

Bible Story Summary

- Paul and Barnabas had been sharing the gospel with many people.
- Some people in the church taught that Gentiles could not be saved unless they followed some of the same rules that Jews followed.
- Paul and Barnabas disagreed, so the church leaders met in Jerusalem to talk about whether or not Gentiles needed to obey Jewish law.
- Peter told the church leaders that God sent him to tell the Gentiles the good news.
- Paul and Barnabas told them all the things God did through them when they were with the Gentiles.
- Then James showed them that the words of the prophets showed that God wanted to save everyone.
- The church leaders wrote a letter to the Gentiles. The letter told them that because of Jesus' death and resurrection all can be saved. They encouraged believers in their faith and reminded them that Christ is all we need to be saved.
- They delivered this letter to the church in Antioch. The people were encouraged by their words.

Family Discussion Questions

As a family read Acts 15:1-35

- **What were church leaders trying to decide?**
- **Who did the church leaders write a letter to?**
- **Is Jesus' death and resurrection enough to be saved?**

FAMILY

Activity

As a family sit around a table. Give everyone something to draw with. On a piece of paper give one person 15 seconds to draw something. Continue in this way until each person has had a chance to add something to the picture.

This activity is a fun way to see the effects of letting people add whatever they want to something.

Talk about how some Jewish believers wanted to add to the gospel all the Old Testament laws about what to eat, what to do, and how to live.

Craft

The church leaders met to answer the question: Can a person be saved by faith alone or was something more needed? The early church agreed that because of Jesus' death and resurrection, He alone is all we need to be saved.

This cross artwork will remind us that Christ alone is all we need.

What you need:
One sheet of black paper
Painters tape
Chalk
Hairspray

- **Use the painters tape to make a cross on the black sheet of paper.**
- **Color the piece of paper with chalk. Make sure to cover most of the paper with the chalk.**
- **Spray the paper with hairspray and let it dry.**
- **Once dry, remove the tape to reveal the cross.**

