The Ethiopian asked if he could be Philip said if he with all his heart, he could. When they came up out of the water, the man continued his journey , because he had received the Lord Jesus, as his very own Saviour.

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In the New Testament, Christians were baptised by being submerged in water to show publicly that they had become followers of the Lord Jesus.

His personal faith in the Lord Jesus was shown by this public act of baptism. He wanted everyone with him to know that a great change had taken place in his life.

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STUDY 3: Early Christians - Cornelius



READ:
Acts 10: 1-8
& 23-48



KEY VERSE:
Acts 10: 43



Suggested Further Reading: • Romans 10: 12 & 13 • Galatians 3: 27 & 28

This study is about a Roman army officer (or centurion) who became a believer in the Lord Jesus. His story is important because it shows that the gospel was not for the Jews only. Non-Jews (or Gentiles, as they are called) can also be saved, on exactly the same terms as Jews.

Q: What was the officer's name?

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Q: Write down three things which are said about him.

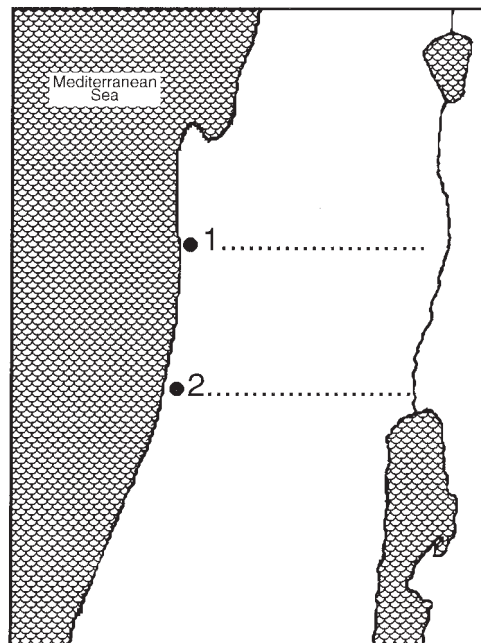
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Q: Explain, **IN YOUR OWN WORDS**, what the angel of God told him to do.

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Q: On this map, complete the names of:-

1. The town where the army officer lived.
2. The town where Peter was staying.



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Q: Put a circle around the number of men who went to fetch Simon Peter.

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The fact that God sent an angel to Cornelius with instructions about how to find Peter, shows us that God really wanted this man to learn about how his sins could be forgiven. You can be sure that He wants you, too, to understand and believe His Good News!

Let's find out what happened when Peter came to Cornelius' house.

Q: Answer TRUE or FALSE:-

Cornelius was alone in his house when Peter came.

Peter waited a week before he went.

Cornelius bowed down to worship Peter.

Peter was pleased because Cornelius worshipped him.

Cornelius said they were all ready to hear what God had to say to them.

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When Peter spoke to the people in the house, he told them about the Lord Jesus.

Q: In verses 36-43, we have a summary of what Peter said. Fill in the correct verse numbers for each thing that he said about the Lord Jesus:-

His life, teachings and miracles.

His rising again.

His crucifixion.

His appointment as Judge of everybody.

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Peter then told these Gentile people that through the Lord Jesus, they could have their sins forgiven.

Q: Write out the Key Verse.

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That very day, both Cornelius and his whole household, believed on the Lord Jesus, and in so doing became Christians. These people were among the first Gentiles to become believers in the Lord Jesus. Today, it makes no difference what colour, or race, or religion we are. God is able and ready to save all who will put their trust in the Lord Jesus.

Q: To sum up the main point of this study, write out Romans 10: 12 &13.

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Q: IN YOUR OWN WORDS, write what you have learned from this study.

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STUDY 4: Early Christians - Barnabas



READ:
Acts 4: 32-37
9: 26-31
& 11: 19-30



KEY VERSE:
Acts 11: 24



Suggested Further Reading: • 1 Corinthians 15: 58 • Galatians 6: 9 • Ephesians 2: 8-9

This study is about a man known as Barnabas; this name was given to him by the apostles. Earlier, he had another name!

Q: Complete these sentences:-

His original name was

He came from the island of

His name 'BARNABAS' means

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The apostles named him Barnabas because he was always helping and encouraging others.

Q: Write a sentence to tell about one helpful and generous thing he did.

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Because Barnabas loved the Lord Jesus, he was willing to give up what he didn't need, in order that others might be helped. His love for the Lord made him unselfish. That's the way it should be with everyone who belongs to the Lord Jesus.

Q: Find out what happened next when Saul, who hated the Christians, himself became a Christian and wanted to join the church.

Cross out the incorrect words in the following sentences:-

1. Saul wanted to join the church at **CYPRUS / JERUSALEM / TARSUS**.
2. The Christians were very **GLAD / AFRAID / SCORNFUL** because they knew the kind of man he had been.
3. **BARNABAS / PETER / JAMES** took Saul, and explained to the apostles that he was truly converted.
4. Once again Barnabas had shown that he was **UNWILLING / SLOW / READY** to help someone in need.

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The reading in chapter 11: 19-30 tells how the gospel spread northwards to another city.

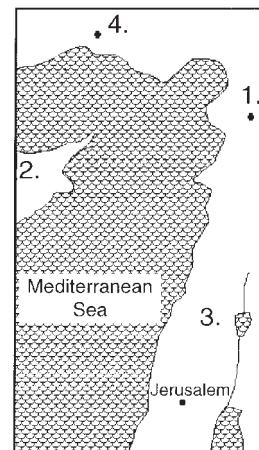
Q: Put the name of this city below, together with three other places mentioned.

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