

Paul and Barnabas

From the book of Acts in the Bible



Acts 9, verses 26-28 (International Children's Bible)

²⁶ Then Paul went to Jerusalem. He tried to join the group of followers, but they were all afraid of him. They did not believe that he was really a follower. ²⁷ But Barnabas accepted Paul and took him to the apostles. Barnabas told them that Paul had seen the Lord on the road. He explained how the Lord had spoken to Paul. Then he told them how boldly Paul had preached in the name of Jesus in Damascus. ²⁸ And so Paul stayed with the followers. He went everywhere in Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of Jesus.

Acts 11, verses 21-26 (International Children's Bible)

²¹ The Lord was helping the believers. And a large group of people believed and turned to the Lord. ²² The church in Jerusalem heard about all of this, so they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³⁻²⁴ Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and full of faith. When he reached Antioch and saw how God had blessed the people, he was glad. He encouraged all the believers in Antioch. He told them, "Never lose your faith. Always obey the Lord with all your hearts." Many people became followers of the Lord. ²⁵ Then Barnabas went to the city of Tarsus to look for Paul. ²⁶ When he found Paul, he brought him to Antioch. And for a whole year Saul and Barnabas met with the church. They taught many people there. In Antioch the followers were called Christians for the first time.